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WHAT TO BE

The most fateful question to face the Lake Erie Association during its more than 25 years of existence is the question of whether (or when) to become a Yearly Meeting. This question has been discussed more and more during the past two years. This year there is a special urgency. It is hoped that 1963 will be the year of decision. Below you will find a statement drawn up by a gathering of interested Friends over the weekend of January 12th. We held up this issue of the Bulletin to give you their thinking.

The Ad Hoc Committee wants to act for all the Monthly Meetings after consideration of their wishes. It cannot do this without the cooperation of the Meetings. Each Meeting is free to express its own interests. It is hoped that Meetings will choose between the following alternatives:

1. Monthly Meetings now ready could minute themselves into a new Yearly Meeting. Those not ready could remain in the Association. Two groups (LEA and LEYM) could operate side by side with the same officers. In addition to constituting themselves a Yearly Meeting, the organization could be simplified (fewer committees, fewer officers, less expenditure) and the Annual Meeting could place more emphasis on program and less on business.
2. The LEA could remain unchanged.

The LEA, as now constituted, is not qualified to provide recognition to new Meetings. The need for such recognition has now become urgent since the Friends World Committee is no longer free to perform this function. Only a Yearly Meeting can provide such recognition. Has your Meeting reached a decision on this matter? If so, has it been summarized and been sent to Robert Morgan, 11 Dunmoyle Place, Pittsburgh 17? If not, can your Meeting reach a decision before March 1st? It is earnestly hoped that it can and will.

Statement From Pittsburgh and Cleveland Friends

The following statement regarding the functions and structure of a Lake Erie Yearly Meeting was drawn up by interested Friends from Cleveland and Pittsburgh for presentation to their monthly Meetings. We hope that the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Monthly Meetings will accept this statement and propose it to the Ad Hoc Committee on the future of the Lake Erie Association. We strongly urge that other Monthly Meetings also consider this proposal and report their reactions to the members of the Ad Hoc Committee before March 1, 1963.

"We feel we should be a Yearly Meeting rather than an Association and recommend to members of our own Meetings and to other Monthly Meetings in the LEA that the recent proposal of the Ad Hoc Committee-- that we change our name to Lake Erie Yearly Meeting--should be adopted. Only by this action can we fulfill two important functions: (1) nurturing and recognizing new meetings in our region and (2) taking our place beside other Yearly Meetings as a regular part of the Religious Society of Friends.

"Because the LEA is composed chiefly of Meetings in large cities or on college campuses, we find ourselves busy putting our beliefs into action at the Monthly Meeting level. We do feel the need for spiritual enrichment which a Yearly Meeting gathering can offer to us, but we recommend that it be a gathering where program along a central theme is emphasized and where a minimum of business is conducted.

"Therefore, we suggest that the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting adopt a simplified structure with the following characteristics:

1. A simplified committee structure with relatively few standing committees (advancement, program, nominating) and with other committees organized only through the active concern of individuals, Monthly Meetings, or Quarterly Meetings.
2. Financial operations limited to such expenditures as:
 - clerical expenses
 - delegate expenses
 - future affiliation expenses.

Contributions to such organizations as FCNL, AFSC, and the schools such as Barnesville and Wilmington can be sent by the Monthly Meeting as a unit of the LEA.

3. Essential officers:
 - Clerk
 - Recording Clerk
 - Treasurer.
4. Annual meetings centering on fellowship, stimulation, and inspiration with a program designed essentially for this purpose. Obviously one business session would be needed for:
 - selection of officers
 - selection of delegates
 - financial report
 - reading of epistles.

"In addition to the development of this simplified structure for the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting itself, we would like to encourage the development of stronger ties between individuals and between meetings in the Lake Erie region. This may be done by such devices as Quarterly Meetings, Regional Associations, Visiting Groups, etc."

Ogden Ashley, Cleveland
Sally R. Dewees, Pittsburgh
Florence Shute, Pittsburgh
John C. Weaver, Pittsburgh

William Bliss, Cleveland
Robert Morgan, Pittsburgh
Samuel Prellwitz, Pittsburgh

Comments may be sent to the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Bob Morgan, 11 Junmoyle Place, Pittsburgh 17, Pennsylvania.

Calendar

- January 20 (Sunday) 6 PM at New Vienna, Ohio (see Friends World Comm.)
January 25-27 (Fri-Sun) F.W.C. Annual Meeting (see Friends World Comm.)
February 1-3 (Fri-Sun) Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting at Kalamazoo M.M.
F.C.N.L. is the theme; Charles Harker will be present.
February 16 (Saturday) 11 AM at Lafayette, Indiana. Midwest Comm. of Friends World Committee.
March 1-3 (Fri-Sun) at Farmington, Mich. Intl. Student Seminar. Theme:
"An Experiment In Understanding" at the home of David and Connor Mills, 24300 Locust Drive.
March 16 (Saturday) 1-9 PM at Columbus, Ohio. LEA Representative Comm. and standing committees will meet.

The half-yearly meeting of the LEA Representative Committee will be held at the Meeting House, 1954 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, from 1-9 PM. Standing committees of the LEA will meet concurrently.

The tentative agenda is:

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| 1 PM | Standing Committees meet. These are: Ad Hoc Comm.; Finance Comm.; Nominating Comm.; Annual Meeting Program Comm.; Friends Boarding School Comm. |
| 3 PM | Representative Committee (open to all)
Concerns: Plans for Annual Meeting; progress toward Yearly Meeting option; 1963-64 simplified budget; LEA Bulletin financing and distribution; revised Meeting report form, etc. |
| 5:30 PM | Potluck supper (bring a dish if you can). |
| 7:00 PM | Representative Meeting continues. |

Please Note: Chairman of the Friends Boarding School Committee is Sam Prellwitz, 572 Briar Road, Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

The Reality of the Material World

A judge of the Supreme Court of one of the French-speaking African countries was telling about his recent first trip to the United States. He said it wasn't so bad in Washington, D. C. He was the guest of the French Ambassador, who put him on a Greyhound bus when he was ready to go to Richmond. "I took the seat of my choice," he recalled, "and talked for a time to the friendly white man beside me. But at the border of Virginia, the driver stopped and ordered me back with the other Blacks. They knew where to sit. I did too. I said 'O.K.' and went back."

At a stop on the way to Richmond, in the middle of the night, he felt cold and followed other passengers from the front of the bus to get a cup of coffee. "A Negro lady pulled at my sleeve as I passed," he said, "and whispered 'You' re crazy! You can't do that!' She was right, I couldn't."

People in the back of the bus carried their own warming fluids; whisky appeared from several inside pockets and he was offered some.

Then he told about New Orleans where he got into a taxi driven by a white man and asked to be taken to Tulane University. "Tulane?" asked the driver; "You must mean Dillard." But he insisted and, after an argument, was driven to Tulane and left opposite the gate. "As I went in to deliver my lecture, I saw the driver sitting there 'Watching to see what would happen to me.'"

On the way to Los Angeles, he sat in the rear of the bus and played peek-a-boo through his laced fingers with a little blonde girl whose mother refused to let her come back to see him. In the early morning, adventuring back while her mother slept, she climbed into his lap and was discovered after some time happily asleep by a chastened parent. "She was a nice lady," the judge said, "at the Los Angeles depot she said, 'I can't talk to you now but won't you come to my house for tea? Here is the address.'"

He was asked about the Mississippi River, the Grand Canyon, the Painted Desert, the Golden Gate. He was a little vague about these. Other events, more personal ones, seemed more vivid. He said about the Black/White problem: "This will be solved in the U. S. by influences from the outside. Chief among these is the shame Americans are beginning to feel as they get acquainted with the world and with ideas different from their own."

Meanwhile, in one world this man sits in the lonely eminence of the Supreme Bench deciding the major civil and criminal cases of a nation. In another world he sits in the back of a bus.

This is honest fact - not a dream and not fiction.

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

About 180 were registered for Quarterly Meeting at Mill Lake Camp, September 28 - 30. This number included a large contingent of children from seven weeks up. The Kalamazoo Meeting acted as host. It expressed much gratitude to the college students and members of the Grand Rapids Meeting who gave so much assistance in the children's program. The program was on a discussion-seminar type on the theme "Translation of Our Spiritual Growth Into Action." A topic of great interest was the proposed Friends School in Detroit. Bill Hayden of the Dayton AFSC office emphasized that unless Friends in Michigan can help him tap greater sources of income such as foundations and trust funds, financial support for the Michigan Program will have to come from outside the state. Ralph Kerman presented a report of the work camps, institutional service units and international seminars scheduled for the year. Committees in Detroit, Coldwater, Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo are cooperating in this endeavor.

Southern Appalachian Association of Friends

Members of the Lake Erie Association will be interested to know of progress being made by another association of Friends Meetings just to the south of us. Called the Southern Appalachian Association of Friends it is composed of 15 Meetings in four states. These are:

Berea, Ky.
Pine Mountain, Ky.

Friendsville, Tenn.
Knoxville, Tenn. (2)

Celo, N. C.
Atlanta, Ga.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Crossville, Tenn.

Madisonville, Tenn.
Nashville, Tenn.
Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Tellico Plains, Tenn. (3)

They hold an annual conference at Crossville, Tennessee which has grown in a few years from an unprogrammed, half-day get-together to a full-fledged three-day conference. This year it will be held, as usual, at Crossville on May 3, 4 and 5, with Kenneth and Elise Boulding as resource people. The theme of the conference will be "Deepening Our Spiritual Life - in the Family and in the Meeting."

Elizabeth Morgan, Co-director of the Arthur Morgan School and Clerk of the Celo, N. C. Meeting was a recent visitor to the Yellow Springs and Ann Arbor Meetings. More than a hundred miles from the nearest neighbor meeting, Celo Meeting is at the eastern tip of the S.A.A.F. Though a small Meeting, it links the S.A.A.F. with the North Carolina Five Years Meeting through intervisitation and participation with Meetings in both groups. Through the Arthur Morgan School and the Celo Camps and by close ties with Yellow Springs, the members of Celo Meeting are also in active contact with many Friends families in Ohio and Michigan.

Friends World Committee, American Section

January 25 - 27, 1963 are the dates for the Annual Meeting. The program is:

- Jan. 25th (Friday) 7:30 PM at Race Street Meeting House, Philadelphia. Harold Loukes, British Quaker and lecturer at Oxford will give the 1963 Rufus Jones Lecture: READINESS FOR RELIGION.
- Jan. 26th (Saturday) 8:00 PM at 855 Buck Lane, Haverford, Pa. Speakers--Mary Hoxie Jones; Henry J. Cadbury; J. Floyd Moore. Subject: RUFUS JONES, THE MAN.
- Jan. 27th (Sunday) 2:30 PM at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa. OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH. Panel includes: T. Eugene Coffin; Harold Loukes; Lawrence McK. Miller.

Rufus M. Jones was born at South China, Maine, on Jan. 25th, 1863. The Friends World Committee, American Section, suggests to Yearly, Quarterly and Monthly Meetings that sometime in 1963--perhaps especially at Yearly Meeting sessions--programs be arranged to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rufus Jones' birth.

- January 20th (Sunday) 6 PM at New Vienna, Ohio at the home of Robert and Helga McCoy, Roland Warren, International Affairs Representative of the AFSC in Berlin, will speak.
- February 16th (Saturday) 11 AM at Lafayette, Indiana, there will be a meeting of the Midwest Committee.

1963 FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE
June 22 - 28, Traverse City, Michigan

Friends General Conference will be held in the Midwest in 1963. The conference will run from Saturday evening to Friday evening, in order to allow for travel over both week ends.

There will be two series of lectures; one on the devotional life and one on the Bible. Small discussion groups in various fields of interest, combined with daily meetings for worship, will provide opportunity for full participation of attenders. Afternoons will be entirely free for individual and family recreation. There will be Junior and Senior High School Conferences.

Traverse City, Michigan, is an ideal place for a conference. It has a mile-long sugar-sand beach, beautiful inland lakes, jack pine woods, and offers a wide range of housing facilities. There is a State Park for tenting and trailers. In Traverse City itself there are two reasonably priced hotels, a number of restaurants, ample motels and housekeeping units, some within walking distance of the meeting place, most of them from one to four miles distant.

It is hoped that individuals and families from Independent and Conservative Meetings, as well as from General Conference Meetings, will be interested in joining the week-long gathering. Complete information on program and housing facilities will be available in early February.

NEWS FROM L E A MEETINGS

Ann Arbor, Michigan. At Thanksgiving the annual Messiah sing was held at the Bloods. The annual Christmas carol sing, to which the Hawaii-settled Dunhams could not play host this year, was held at the Kermans. On Christmas Sunday each Sunday School class came in turn to sing carols to the crowded meeting. The carols were from other lands and each class was costumed in the garb of the appropriate country. Every year the Meeting orchestra grows bigger. What with the increasing number of hymn-sings, Ann Arbor Friends are getting to be singing Quakers.

Ministry and Counsel is kept busy appointing committees to examine young couples on clearness for marriage. Membership and Outreach is equally busy appointing committees to meet with applicants for membership. The Clerk has a hard time keeping announcements of concerns down to a seemly number after worship on Sunday mornings. On Tuesday nights young people from the college use the Meeting House. On Saturday nights the teen-agers use it. Both make much the same use of it - search together, play together and laugh together. Alternations of quiet and busyness, inward searching and outward action, constant re-examination of whether the balance is right - this is the story of Ann Arbor these days.

After prolonged discussion last year and this year, the Meeting approved that the "Lake Erie Association should take whatever steps necessary to become a Yearly Meeting at the 1963 annual session of the Association," as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Meeting expresses the hope that this action will be taken in unity with the other members of the Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. It also recommends that the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, if formed, maintain its budget at the current level for the next several years and that the size of the organizational structure be limited during this initial period of growth and adjustment. The Meeting feels that this action is in the direction that other Friend's organizations, including our

original sponsor - the Friends World Committee, have so long urged us to take. More importantly, the nurture and recognition of new Meetings will be more effectively carried out; the unity among Friends in this region will be strengthened; the voice of the constituent Meetings will be more readily recognized.

Sunday School: 10 AM Meeting for Worship: 11 AM
Meeting House: 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor
Clerk: Herbert Nichols, 1138 Martin Place

East Lansing, Michigan. The time of our meeting for worship has been changed to 9:45 - 10:45 AM. Our major advance is that we have started a First-Day School, held in a basement room of the College House of People's Church, where we hold meeting for worship. On the first or second Sunday of each month we have a potluck lunch followed by meeting for business. We intend to start a review of the Queries and Advices, taking up one at a time in a discussion session after meeting for worship on the fourth Sunday of each month.

In preparation for the quarterly business meeting and the March meeting of the Representatives Committee of the LEA, we discussed the growth of the LEA at our January meeting for business. It was the sense of our Meeting that a Lake Erie Yearly Meeting should be formed and that East Lansing Friends Meeting, a preparative meeting of Ann Arbor Meeting, should join and support this yearly meeting. We feel that affiliation with a yearly meeting is highly desirable and that this step should be taken this year.

Two items of personal interest: David Pino and Carol Willett were married in People's Church, East Lansing, in December, 1962; a daughter was born to Clayton and Mary Jo Wells, in December, 1962.

Meeting for Worship: 9:45 AM at 148 West Grand River.
First Day School: College House of People's Church.
Clerk: Peter Stettenheim, 724 Elm Street, East Lansing.

Kalamazoo, Michigan. A retreat was held Nov. 17th from 2 to 9 PM. Each family brought their own supper in a bag so that time would not be lost in meal preparation and clearing away. The theme was "Steps Toward Inner Peace." Time was divided between silent meditation, reading aloud, individual reading and discussion. It was a very successful gathering. The Meeting heard a report on "Operation Freedom" December 6th. In spite of a bad storm more than 20 heard a vivid report of almost unbelievable discrimination and violation of civil rights in the Tent City area in Fayette County, Tennessee. There are to be workcamps in the area to build a medical center and social hall. Money is needed for building materials. A local committee was formed to support this cause. The Meeting looks forward to the Mid-winter Conference February 1 - 3. Attention will center on Friends Committee on National Legislation and Charles Harker will speak.

Meeting for Worship: 10 AM; Adult Discussion 11 AM; First Day School 10 - 12.
Meeting House: 504 Denner St., Adda Dilts, Resident Friend Phone FI 9-1754
Clerk: Elmer Baloof, 921 Walwood Place, Phone FI 4-4210

Lafayette, Indiana. Our group has officially changed its name from West Lafayette Friends Meeting to Lafayette Friends Meeting. Attendance at both Meeting for Worship and Sunday School is good. On Monday evening, December 3, we sponsored the showing of two films - "Which Way The Wind" and "Strangers To Hope," at the Federated Church Hall. Other local organizations interested in peace and social betterment helped to publicize the event. Proceeds from a free-will offering were sent to the AFSC to help with the Algerian program.

At noon on Dec. 9th, our Meeting held its annual Christmas potluck dinner. Algerian relief having been the children's project this fall, the film "Strangers To Hope" was shown again.

Quaker Life has recently published two articles by Lafayette Friends. "The Need for Inward Light" by Alison Davis appeared in the September issue; Anne Webster's report "Students Work Hard in Kenya" appeared in the November issue.

Sunday School: 10 AM; Meeting For Worship: 11 AM
Second Floor, YMCA, 7th and Columbia Sts., Lafayette
Clerk: Merritt S. Webster, 225 Connolly Street, West Lafayette

Madison, Wisconsin. Mary Papadopoulos, an enthusiastic new member of our Meeting, conceived the idea of making burnouses for Algerian refugees. She wrote to friends in England who were about to embark for Madison on a visiting professorship program. The British friends got in touch with a mill owner who gave 80 pounds of lovely purple wool cloth for this purpose. The cloth came with the baggage coming to Madison, duty-free. Upon the arrival of the cloth, adults and children of the Meeting went to work. Within a few weeks 70 burnouses were completed, packed with the help of an Algerian student, and shipped off to the AFSC warehouse. Mary wrote this verse to sum up the experience:

What I begin, who knows the end?
Yet not I, but Love in me
In widening circles, paths made smooth,
Spread through earth's family.

We are happy to report that we have a new Preparative Meeting at Beloit. Madison Friends are looking forward to June 22 - 28, the dates of the forthcoming Traverse City Conference. Illinois Yearly Meeting sessions, August 14 - 18 are also anticipated. But it is in our own home Meetings that our fellowship in the Divine nurtures us most fully. Madison Meetings for Worship are characterized by a great deal of silence. Messages, when they come, are brief. Reason controls emotion, though glints of travail and passion show.

First Day School: 10 AM; Meeting for Worship: 11 AM
Meeting House: 2002 Monroe Street
Clerk: Lora Schlaefer, 1814 Kendall Avenue, Madison

North Columbus, Ohio. On December 23 a Christmas Party was planned by junior and senior high school students for the Meeting. Animals were stuffed and many participated in the sharing program of the AFSC.

First Day School: 10 AM; Meeting for Worship: 11 AM
Meeting House: 1954 Indianola Avenue (1) Phone: AX 9-2728
Clerk: Edgar Shaudys, 1423 Mulford Road, Columbus

Several families from the Delaware, Columbus and Granville Meetings discussed the future of the Lake Erie Association at a potluck lunch last Fall. It is hoped that more regional gatherings of this sort may take place as the way opens. Meetings need to keep informed on this important topic so that they can reach a decision on their participation.

Oxford, Ohio. Once a month we continue our Sunday afternoon Meetings for Worship with a discussion group and a potluck supper. Student members often participate in weekend workcamps in Cincinnati. Our three housewives finally finished mending clothes which had been collected at the close of the school year and totaled 800 pounds. These were sent on their way to Algerian refugees. We look forward to a visit from Clear Creek (Earlham campus) Friends this month.

Meeting for Worship is held in the homes of members. Information as to date and place may be had from Cornell Hewson or Camilla Flinterman, 359 South Patterson Avenue, Oxford.

Saginaw, Michigan. There's just a small group of four adults and four children in this Worship Group but. . . . they carry on a project which might be emulated by larger meetings. They collect discarded books, but they restrict themselves to discards from the local library & from the public school system. While these books will not stand up to the standards established here, there is much good left in them. Soliciting help in sorting and packing from local youth groups, the wider community has found an interest in the project. Books are shipped under the label of a local library and, by shipping them to the librarian of mission schools, a rate of a penny-a-pound is used. Boxes must be marked "Books" and "Library Rate" and must be not more than 65 pounds in weight. Stout cord should be used for extra security. An opportunity has come to send books to American Samoa. A local freight line takes them to a Michigan naval base, where, when a partially loaded plane is scheduled to leave, they are put into the unused space and shipped free of cost. The group now seeks overseas places where books are needed and can supply transportation from a Navy port-of-call. They have sets of elementary and high school text books, children's picture books and stories and adult fiction and non-fiction. A possible source of technical journals and other periodicals is a nearby college, which purchases microfilm for all but current issues. "Now who can use more books?" is the provocative question.

Meeting for Worship: 11 AM - 505 Yale Street
Clerk: Janet Stevens, 505 Yale Street, Saginaw.

Wilmington, Ohio. Olcutt Saunders has "unanimously and enthusiastically been appointed as Director of Karamu House in Cleveland. He succeeds the persons who founded the institution in 1915. They are Russell and Rowena Jelliffe. His family will finish the school year at Wilmington but he takes up his duties on April 1st. Olcutt had applied for the position before going to Wilmington but the Board was not in a position to

make a decision until recently. While the Saunders found many satisfactions on the campus and in the community at Wilmington, they did not feel settled there.

Karamu (Swahili for "community gathering place") is located in a pre-dominantly Negro area. A Red Feather agency, it occupies a four-unit building constructed since 1945 on half a block at 2355 E. 89 Street. Well-known for its drama, it keeps both a proscenium theater and a theater-in-the-round busy four nights a week September through June. . . . plus a Saturday afternoon children's theater. Clubs and classes serve all ages in many areas. Golden Agers number about 500 while a nursery school enrolls nearly 100 preschool children. Hundreds of International visitors are sent by the State Department each year to see Democracy in action. Olcutt will be working with a staff of 30 plus many volunteers.

Meeting for Worship: 10:30 AM, Wilmington College
Clerk: Virginia Sutton, 348 North Walnut Street

Wooster, Ohio. A large segment of the Oberlin Meeting drove down to Wooster one Sunday in October. Margaret Utterback shared her Kenya slides with us and told us of her trip. We all enjoyed the fellowship and there was a rich exchange of campus ideas.

Peace Pilgrim spoke to the student peace group at the college and to a political science class. Newspaper coverage in the Wooster Daily Record was very good.

The student peace group set up a table again beside the army, navy, and air force recruiters when they were on campus. Pamphlets were furnished to interested students concerning the Peace Corps, the United World Federalist movement, Pacificism, and the C.O. position. The students from our Meeting placed large boxes in the dorms before vacation and asked for clothing for the A.F.S.C. Algerian program. This project was very successful and we have sent the clothing on to Philadelphia.

Three members of the Meeting attended the organization meeting of the Ohio Committee for Civil Rights Legislation in Columbus on January 12.

We are experimenting with a new schedule on Sunday mornings. Adult discussion and Sunday School are at 9:15 AM before the Meeting for Worship at 10:15. This arrangement may help us "center down" and ideas expressed in our active discussions may provide more direction for our thoughts as the Meeting begins.

Sunday School: 9:15 AM; Meeting for Worship: 10:15, Student Union Building, East University Street
Clerk: Howard B. Kriebel, 2545 Christmas Run, Wooster

This is a copy of the original Bulletin that has gone through OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software, and therefore needed to be corrected. Errors may have been introduced in this process. In addition, some of the layout has been changed.