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This first issue of Volume III of the LAKE ERIE BULLETIN is devoted to the proceedings of the Annual Meeting and news of the formation of the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting within the Lake Erie Association. The January issue will be devoted to news of activities of the Monthly Meetings. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED.

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and
The Lake Erie Association of
Friends Meetings
September 1, 1963

To Friends Everywhere:

The Lake Erie Association met for its 24th Annual Session, under a sense of the far longer history of Friends, as we shared in worship and discussion with Friends of the 150 year old Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative). We have particularly enjoyed the quiet serenity of the Stillwater Meeting House and the pleasant surroundings of Olney Boarding School.

Our sessions have been filled with a new sense of beginnings as the Association approved the formation of the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting by those Meetings within the Association, which felt ready to do so. Because some Meetings are not yet prepared to take this step for themselves, the Association and the Yearly Meeting will function together using the same set of officers and the same business meeting. It is our desire that form and organization serve the function we seek--a simplicity that leaves us free for fellowship, worship, and service.

As we took this step we were reminded of the early history of the Association, when new and united Meetings formed by Friends of various backgrounds, came together for mutual sharing and assistance. The innovations of those days have served us well. It is with deep gratitude for the insight and wisdom of those Friends that we take the next steps that lead us to the more traditional frame-work of Friends organizational procedures.

It was in those early days of our fellowship that our concern for greater unity was expressed. We

were startled by the current relevance of a message of Leslie Shaffer's given in our 1942 session, which urged us to explore the areas of unity with neighboring Yearly Meetings.

The Association would in no way lessen its desire to see the extension of greater unity of all Friends. We deeply appreciate the fraternal delegates who were present this session, from Friends World Committee; Indiana Yearly Meeting (General Conference); Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative); and Wilmington Yearly Meeting (Five Years). The messages of appreciation and good will gave us a sense of fellowship with all friends, and inspired us in our search for Divine guidance.

Even as we wrestled with the problems of organization, we have felt a deep sense of urgency of the world's need. We have discussed how we could make ourselves better known and of greater service in our own communities, and how we can help those in our Meetings with special problems. We have been concerned for legislative action in the field of civil rights, the approval of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. Our concern for Korean Friends resulted in a joint committee with Ohio Yearly Meeting to explore areas of assistance. We are grateful for the messages of Wilmer Cooper and James Read who urged us to re-examine our heritage to discover who we are, and to re-double our efforts for world peace.

It is with a sense of Divine adventure that we look to the future, coveting for Friends everywhere the deepening of our fellowship and worship and the effectiveness of our witness and service in our communities and in the World.

Robert Blood, Clerk
2005 Penncraft Court
Ann Arbor, Michigan

MINUTES OF THE LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION-YEARLY MEETING

Annual Meeting held at Olney School
Barnesville, Ohio
August 29 through September 1, 1963

The first session of the 1963 Annual Meeting of the Lake Erie Association convened at 7 P.M., August 29, in the auditorium of the Olney School. Robert Blood served as Clerk.

Epistles. Herbert Nichols read excerpts from several of the epistles which had been received from yearly meetings throughout the world. These epistles showed the wide range of mutual interests that exist among Friends around the world.

State of the Meeting Report. Robert Blood presented some statistics gathered from the reports of individual meetings to the questionnaires which have been circulated:

Total personnel of all ages	1,391
Broken down by age groups:	
Adults (including married students	788
Unmarried college students	124

High school students (7th-12th grades)	122
Children (below 7th grade)	357

For Meetings reporting this year, broken down by membership groups:

Resident members (of all ages)	489
Sojourning members	14
Other resident Friends	131
Attendees (at least once a month)	446
Non-resident members	182

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF ADULT RESIDENT MEMBERS & ATTENDERS

<u>Cleveland-Pittsburgh</u>		<u>Green Pastures Q.M.</u>		<u>Southern Area</u>	
Cleveland	126	Ann Arbor	116	Charleston, W. Va.**	9
Kent	12*	Detroit	36	Columbus	50*
Morgantown	21	East Lansing	16	Defiance**	8
Oberlin	8	Grand Rapids	16	Delaware	14
Painesville	14	Kalamazoo	48	Granville	12
Pittsburgh	86	Midland-Saginaw	<u>6</u>	Lexington, Ky.**	14
Wooster	<u>9</u>	Total	238	Oxford	8*
Total	276			Yellow Springs(1/2)	<u>27</u>
				Total	142

Total adult resident members and attendees:
656 (or 598 conservatively)

Conservative total 84

*Figures reported in 1962. New figures not available.

**These Meetings have varying degrees of interest in LEA but have not committed themselves to membership. Yellow Springs belongs to Indiana Yearly Meeting (General Conference) but has participated actively in LEA for many years as a sort of "united meeting" with a loose dual affiliation. For statistical purposes, its members are here reduced by one-half.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

SECOND SESSION began at 9:45, August 31, 1963

REVIEW OF THE LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION

by Isabel N. Bliss

"Friendship," someone has said, "is what we've been through together." I share with you not so much a history as a look back over what we've been through together.

Our beginning was at Cleveland in May, 1939. During the early years, the annual gathering was known as a Great Lakes Regional Conference, sometimes with reference to New and United Meetings. The name Lake Erie Association of Friends Meetings has been used since 1944. Friends who attended were mostly from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Columbus, Richmond, Yellow Springs, Pittsburgh, Oberlin, or Cleveland. We have since grown to include more than twenty

groups. Mention of the meeting places will summon many recollections -- Patterson Lake, Columbus YWCA, Hiram House Camp, Lutherlyn, Green Pastures, Mary Orton, and, more recently, Friends Boarding School and Wilmington College.

A statement drawn up in 1955 outlined the objectives of the Association. In brief, they were "to provide a means of bringing together all Friends, regardless of background, into a gathering for worship, fellowship, inspiration, and consideration of common concerns." Organization was minimum, and membership on the basis of participation.

Our concerns have been those of the Society of Friends as a whole. During World War II, we were interested in conscientious objectors, refugees, and the re-located Japanese-Americans. A message at that time, which we read again with heightened attention today, said, "Settlement of the world-wide race problem is probably the next urgent need toward which Quakers should be working." Statements and open letters rising out of the annual conferences have dealt with peace, Friends in public life, and opposition to germ warfare. We have maintained ties with the Friends World Committee, American Friends Service Committee, and the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and have sent delegates to three world conferences of Friends.

The fruits of these shared experiences cannot, of course, be measured. They are as intangible as they are precious. Now that we are moving toward a type or organization more traditional among Friends, I am sure we all look forward to opportunities for effective service and the continuing rewards of fellowship. Incidentally, focus on organizational problems is not new. One report of an LEA conference states, "The recent move on the part of the Detroit and Ann Arbor Meetings toward forming themselves into a Quarterly Meeting brought up discussion of the ultimate relationship between the New and United Meetings and the various Yearly Meetings within the geographical area." It is dated 1942.

In the new forms for Lake Erie Friends, I hope we will cherish two things -- simplicity and freshness. The simplicity is suggested by Antoine de St. Exupery: "It seems that perfection is achieved not when nothing more can be added, but when nothing more can be taken away." And Rufus Jones, in his concern that Quakers should not be just another sect, said, "The 'open' type of religion for which I am pleading, the movement-type, is uncongealed, fresh, free, formative, and in vital contact with the creative stream of divine Life." Let us seek to move in that stream.

After thoughtful discussion and prayerful searching the following minute was approved by the Annual Meeting:

Lake Erie Association feels willing to accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Representative Committee, thereby allowing the Monthly Meetings who so choose, to declare themselves the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting within the Lake Erie Association. We encourage continued exploration with any interested meetings, regarding their participation in the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and the Lake Erie Association.

APPROVED

The following document was presented for signatures:

"On the occasion of the formation of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting within the Lake Erie Association of Friends Meetings, this August 31, 1963 at Barnesville, Ohio, we as representatives of

constituent Meetings of the Lake Erie Association record here the desire of our Meeting to become a member of Lake Erie, Yearly Meeting:

Ann Arbor: Mabel Douglas Hamm
Columbus: Cophine Crosman and William J. Blackburn, Jr.
Delaware: Esther Ewald
Kalamazoo: Esther Carter
Grand Rapids: Helen P. Wenck
Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting: Helen P. Wenck

It is understood that additional Meetings may join either the Association or the Yearly Meeting whenever they are ready to do so."

Friends from Cleveland, Oberlin, and Pittsburgh Meetings did not feel ready to make a choice at this time. However, they did not wish to hold other Meetings back from forming a Yearly Meeting. It was their desire to grant other Meetings the freedom to so choose.

James Walker brought greetings from the Friends World Committee. His inspiring words added greatly to the significance of the step just taken by the Association. He felt that this move should greatly strengthen each individual meeting. He indicated that there are two fields of service to keep in mind and that it is vital that we keep a balance between the two. The first is service to the individual; it is essential that this new step nurture the growth of the spiritual life of each and every member. We must be willing to discipline ourselves to become servants in God's Kingdom. We must work for all the things of the spirit for when growth stops then death sets in. "We also must be mindful of the outward service that we must perform. Christians cannot sit idly by. We must make our testimony heard. It has recently been stated that the 'Church is for the World not for the Religious'". The problems of the world are so great, however, that we must take segments of the needs and serve where we can. In a spirit of optimism and faith James Walker indicated that he believed the formation of this Yearly Meeting was a step in the right direction.

Raymond Braddock brought greetings from Indiana Yearly Meeting (General Conference). He expressed the hope that Friends of both groups will continue in fellowship.

Florence Sidwell and Albert Livezey brought greetings from Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative). Florence Sidwell expressed her belief that the formation of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting was done with love and care and that all that we do should be done to the Glory of God. Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting also wished to continue in fellowship. They expressed hope that the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting would not lose that spontaneity that new groups of Meetings have.

James Ellis brought greetings from Wilmington Yearly Meeting. He felt that the formation of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting is a challenge to other established Yearly Meetings to find the basic cause for the existence of a Yearly Meeting. Some Meetings are burdened with over-organization. The Lake Erie Yearly Meeting will be a challenge to creativity and faith.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

From the number of Yearly Meeting Epistles we have received we are happy to include the one from the Ohio Yearly Meeting, because of their special relationship with us.

September 4, 1963

Dear Friends:

We have appreciated the fact that we have had your group with us again this year and feel very much as an aged and very dear uncle used to remark as we left his hospitable home, "It has been pleasant to have you with us".

One hundred and fifty years ago about this time of year our group assembled here on the green hills of Belmont County feeling the need of a Yearly Meeting of Friends in these parts.

Through the years we have endeavored to spread the Gospel of Love and while many times we have fallen far short of our mission, we feel, as we were enabled to follow the Guiding Hand of our Heavenly Father, we were blessed in our endeavors.

Today we are glad there are others having a similar desire to carry on the Master's work and we welcome all who are doing so.

It was very agreeable to have so many children present, for the success of the future of the Society of Friends is dependent on the coming generations.

Though you feel it right course to form another group we trust and desire that we may be able to co-operate in spreading the Gospel of Love.

A few years ago A. Neave Brayshaw, an English Friend, wrote, "We pray that the Society of Friends may become a Fellowship dedicated in a spirit of confidence and of the love that overcomes fear, to Holy adventure for God and His Kingdom".

We desire a continuance of your love and fellowship.

We are sincerely your friends,

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

JAMES R. COOPER, Clerk

Business session re-convened at 3:00.

The following statements were presented from the Peace and Social Order Workshop:

The Lake Erie Association of Friends Meetings, at their Annual Meeting at Barnesville, Ohio, August 29 through September 1, 1963, approved the following minute.

In keeping with the historic belief of Friends in the supreme worth of the individual, we believe Congress should enact legislation effectively assuring the constitutional guarantees of freedom

from discrimination.

We feel that Congress can make a substantial contribution to the resolving of racial conflicts agitating the country.

We support in principle the President's civil rights program and believe its enactment will constitute a substantial step in the direction of realizing our democratic goals. We endorse the principle of legislation establishing the right to service free from discrimination in public accommodations and business establishments.

We support the development and maintenance of administrative agencies to study and formulate techniques for the amelioration of racial tensions.

APPROVED

The statement above may be used by constituents in the meetings to send to congressmen and senators.

The Lake Erie Association of Friends assembled at Barnesville, Ohio August 29 through September 1, 1963 and including Friends Meetings in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, asks for prompt senatorial consent to the ratification of the limited nuclear test ban treaty.

We ask this support because the treaty opens the way for other agreements and actions which will encourage peaceful resolution of international conflicts.

We hope this first step will be followed by other steps toward political settlements and disarmament. We also urge an increased use of the United Nations and a development of world law as a matter of policy.

The statement above is to be sent to the President, and the Senators from Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

APPROVED

Victor Ewald, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the financial report.

As communicated to Clerks and Finance Committee Chairmen of Meetings in the Lake Erie Association, under the date of April 29, 1963, substantial changes are being proposed for next year's budget. In brief these are:

1. It is proposed to eliminate from the Lake Erie budget all contributions to Friends' agencies (a reduction of \$525 from the 1962-63 budget). In order to make giving more direct and more meaningful, individuals and Monthly Meetings are encouraged to assume this financial obligation.
2. The budget for office expenses is projected without charge, at the level of \$400.
3. It is proposed to include in the budget the cost of the Lake Erie Bulletin, which would then be mailed quarterly to all member households. This is budgeted at \$250, slightly more than the \$200

which at present comes from individual and Meeting subscriptions.

4. It is proposed to include in the budget for 1963-64 an item of \$1,000 toward the expenses of two delegates to the 1964 meeting of the Friends World Committee, to be held in Ireland (Economy flight from Columbus, round trip to Dublin, is now quoted at \$535 per person).

NOTE: It is also proposed, after the 1963-64 fiscal year, to anticipate expenses of delegates to the 1967 Friends World Committee meeting, allocating 1/3 of the estimated cost annually beginning with the 1964-65 budget.

As a guide for Meetings in reaching decisions, the regular portion of the 1963-64 bud get would involve contributions at the rate of about \$3 per member family (based on approximately 300 families in the Association). With the extra item of the Ireland meeting, an average of \$6 per member family would be realistic.

	<u>Budget for</u> <u>1962-63</u>	Actual Expenses	<u>Proposed Budget</u> <u>for 1963-64</u>
Contributions to Organizations	\$525.00	<u>for 1962-63</u>	---
Association Expenses	400.00	\$525.00	\$400.00
Lake Erie Bulletin	---	283.04	250.00
TOTAL Regular Expenses		---	\$650.00
 Delegates to Ireland	 ---	 ---	 \$1000.00
	\$925.00	\$808.04	\$1650.00

Delegates traveling to Meetings as representatives of the Lake Erie Association Yearly Meeting may receive a maximum of 5¢ per mile toward travel expenses. Any unusual request for expenses will be left to the discretion of the Finance Committee Chairman.

APPROVED

The budget of the Friends World Committee is based on 50¢ per member. Therefore, the Treasurer of each Monthly Meeting should send 50¢ for each of the Monthly Meeting members.

APPROVED

Every meeting should furnish the Editor with a list of members plus any attenders that the Monthly Meeting feels would welcome the Lake Erie Association Yearly Meeting Bulletin.

APPROVED

The Treasurer's Report was distributed showing a balance of \$195.95 on August 31, 1963.

Korean Committee

The suggestion was brought forward that the Lake Erie Association-Yearly Meeting and Ohio Yearly Meeting each appoint four representatives to serve on a joint committee for Friends of Korea. Specifically, it is hoped that the committee will explore together with Seoul Friends what appropriate and practical projects might be developed, providing opportunities for mutually helpful exchanges between Korean and American Friends. Margaret Utterback, William Bliss, and Marvin Van Wormer were appointed to the committee with the recommendation that they

appoint the fourth member.

Nominating Committee

The report of the nominating committee was distributed and presented by Adda Dilts, chairman of the committee.

It was noted that the duties of the new Advancement Committee will be to recognize and encourage new Meetings. They will have the power to recommend membership, but will not have the power to accept Meetings into membership.

Nominations approved by the Lake Erie Association-Yearly Meeting:

CLERK: Robert Blood, 2005 Penncraft Ct., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.

RECORDING CLERK: Howard McKinney, 1593½ Jackson Street, Charleston 11, West Virginia.

TREASURER: Varley Crist, 142 Briarwood Road, Granville, Ohio.

BUDGET and FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman-Victor Ewald, 99 Homestead Lane, Delaware, Ohio; Varley Crist (ex-officio), Robert Morgan, 11 Dunmoyle Place, Pittsburgh 17, Penn.;

Richard Stow, 127 North High Drive, Worthington, Ohio.

FRIENDS' BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chairman-Samuel Prellwitz, 572 Briarcliff Road, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania; Sheldon Clark, Box 123, Bedford, Ohio (Cleveland Mtg.);

Esther Ewald, 99 Homestead Lane, Delaware, Ohio.

EDITOR OF LEA BULLETIN: Lila Cornell, 2902 East Wallings Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44141.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE:

To 1964: Chairman-Willard Mead, 7010 Reynolds Street, Pittsburgh 8, Pennsylvania

To 1965: Edgar Shaudys, 1423 Mulford Road, Columbus 12, Ohio

Charles Brashares, 2814 Chadbourne Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44120

To 1966: Esther Ewald, 99 Homestead Lane, Delaware, Ohio

Samuel Prellwitz, 572 Briarcliff Road, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania

Cynthia Kerman, 1222 Woodlawn, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Consultants: Stephen Deutsch, 2220 Grandview Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Howard McKinney, 1593½ Jackson Street, Charleston 11, West Virginia

PROGRAM COMMITTEES FOR 1964 ANNUAL MEETING:

Adult Program: Chairman-Cynthia Kerman, 1222 Woodlawn, Ann Arbor, Michigan

High School Program: Olcott and Phyllis Sanders, 2189 West St. James Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Wilberta Eastman, Box 262, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Children's Program: Chairman-Sally DeWees, 1296 Arrowwood Drive, Pittsburgh 16, Penn.

ARRANGEMENTS and REGISTRATION FOR 1964 MEETING: Cophine Crosman, 136 Dunedin Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

To 1964: Chairman-Mabel Hamm, 2122 Geddes Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
Howard Kriebel, 2545 Christmas Run, Wooster, Ohio

To 1965: Dortha Patterson, 971 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio
Adda Dilts, 504 Denner, Kalamazoo, Michigan

To 1966: Isabel Bliss, 6011 Theota Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44129
Dorothy Bower, 2031 Sonny Street, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania
REPRESENTATIVES TO FCNL.: Joan Lind, 1233 Arbor Drive, East Lansing, Michigan;
Edith Brashares, 2814 Chadbourne Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44120;
David Elkington, 344 Morgan Street, Oberlin, Ohio.
REPRESENTATIVES TO AFSC.: Terry Evans, 300 SW Second Avenue, Richmond, Indiana;
Barbara Cartwright, 1158 Baldwin, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Barbara Hayes, 1421
Wightman St
Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania; Harold Walker, Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va.
REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS' WORLD COMMITTEE: Margaret Utterback, 334
Morgan Street, Oberlin, Ohio; Florence Shute, 725 S. Hegley Avenue, Pittsburgh 32,
Pennsylvania; John Weaver, 1625 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh 17, Pa.;
William Bliss, 6011 Theota Ave., Cleveland. Ohio 44129.

Delegates to the FWCC Meeting in Ireland in 1964:

William and Isabel Bliss, 6011 Theota Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44129
William Johnson (as observor), River Valley Farm, Hiram, Ohio

CONTINUING COMMITTEE ON GREATER UNITY:

To 1964: William Bliss, 6011 Theota Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44129
George Patterson, 971 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio
To 1965: Ruth Burgess, Church Lane Road, RFD 1, Allison Park, Pennsylvania
Elliott Cornell, 2902 East Wallings Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44141
To 1966: Alberta Taulbert, 2040 Hubbard Road, Madison, Ohio
Margaret Utterback, 344 Morgan Street, Oberlin, Ohio (as her alternate)
Herbert Nichols, 1138 Martin Place, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

REPRESENTATIVES TO YOUNG FRIENDS OF NORTH AMERICA:

Walton Blackburn, c/o AFSC 915 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio
Janice Carroll, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio
Roy Treadway, 1503 Cambridge, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

REPRESENTATIVES TO KOREAN CONCERN COMMITTEE: (see previous minute)

Meeting adjourned until 7 P.M.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Samuel Prellwitz announced that the total attendance included:

82 Adults
24 Young Friends
24 Elementary Children 24 Nursery Children
164 TOTAL

THIRD SESSION began at 1:00, September 1, 1963

John Eastman brought a report from the Young Friends Meeting.

Young Friends of the Lake Erie Association-Yearly Meeting felt a need to become more organized in their activities. They have appointed the following persons to serve as officers for their group:

CLERK: Lynn Sanders, 2189 W. St. James Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44106
ASSISTANT CLERK: Kathy McKinney, 1593½ Jackson Street, Charleston, West

Virginia

REPRESENTATIVE to LEA/YM: John Eastman, Box 262, Yellow Springs, Ohio
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: Penni Stow, 127 North High Drive, Worthington, Ohio

The Young Friends proposed that a separate program be planned for the Junior High young people if possible. Young Friends were asked to consult with their adult leaders regarding this proposal and to report to the Representative Meeting to be held in March, 1964, any recommendations they may have. It is important that any plans which are made should be clearly announced when the decisions are made.

Expression was given of appreciation and approval and encouragement for the work and planning of the Young Friends.

The following statement was read:

"We recommend that the Budget and Finance Committee be omitted from the Structure of the Lake Erie Association, and that the Treasurer submit the annual budget, with the advice of the Clerk."

It was agreed that this statement should be referred to Robert Morgan and Varley Crist before any decision is made. It was felt that this concern could be discussed at the Representatives Meeting in March.

We recommend that the Clerk prepare a statement at approximately the middle of the year concerning any problems and questions on which he believes the advice and consent of the Meetings is desirable, and send it to the Clerks and representatives of Meetings, naming a date and place at which one or more representatives of each meeting are invited to meet for discussion. Meetings may transmit their views on the propositions by mail, if they do not find it possible to attend a meeting. A similar procedure may be followed regarding a possible representative meeting as part of the annual meeting preceding the official meeting for business. It was felt that knowledge of the agenda before a business meeting should strengthen the link between the Monthly Meetings and the Association.

APPROVED

The members of the Budget and Finance Committee will serve for less than a year if the Committee is abolished at the Representative Committee Meeting and their duties cease.

APPROVED

The 1964 Annual Meeting of the Lake Erie Association-Yearly Meeting will be held at Wilmington College, August 20-23, 1964.

APPROVED

Cophine Crosman,
Recording Clerk

COMMENTS ABOUT THE YEARLY MEETING FORMATION
FROM A REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE MEETING WAS UNDECIDED
ON THE YEARLY MEETING QUESTION:

The Minute recording the formation of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting within the Lake Erie Association was adopted after much discussion on the relationship between the new Yearly Meeting being formed and those Meetings which had not yet decided to be part of it.

Some points are clear:

1. The Association will continue as no formal consideration was given by the Monthly Meetings to laying it down.
2. Many individuals who attend from the indecisive Meetings continue actively interested. This is evident in their acceptance of responsibilities.
3. There is a sincere desire on the part of those that became a Yearly Meeting to retain their close ties of friendship with the other Meetings in the Association.
4. In general, the objectives of the Lake Erie Association are being retained.
5. It seems practical to continue with same set of officers and committees for both Association and Yearly Meeting.

Rufus Jones reminds us, "Friends in the world today feel their kinship with the Founders of our Quaker faith and want to move forward once more and break new ground and win new following from present day "seekers", and above everything else to become a fresh and responsive organ for the life of the Spirit in the world of today and tomorrow."

William Bliss,
Cleveland Representative to Ad Hoc Committee

QUAKER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE -- AN EXPERIENCE TO TREASURE
by Caroline Kerman

Last summer, I had the opportunity to go to England and Ireland with the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Friends World Committee. There I discovered the joy that can be found in Meeting for Worship and fellowship with others. The Pilgrims came from many countries and we found that we had much to discuss and enjoy together.

We spent two weeks in Lancaster under the expert leadership of Elfrida Vipont Foulds studying the history of Quakerism. Some of the most meaningful experiences were Meetings for Worship held on Firbank Fell, a picnic lunch on Sunbreck Moor, and the crossing of Morecambe Bay. The perfect weather during our fortnight certainly added to the almost charmed quality of our stay there.

We spent a few days in London and moved on to Northern Ireland where we had a workcamp removing cement from the grounds of Derrymore House. We had several very good singing sessions with the teenagers in the village, and after the wonderful party on the last night, felt that we had really communicated with them and discovered a common fellowship. After a few days in Dublin, we regretfully turned our faces towards home.

The Pilgrimage, however, does not finish there. The things that we discovered about Quakerism and about ourselves are just as applicable on this side of the Atlantic. As one of the Pilgrims has written to me, the Pilgrimage was a flower and we are the seeds scattered now to all parts of the world. We hope some will take root and grow.

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

by Ron Partridge

There are occasions when factual description seems to cloud rather than clarify an event. This report on the YFCNA conference in Virginia is such an occasion. The conference - organized by the Young Friends Committee of North America (now YFNA), and held at Massanetta Conference Grounds near Harrisonburg, Virginia, from August 26 through September 2. The theme was "The Meaning and Significance of Christ". Nevertheless, the import of the conference goes quite beyond "that which was". Discussion of the point is difficult when such a tension is felt between outward appearance and inward significance.

In the daily life of the conference, three forms of group activity were successfully employed. In the morning there were worship-fellowship groups, in which we drifted freely from silent meditation to discussion and back again. It was completely unstructured and very moving. In the afternoon discussion groups met on topics such as: unity among Friends, mysticism, Friends and social concern, race relations, and others. The evening program involved speakers--Everett Cattell, President of Malone College, and Paul Lacey, Professor of English at Earlham College, panels, and discussion revolving about the stated theme of the conference, "But Who Do You Say That I Am?". The conference also involved the orientation and organization of young Friends interested in the work of YFNA.

The activities and day-to-day schedule would in themselves have assured a successful and significant conference, but the direction of concern was supplemented to the point of alteration by the "March for Jobs and Freedom" August 28 in Washington. At least half of the main business meeting on August 27 was concerned with the relationship of the conference to the march. The crux of the discussion was the standing of the forty young Friends who wished to attend the march--how should their action be considered with regard to the whole group? The entire question of who we say that we are, and of Christ and racial justice, was brought to the center of concern, not in a theoretical way, but in terms of the personal convictions of each individual present. The group finally came to unity in deep concern on the issue of racial discrimination, and in the "liberation under concern" of the forty members who went to Washington.

Such coming to unity was reflected in the formal conference in the approaches of the speakers to the meaning of Christ. Everett Cattell's treatment was theological, while Paul Lacey's was historical, but both were emphatic on the primacy of the inner meaning of scripture above verbal content or historical location in time and culture. In the same way, during the first part of the conference, the Friends present were primarily interested in a unity of sincere concern, beyond even action or the beliefs from which action springs.

As I was unable to stay for the entire conference, I cannot tell more of the week's outcome, or of the extent to which this spirit of close unity prevailed. However, it is my sincere belief that it is in the area of common concern that Friends will find a satisfying unity with integrity. This was a definite part of the significance of the conference. It was -- as one must say of things like this -- an unforgettable experience.

REGISTRATION --LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 29 through SEPTEMBER 1, 1963

[Columns don't line up in the original; people & meetings may not match Ed.]

	<u>Meeting</u>
Balla, Gertrude	Pittsburgh
Bower, George and Dorothy, Ian, Alan & Bridget	Delaware
Bailey, Mary Lee, Sara Lou & Becky	North Columbus
Blackburn, William J.	Cleveland
Bliss, William and Isalliel, Roger & Penny	Cleveland
Broze, Zenon	Cleveland
Brashares, Charles and Edith, Lewis & Edith	Ann Arbor
Blood, Robert and Margaret, Peter, Alan, Larry & Jonny	Oberlin
Cotton, Wendell and Marie, Corinne, Bradford, Ryan & Bruce	North Columbus
Crosman, Cophine	Cleveland
Cornell, Elliott and Lila, Laurel, David & Dean	Wheeling
Cayard, Wallace and Leonora, Elizabeth, Stephen, Cathy & Susie	Kalamazoo
Carter, Esther	Pittsburgh
Comer, Mary	Fall Creek
Dickinson, Ruth	Pittsburgh
Deweese, Norman and Sally	Kalamazoo
Dilts, Adda	Wilmington
Ellis, James and Janet	Ann Arbor
Eliot, Johan and Frances, Dorothy, Peter, Hope, Holly & Christopher	Beliot
Eliot, Thomas	Yellow Springs
Eastman, John and Rachel (YF)	Delaware
Ewald, Victor and Esther	
Evans, Terry	Cleveland
Evans, William Bacon	
Gibson, Bill	Charleston
Goulding, Paul	FGC
Glasgow, Garrett	Ann Arbor
Guindon, Florence	Wooster
Hamm, Eldon and Mabel, Douglas, Lois & Bruce	Ann Arbor
Hyde, Carl and Lorena, David, Rachel, Martha & Sarah	Yellow Springs
Holovac, John	Pittsburgh
Hollister, Barrett and Kay, Ginny, Joan & Donny	Yellow Springs
Johnson, William C.	Cleveland
Kerman, Ralph and Cynthia, Marjorie & Nancy	Ann Arbor
Kampe, Ervin and Elsie	Charleston
Kirk, Lillian	Wooster
Mead, Willard and Gertrude	Pittsburgh
Morris, Virginia and Louise	Cleveland
McGinnis, Sidney	
McKinney, Howard and Flora, Judy, Kathy, Kenny and Barbie	Charleston
Mullen, Noel (YF)	Grand Rapids
Nichols, Herbert and Bernice, Janice & Bradford	Ann Arbor
Northway, Richard and Hanna, Thomas, Joan & Rebecca	Yellow Springs

Preis, Bill	Yellow Springs
Prellwitz, Samuel and Margery & Wendy	Pittsburgh
Reynolds, Salron	Oberlin
Rogers, Rita	
Stow, Richard and Marian, PennY, Mary, Roger & Barbara	North Columbus
Sanders, Lynn (YF)	Cleveland
Stevens, Tim (YF)	Saginaw
Shute, Florence	Pittsburgh
Taylor, Richard and Sadie, Peter, Karla, Mark & Stephen	Cedar Rapids
Utterback, Margaret	Oberlin
Van Wormer, Marvin and Ruth, Joanna & David	North Columbus
Wenck, Helen	Grand Rapids
Woldorf, Arthur and Dorothy, Tauney & Terry	Delaware
Warren, Clifton and Alena	Wilmington
Walker, James and Alice	
Weaver, John	Pittsburgh

SCHEDULE OF VISITATIONS
Committee for Regional
Intervisitation

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>MEETING</u>
December, 1963	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
January, 1964	Middleton, Ohio
February, 1964	Kent, Ohio

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