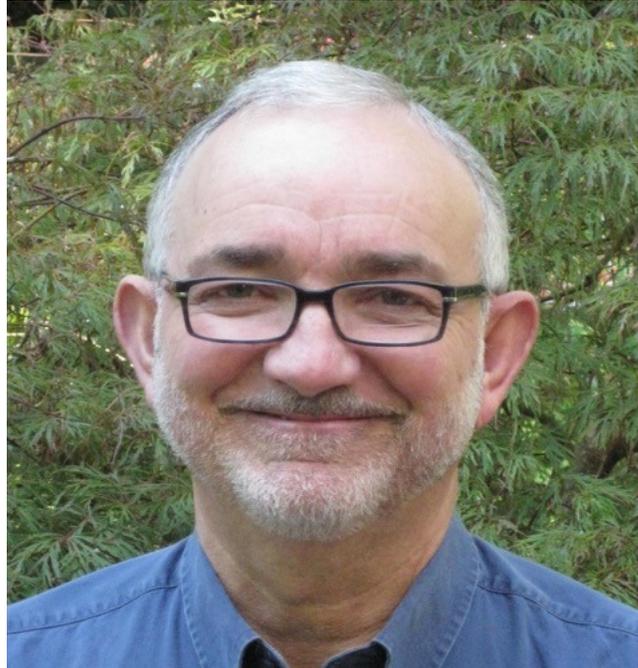




Clerk's Message

from Mike Holaday



Mike
Holaday

Waiting for Spirit to Catch Up

There's a story about a party of Englishmen on safari in Africa. Keen to get their trophies, they wanted to cover some ground. But the Africans who schlepped the gear and tended to the camp chores weren't in any hurry. They stopped to make tea and set up camp early in the afternoon, though the hunters were all for pressing on.

After a few days of this, one of the hunters confronted the old fellow in charge of the camp crew. "Look here," he said, "can't you get your men to stir their stumps a little? This business of stopping in the middle of the day just won't do."

"Bwana," said the African,

"we have to stop. We have to let our spirits catch up with us."

Isn't there a bit of the trophy hunter in all of us? Not that you or I covet a kudu's head over the mantel or a leopard skin on the bedroom floor. I'm just talking about knocking off the day's chores. Grocery shopping, errand running, laundry, social engagements, paying the bills, studying for school. Anything could count, and count big. For me, getting the lawn mowed is not just crossing an item off my list, it's bagging a trophy.

The endless procession of tasks that's never far from the front of our minds is our version of a safari. Like the white hunters in the story, we want to get on with it. But as the story suggests, our egos run on one kind

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of time and our souls, it seems, run on another.

Meeting for worship is our chance to slow down and let our souls catch up.

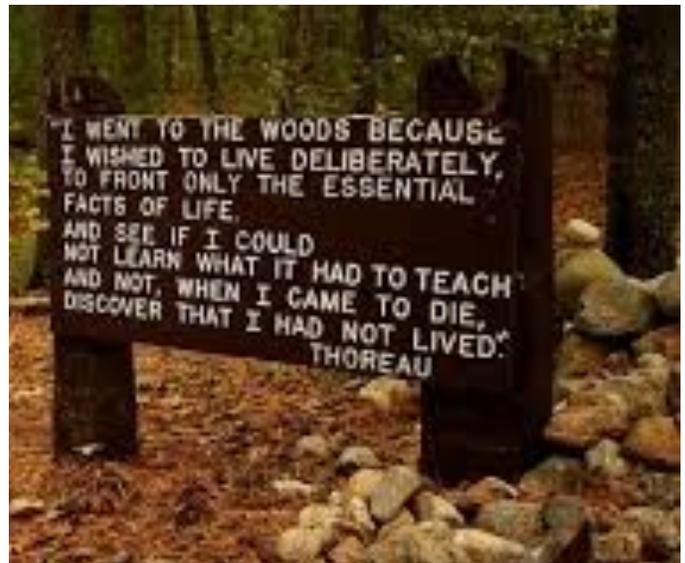
This disconnect between the pace of our outward lives and that of our inward lives is something many have noticed, not just the Quakers. In fact, nobody has paid closer attention to it than Henry David Thoreau. "Pause! Avast! Why so seeming fast, but dead-ly slow?" he challenges, in the essay that begins *Walden*. The entire book is directed at the folly of becoming consumed with the details that fill our lives, yet not *doing* anything in any sense of the word that matters.

There's another sense in which we're all on a safari. Just as the hunter kills something that was alive, our endless quest to knock off

another chore kills something that was alive *in us*. "Getting and spending we lay waste our powers," as Wordsworth put it. We invest the trivial with significance and have no energy left for what is substantive.

Somewhere around the intersection of simplicity and integrity, Quakers ought to have a useful word or two to say about all this. If we value what is simple, we won't be taken in by the allure of the trophy. If we value what is genuine, we won't confuse busy-ness with accomplishment. We will have, as the beloved hymn puts it, the simple gift that lets us come down where we ought to be.

That's far enough for now. I think I'll brew up a cup of tea and make camp for the day.



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From the Editors –

This issue of the LEYM *Bulletin* is fat, stuffed with information about the Annual Meeting at Bluffton University July 28 – 31st, including a schedule and a registration form (our centerfold) with complete instructions.

Planning and program committee members have fed us details about the workshop leaders, the plenary speaker (Natalie Finegar: “Baltimore’s Uprising: A Window into the Flawed Justice System that perpetuates Racial Inequalities”), and the service project with ReStore in Lima.

We’ve brought Friends’ reports and reflections into these pages. In addition to Rosemary Coffey’s report of her experience in Peru with the Friends’ World Committee, we have an essay by Leslie Walden, an FCNL report sent by Nancy Taylor, and an account of the finances of the Friends School in Detroit; we suspect Joe Mills intended to be simply informative – but we found it deeply moving. Reports from the treasurer and the finance committee clerk may reassure us with their competence, but they also raise questions in the midst of these confusing, even agonizing, times. So we suggest you read this *Bulletin* in a quiet space, to let Spirit catch up as Mike Holaday’s Clerk’s Message recommends.



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Friends World Committee for Consultation World Plenary in Pisac, Peru, January 18-27, 2016

By Rosemary Coffey

First of all, Peru is a long way from here. Secondly, it's winter in the Northern Hemisphere, which means travel plans often go awry. Indeed, the plane from Pittsburgh to Miami that Bill Lefler and I were planning to take on Sunday, January 17, was cancelled after a four-hour delay due to a snowstorm in New York City. By the time the plane reached Pittsburgh, the crew had timed out, so forty or so weary non-travelers had to make arrangements to spend the night at a nearby hotel and try again the next morning. Obviously, we didn't arrive on the 18th as planned, but nearly 24 hours later, after long hours and no sleep in airports in both Miami and Lima.



Rosemary Coffey

The Lima to Cusco flight went as scheduled, however, and we arrived on Tuesday, Jan. 19, after an hour-long bus ride, at the Hotel Royal Inka in Pisac. I was in time for my orientation session regarding the Home Groups, which were to meet for about 2



Hotel Royal Inka

hours every day during the plenary. I had been assigned to co-facilitate a group of a dozen or so people who spoke one of three languages: English, Spanish, or French. Looking carefully at my list of participants, I had already identified a Cuban-American Friend (whom I knew from attending Miami FM) to help with the Spanish, and an American living in Geneva and working at QUNO (Quaker United Nations Office), who I figured could help with the French, if needed. My co-facilitator, a young Evangelical Friend from Kenya, had been delayed even longer because of visa problems affecting all the Kenyans, so she didn't even arrive until Saturday, Jan. 23. As it turned out, the Spanish speaker never showed up at all, and the Africans from Rwanda and Burundi spoke

English as well as French, so the language challenge disappeared. Our assignment was to worship together, explore the theme of the Plenary, and get to know each other.

But the varied approaches from different branches of Quakerism remained! Here's an example: At one point our Kenyan Friend asked, "When do you believe that people first started worshipping God?" Being historically oriented, I began by suggesting that people originally attributed things in nature that they didn't understand to a god of some sort, as a Sun God or a Moon God. "Oh, no," said she: "People started worshipping God when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden!" That led to an interesting digression about how that couple could have been the ancestors of the entire human race when they had only sons, but I'll spare you the details. In general, though, we tried to respond to several sets of Queries raised in the Study Booklet for the Plenary, which was titled: "Living the Transformation: Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Romans 8:19).

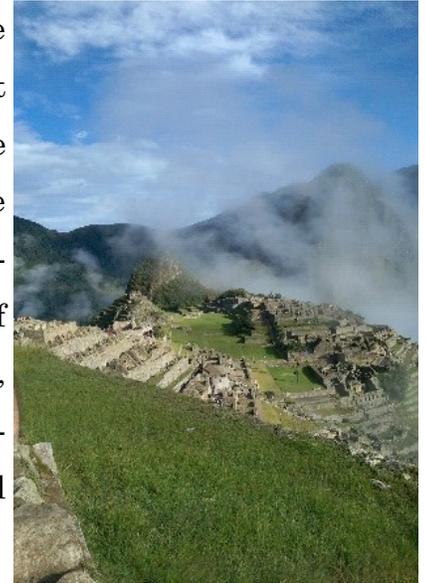


The Sacred Valley

In a broader context, it's safe to say that there were meetings of various sorts all day and into the evening, with the exception of Friday, when we took field trips in the general vicinity. We could choose to attend one of four Consultation Groups, several workshops on different topics; and other informal groups, in between plenary business sessions, morning Bible Study, Section business meetings, and the like. We were approximately 350 Friends in all, representing 77 yearly meetings and 38 countries, from the Section of the Americas, the Europe and Middle East Section, the Africa Section, and the Asia and West Pacific Section. About 90 were Young Adult Friends (aged 18-35), who had many evening sessions of their own to consider issues of particular interest to them. The point of the gathering was to engage Quakers from different parts of the world and different traditions; to speak openly about what we believed and what it meant to us; to share how we lived out our faith or were living into world transformation; and, perhaps above all, to listen to each other.

The main item of contention (in a nice Quaker way, of course) was the section of the proposed new Constitution of the World Office stating that world plenaries would be held "at least" once every 12 years. The rationale for that proposal was two-fold: it is extremely ex-

pensive and time-consuming to organize these gatherings; and the 100th anniversary of FWCC will be in 2037, so that sort of time-frame would mean only one plenary would have to be held between now and then. Those of us who recalled that these meetings used to be held every three years (hence the old name of “Triennials”) were shocked by the suggestion. Some of us pointed out that there would be no institutional memory from plenary to plenary, as the terms of members of the Central Executive Committee could be no more than nine years (three three-year terms), and it was also rare for the staff of the Sections to be around any longer. It would pretty much rule out the resumption of friendships across Sections, as – except for the younger Friends – not many of us would make it to more than one meeting. The plan was ultimately rewritten to read “once every 8-10 years” instead of 12, which was an improvement. The issue of funding, as well as that of time commitment, was prominent, made even more so by the deficit of \$29,000 incurred by the last-minute flights for the Kenyans, as these couldn’t be booked until their visas were actually in hand.



Machu Picchu

I enjoyed reconnecting with old friends; I was glad to help out as needed; Bill worked hard on solving computer problems, as requested; and the setting, at the foot of the Andes, was gorgeous. We were able to take a short trip to the royal Incan settlement at Machu Picchu, the weekend after the meeting, and then prepare to deal with the travel challenges again, as our plane from Lima to Miami was delayed nearly two hours in leaving, which meant we missed our connection to Pittsburgh and spent most of the day in the Miami airport. Bill came back with a cold and a cough, but I actually developed pneumonia, in addition to very sore legs from all that climbing up and down the uneven stone steps just before heading home. Then the medication prescribed for the pneumonia led to severe digestive problems for some weeks afterwards. In sum: it was an adventure that I was glad to have had, but the likes of which I will not repeat any time soon!

Report to Representative Meeting on Friends School in Detroit

4/2/2016 by Joseph Mills

In the late spring and summer of 2015, the financial situation of Friends School in Detroit had deteriorated significantly. In the face of a pending mortgage foreclosure, some \$80,000.00 in unpaid payroll obligations and a total indebtedness approaching one million dollars, Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting, at its May 2015, meeting, decided to lay down the School.



In response to this decision, certain School trustees and parents interested in keeping the school operating proposed alternative plans. The essence of their final plan was that a large cash infusion would come within the next nine months in the form of donated sale proceeds from artwork of sculptor-architect James Terrell. At its September 2015 meeting, the Quarterly Meeting reached an agreement with the Friends School Board. A material term of the agreement was that by the middle of May 2016, certain portions of the School's indebtedness approaching the estimated liquidated value of its assets would be paid or properly accounted for. Upon such debt satisfaction, the Quarterly Meeting would withdraw its responsibility for the School as a member of the Friends School in Detroit Corporation and permit the School to operate independently of the Quarterly or any Monthly Meeting and seek accreditation directly from Friends Counsel of Education as a Friends School. For lack of resources, the School did not open in September 2015 but hoped to open a year later.

Since September some progress in debt re-payment has been made. A group of local benefactors was able to raise some \$426,000 in secured financing to pay off at a significant discount the mortgage that was in foreclosure and most of the back compensation owed teachers and staff. Some progress also has been made in paying delinquent Michigan unemployment taxes. However, no funds have come in from any James Terrell artwork donations and nearly \$200,000 of debt that the School agreed to pay by mid-May of this year remains unpaid.

The School's building which has been sitting empty has further deteriorated in its condition. The roof has been leaking all winter, causing much interior damage to carpeting and ceiling tiles. The kindergarten room recently flooded when a pipe broke.

As a result of outreach to eastern Friends, last fall, New York Quarterly Meeting agreed to finance \$150,000 worth of improvements (primarily a new roof) and take back a junior mortgage. Unfortunately, no funds been received and the process of completing the arrangements for this financing has been slow. Recently the School started to consider a special financing option on favorable terms to make energy efficient improvements which may include roof replacement.

To secure grants and other funding possibilities, the School requested an audit with a grant from the Kresge Foundation. The preliminary draft of the audit received in January was grossly inaccurate. The problem seems to be that the School has not had any formal bookkeeping service for two to three years and its records are in poor shape. The auditor said that all he had to go on were bank statements which would be inadequate for audit purposes. When a formal acceptable audit might be forthcoming is unknown. There is a concern that, given the poor state of financial record keeping, a customary certifiable audit may be almost impossible to obtain.

The Trustees had hoped to hire a new Head of School in February, but lack of funding did not permit this. The School would like to hire one as soon as possible but any target date would be speculative.

Drew Smith from Friends Council on Education attended a Board meeting about ten days ago and explained how Friends School in Detroit could be designated a Friends school under the auspices of Friends Council and shared ideas on shepherding resources to restart the school on a limited basis.

The School is considering reopening in the fall as a pre-kindergarten or pre-k-through-second-grade institution and expanding grades in subsequent years. However, time to plan on opening is running short and the Board has yet to decide whether to commit to continue the School in a limited form in September.

Brief Treasurer's Report

(transcript from the Representative Meeting on April 2, 2016)

Mike Hinshaw, Treasurer, states that our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30th. Eighteen of the twenty Monthly Meetings have already made contributions for this year, in the amount of \$16,837.28. Overall we have spent approximately 61% of the amount budgeted, at approximately 73% of the way through the fiscal year. We currently have \$65,542 in assets.

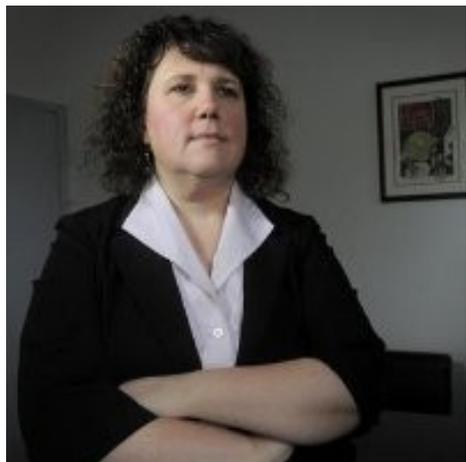


Mike Hinshaw

Plenary Speaker for LEYM—Natalie Finegar

Keynote Address Friday, July 29th, 7:15 p.m.

Baltimore Uprising: A Window into the Flawed Justice System



Natalie, a Quaker, is the Deputy District Public Defender for Baltimore City and has been with the office for 20 years. In her current position, she is spearheading implementation of the office's strategic plan. In the past she created and served as Director of the Neighborhood Defender's Northwest, a division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore City that is dedicated to holistic representation of its clients.

Workshop Leader from FCNL —Emily Wirzba

Topic: *A Path Forward on Climate Change*

Emily Wirzba serves as FCNL's Policy Associate for Sustainable Energy and Environment. Alongside Jose Aguto, she lobbies to achieve bipartisan recognition of climate change in Congress. Emily works closely with FCNL's network across the country to organize constituents to lobby, write, and advocate for bipartisan environmental action in Congress. She currently serves as co-chair of the Washington Interreligious Staff Community's Energy and Ecology Working Group.

While at FCNL, Emily's writing has appeared in *The Hill*, *CNN*, *US News & World Report*, *Washington Times*, *On Faith*, *Friends Journal*, and *Faith & Leadership*. She is a 2016 Fellow with the New Leaders Council, which works to recruit, train and promote the next generation of progressive leaders. She was a Spring 2015 Fellow with the Clean Energy Leadership Institute, an organization that equips fellows with a strong working knowledge of energy markets and policy.

Emily graduated from Furman University in 2013 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in philosophy and political science, and a minor in poverty studies. Prior to coming to FCNL, she worked for two summers at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, interned at Urban Ministries of Durham (a homeless shelter and service provider in North Carolina), and studied abroad in Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador and Cuba. She originally came to FCNL in 2013 as a Young Fellow.

Emily looks for moments when faith, ethics and policy intersect with environmental and social justice issues.



LEYM Workshop Summaries July 2016

Sharing Your Life's Spiritual Journey

Program Committee

How well do we know each other's spiritual story? "Sharing Your Life's Spiritual Journey" will be a chance to experience a piece of how each of us knows "that which is eternal" in our disparate Meetings and lives. What, exactly, was the transformation that enabled each one of us to become a witness to the truth? We will have the opportunity to share how our individual journeys unfolded, exploring paths involving longing, seeking, turning within, openings, conviction and leadings of the Spirit. During this time together, we will divide the time made available to us, so as to share as much as we are able, what is real to us. Sharing our spiritual stories is one of the most important ways we have to build our community and form closer bonds.

A Path Forward on Climate Change: Relationship-Building in a Time of Political Division

Leader: Emily Wirzba

Join the Friends Committee on National Legislation's Emily Wirzba for a discussion about how relationship-building can shift the dialogue in Congress on climate change. FCNL seeks to shape policy outcomes to better reflect the values of Friends around the country. How do we shape public narratives about climate change at a time of extreme political division? How do we seek that of God in others and form meaningful spaces for dialogue, even when we disagree? What is transformational about relationship building for policy change? Join the conversation to learn how you can build a relationship with your elected officials and why your voice can make a difference.

Racial Justice: What Can You Do?

Peace Committee

What work have you done on racial justice this year as a Meeting or as an individual? What can you accomplish in the coming year? We'll celebrate our accomplishments and motivate each other to do more.

Financial Stewardship as a Spiritual Practice

Leader: Jo Posti

While our Meetings discern how to spend money on capital projects or assess our annual meeting budget, how do we discern where that money comes from? How do we talk with our members about giving? Are a small number of members funding the majority of our budgets or projects? Do our members have an understanding of what the meeting's financial obligations are? During this worship-sharing, we will explore how we make Spirit-led financial decisions and whether we're missing opportunities to have conversations among Friends that reflect love and integrity.

Does our monetary system contain the seeds of war and injustice?

Leader: John Howell

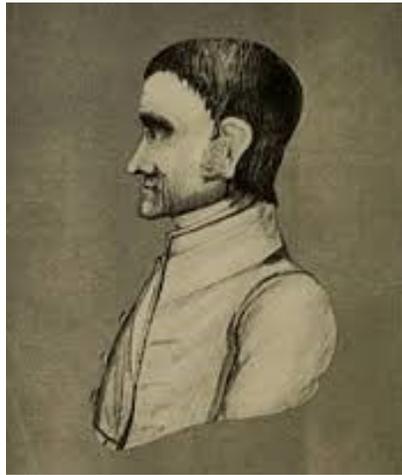
The title seems appropriate to the theme of the YM: "What Would John Woolman Do?" The workshop represents a follow-up of a concern brought before LEYM in 2015 through the Peace Committee from Athens Monthly Meeting, namely that the seeds of war and of social injustice appear to be embedded in the current monetary system.

In the current monetary system, almost all of the money in circulation is created out of nothing by banks as they make loans. This way of creating money is a vehicle for the systematic transfer of wealth from borrowers to lenders, from the many to the few. This occurs because almost all money in circulation is associated with the payment of interest to the lenders who create the money. It contributes in a fundamental way to the contemporary concentration of wealth into fewer and fewer hands. In doing so it imposes debt and austerity on society as a whole. It is unjust and unsustainable. It promotes violence and threatens the stability of society.

The workshop will reveal aspects of the current system of which many are unaware and explore alternatives which have the potential for a sustainable and just economic future.

New and Ancient Story Play
Leaders: Dick Hogan & Rebecca Groetz

We are invited to gather together
to explore Healing Ourselves and Earth through
Sacred Play as Movement of Love, Light, and Sound.
How can we call forth Sacred Presence and shift the
energies of heavy work toward an ever ascending
frequency of Light, Love and Caring, Nurture in all our Relations,
Awakening the Divine Child Within...
Nature and into the
Middle of Nowhere~ Now/here...Everywhere...
Home.



Join the Conversation for LEYM 2016:

What would John Woolman do?

LEYM Service Project

*Come to the 2016 LEYM
Service Project
on July 26-28
before LEYM Begins!*

Olwen Pritchard
& Sally Weaver Sommer



Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Lima,

Friends are invited to work together with Habitat for Humanity in Lima, Ohio, as part of the yearly meeting's service project, July 26-28. As in the past three years, our days of service will immediately precede LEYM annual sessions in Bluffton. This year we will be working with Habitat for Humanity in Lima, Ohio (18 miles south of Bluffton) for two days, midday Tuesday July 26 to noon on Thursday July 28, while using Bluffton as our home base. Our work will focus on working in the Habitat ReStore in whatever ways are most needed.

This is a great opportunity to help others while building community among ourselves. Last year's group were kept busy moving furniture, cleaning furniture ready for resale, and sharing in a program that adds value to the local community. We will also offer opportunities for worship and reflection.

LEYM has budgeted generous support for this project so that financial concerns need not prevent anyone from participating. Youth aged 16 and up as well as adults are invited to participate. We hope you are able to join us in continuing this legacy of Quaker service, and can promise you warm fellowship.

Please use the form on the next page to register by July 1. Questions are welcome to Sally Weaver Sommer at 419-358-0950 or sommerjs@bluffton.edu.

Registration Form for the LEYM Service Project

Participate in the LEYM Service Project July 26-28 with Habitat for Humanity in Lima, Ohio

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 until Noon, Thursday, July 28, 2016

This is the fourth consecutive year in which LEYM is providing an opportunity for Friends to continue a Quaker legacy of service and enrichment. Immediately preceding the annual sessions of yearly meeting, we will work two full days with Habitat for Humanity in Lima, Ohio, while staying on campus in Bluffton. Please fill out this form to join us.

Name(s) _____

Monthly Meeting _____ Age(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Special medical considerations? _____

Any Dietary restrictions? _____

The cost is \$95 per person for room, board, and a small donation to Habitat. We will be staying in dorm rooms (non-air conditioned) at Bluffton University and eating breakfast and dinners there. LEYM has budgeted generous support for this work so that financial concerns need not prevent anyone from participating. Please indicate in the blank below if you would like assistance.

Yes, I would appreciate a financial subsidy (indicate amount) _____

Send completed registration forms to Sally Weaver Sommer:
118 S. Spring St., Bluffton, Ohio 45817 or sommerjs@bluffton.edu

Please register by Friday July 1, 2016

This is an appropriate activity for children ages 16 and up. Everyone will need to sign a waiver of liability form from Habitat.

Complete information will be sent to all registrants about what to bring and what to expect. Questions may be addressed to Sally Weaver Sommer at 419-358-2954.

LEYM Annual Meeting 2016 – July 28 to July 31

Registration Instructions

1. **The Webmaster** has been constructing an online registration. We all hope the result will make the registration process easier. Use of the online form will of course be optional. Details will be forthcoming.
2. **Registration must be postmarked by Saturday, July 9th** for all children attending with their parents, along with a completed Parental Consent Form. Adults who register after this date must pay the higher \$60 registration fee. Room assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis. Early Registration fee is \$50 by July 9th.
3. **Please complete a line on the registration form for each family member attending.** Children age 3-18 pay 1/3 the cost of food, with no cost for linens and lodgings; their registration remains free this year. All adults who work full time with the youth do not incur charges. **It is important that every person attending be listed on the registration form** so that housing assignments can be made, meals are available, and program needs can be met.
4. **Worship Sharing Group:** Those interested in worship sharing will find a list for signups at check-in.
5. **Adult Young Friends:** Put a check in the Adult Young Friend column if you are age 19-25 and wish to participate in Adult Young Friends activities.
6. **Lodging:** Adult attendees may stay for \$23/night in Ramseyer Hall, which is air conditioned, for \$18/night in Hirschey Hall Annex, which is not air conditioned, or for \$10/night camping on the lawn near these dorms. Prices are per person. Dorm rooms have two twin beds. Often additional beds or mattresses can be moved from an empty room to accommodate children sleeping in their parents' room. Children and youths up to 18 years old are not charged for lodging. Campers need to bring their own tents and sleeping bags and will have access to dormitory restroom facilities. Put a check in the box below each night a person is staying. In the Lodging column, specify Ramseyer (R), Hirschey Annex (H), or camping (C).
7. **Linens:** Put a check in the Linens column if linens are desired. The \$10.00/stay cost covers top and bottom sheets, pillowcase, towel, washcloth, and a small bar of soap. Alternatively, sheets and towels may be brought from home. The beds in the dorms are x-long twin size. Linens are free for children and youth ages 0 to 18. Children and adults going to the lake will need to bring towels for swimming.
8. **Blankets and pillows:** Blankets and pillows are not included in the linens packet. Ramseyer rooms have blankets, but not pillows. Hirschey Annex rooms have neither blankets nor pillows.
9. **Commuters:** Attendees commuting from home or staying overnight off campus pay the commuter fee for each day attending. The cost is \$5.00/day. If attending only part of a day, the full day fee for that day should be paid. Put a check in the box below each day attending.
10. **Lodging/Commuter subtotal:** For lodging, multiply the number of nights staying by the cost per night of the chosen lodging and, if linens are desired, add in the linen cost; then enter the value in the Lodging Subtotal column. For commuters: multiply the number of days commuting by the daily commuter fee and enter the value in the Lodging Subtotal Column.

11. **Meals:** Put a check in the box for each meal desired. Cost per meal for attendees age 8 and up: breakfast \$6.25, lunch \$8.70, supper \$9.95. Add together the cost of all meals and enter in the Meals Subtotal column. Youth ages 8-18 have scholarships that will reduce these prices by $\frac{2}{3}$. For children ages 3-7 meal rates are: breakfast \$4.65, lunch \$6.45, and dinner \$7.35. The children's scholarships will reduce these costs by $\frac{2}{3}$.
12. **Registration Fee:** Adults age 19 and up pay a registration fee of \$50 if the registration form is postmarked by Saturday, July 9th, or \$60 if postmarked thereafter. Part time participants must pay the full registration fee.
13. **First Time Attenders:** Those adults attending for the first time are entitled to a discount of $\frac{1}{3}$ off total costs. After calculating the "Total" for each adult, calculate $\frac{1}{3}$ of Totals for all adults who are attending for the first time and enter the value in the Scholarship field.
14. **CHILDREN:** Registrations for children and completed Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Forms must be postmarked by Saturday, July 9th. Children ages 0-3 are free. Children 3-18 get free lodging and linens and pay $\frac{1}{3}$ cost of food. Registration for the children is free. Those participating in the Adult Young Friends program must register and pay fees as an adult. Children do not have to be toilet trained. A line on the registration form must be filled out for each child to assure a place in the Youth and Children's Program, lodging and meals. A parent or guardian should complete the LEYM Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Form for all children up to 18 years of age.
15. **Lost Keys:** There is a \$20.00 fee for a lost key to a dorm room.
16. **Contact Information:** Please fill out your address, phone number, monthly meeting and email address. If an email address is specified, the registrar will notify you when your registration has been received.
17. **LEYM Bulletin Preference:** Please circle your preferred method of receiving the LEYM Bulletin. Circle one of three choices: delivery via US postal service to your home address, delivery to our Monthly Meetings in bulk, or (a new option) delivery to your personal e-mail address. Be sure to write your e-mail on the registration form.
18. **Concerns/Roommates:** Please complete these sections as applicable. We will try our best to meet your requests.
19. **Payment:** Please make checks payable to LEYM and mail along with your completed registration form, as well as the Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Form if children will be attending, to the registrar: Berch Carpenter, 1700 Spillan Road, Yellow Springs, OH 45387.
20. **Financial Assistance:** Those desiring financial assistance should first contact their monthly meeting. If needs cannot be met by the monthly meeting, contact the registrar: berchrc@gmail.com or 937-408-4077.
21. **Emergency Contact:** If someone needs to reach you while you are attending LEYM, during business hours a message may be left at the Marbeck Center switchboard: 419-358-3000. After hours, campus security can be called at 419-358-3343.
22. **Questions:** Please contact Berch Carpenter, registrar, at berchrc@gmail.com or 937-408-4077.
22. **Alert!** LEYM includes people with asthma and chemical sensitivities that are triggered by fragrances. Help these Friends stay healthy by bringing and using fragrance-free toiletries.

LEYM Schedule—What would John Woolman Do?

From	To	Thursday, July 28
12:00 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting 1899 Room
2:00 pm	3:30 pm	Spiritual Practice —Time for study, conversation, singing, or other projects.
3:30 pm	5:30 pm	Committee Meetings; check board in registration area for locations. (Those not on committees may sit in.)
5:00 pm		Ramseyer Dorm opens
5:30 pm	6:30 pm	Dinner line open for LEYM
6:30 pm	7:30 pm	Committee Meetings; check board in registration area for locations. (Those not on committees may sit in.) Newcomer Enrichment Meeting. Spiritual Practice – Time for study, conversation, singing, or other projects.
7:30 pm	9:00 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business—Opening Session Kreider Meeting Room
From	To	Friday, July 29
6:30 am	7:30 am	Early Meeting for Worship Centennial Hall – First Floor Lobby
8:00 am	8:30am	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:45 am	9:30 am	Worship Sharing: Meet at Bob’s Place to form groups <i>Query: Am I learning how to be aware of my own implicit bias that may interfere with my ability to see that of God in every person?</i>
9:40 am	10:45 am	Committee Meetings (Those not on committees may sit in). Newcomer Enrichment Meeting 12-Step Meeting Spiritual Practice – Time for study, conversation, singing, or other projects.
11:00 am	12:30 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Kreider Meeting Room
12:30 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:45 pm	3:15 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Kreider Meeting Room
3:30 pm	5:15 pm	<i>Workshops: choose one (Children’s Program ends 5:15)</i> Workshop- Pittsburgh AFSC - <i>Youth Undoing Institutional Racism Group</i> Workshop - FCNL – Emily Wirzba – <i>A Path Forward on Climate Change</i> Workshop- Peace Committee – <i>Racial Justice: What Can You Do?</i> Workshop- Jo Posti - <i>Financial Stewardship</i> Workshop - <i>Share Your Life's Journey</i>

5:30 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner line open for LEYM
6:30 pm	7:00 pm	Spiritual Practice – Time for study, conversation, singing, or other projects
7:15 pm	8:45 pm	Plenary Speaker, Natalie Finegar, Deputy District Public Defender for Baltimore <i>Baltimore’s Uprising: A Window into the Flawed Justice System that Perpetuates Racial Inequalities</i>
From	To	Saturday, July 30
6:30 am	7:30 am	Early Meeting for Worship: Meet at Bob’s Place Centennial Hall – First Floor Lobby
7:45 am	8:15 am	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:45 am	9:30 am	Worship Sharing: check registration area for location -Meet at Bob’s Place if you did not join a group on Friday <i>Query: Am I mindful of how my lifestyle and my investments can contribute to the improvement of the human condition, or to the exploitation of others?</i>
9:45 am	11:45 am	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Kreider Meeting Room
12 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
12:30 pm	12:50 pm	Spiritual Practice – Time for study, conversation, singing, or your own project
1:15 pm	3:15 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Kreider Meeting Room
2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	Crafters/Artists Set-up in Cafeteria
3:30 pm	5:15 pm	<i>Workshops: choose one (Children’s Program ends 5:15)</i> <i>Workshop - Abbey Pratt-Harrington – Bible Study</i> <i>Workshop - Natalie Finegar — Holistic representation of Clients</i> <i>Workshop - Carlin Cohen – School to Prison Pipeline</i> <i>Workshop - John Howell – Does Our Monetary System Contain the Seeds of War and Injustice?</i> <i>Workshop - Dick Hogan & Ms. Groetz — New and Ancient Story Play</i>
5:30 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner line open for LEYM

7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Sharing of Friends' Arts and Crafts- viewing in cafeteria Emma Seif - Swing Dancing – Bob's Place 12 Step Meeting Ice Cream Social in Bob's Place
From		
To		
Sunday, July 31		
6:30 am	7:30 am	Early Meeting for Worship Centennial Hall – First Floor Lobby
7:45 am	8:15 am	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:45 am	9:30 am	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Kreider Meeting Room
9:30 am	10:30 am	Epistles and Sharing by the Children's Program Kreider Meeting Room
10:30 am	11:30 am	Meeting for Worship Kreider Meeting Room
12:00 noon	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM

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Business Meeting at LEYM

Consent Form and Medical Information Page 1 of 2

Deadline – July 9, 2016– Registration Deadline for Children – July 9 2016 –Deadline
LEYM Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Form
All children welcome, toilet-trained or not

Child's full name: _____

Child's age at LEYM: _____

Child's grade level next fall:

Nickname: _____ Tee Shirt Size _____ Youth or Adult Size

Child's full name: _____

Child's age at LEYM: _____

Child's grade level next fall:

Nickname: _____ Tee Shirt Size _____ Youth or Adult Size

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Child's age at LEYM: _____

Child's grade level next fall:

Nickname: _____ Tee Shirt Size _____ Youth or Adult Size

Parent/Guardian name _____

Parent/Guardian email address _____

Home address: _____

Name(s) & address of children's Parent/Guardian/Adult Sponsor attending with child/teen if
different from the above adult

Email address: _____

Please give a full listing of each child's medical, mental, and physical / conditions as well as
any medications he/she is currently taking:

Consent and Medical Form—Page 2 of 2

Medical Insurance Information. A copy of the insurance card would be helpful. One for each child.

Insurance Carrier:

Group number:

Policy holder's name:

Policy number:

I am aware that my child is attending the gathering of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting at Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH, on July 28 – July 31, 2016. I authorize the adult staff to arrange for emergency medical care they deem necessary. I am aware that for my child to participate in swimming, bowling, or any other off-campus activity he/she will be riding in a private motor vehicle to and from these activities. My child will ride only in vehicles equipped with seatbelts or age appropriate child-restraining devices. [Providing your child's car seat would help.]

(Signature of parent or guardian)

Telephone number(s) where parent/guardian can be reached for permission for emergency medical treatment/admittance if they are not attending LEYM.

If parent/guardian cannot be reached,

Notify: _____

Days: _____

Evenings: _____

Finance Committee: Draft Budget for 2016–17

from Jeff Cooper



Jeff Cooper

The draft budget for 2016–17 is presented below. Predicted expenses (\$21,800) are lower than last year by \$2700, as there is no plan for a High School Teen Retreat program, our contribution to Michigan Friends Center was a one-time gift, and other lines have had lower expenses and/or have ample support from corresponding funds. Two budget lines are increased: Finance (by \$500), to cover an audit, and our contribution to Friends General Conference (by \$1500). As in past years, this budget has a slight deficit; a shortfall can be covered through the General Fund. The budgeted amount in contributions from monthly meetings works out to a suggested \$28 per member, down from \$32 in the current year.

We present this draft budget with an invitation for comments and questions to determine whether it reflects the Yearly Meeting’s needs. Numbers may go up or down by Annual Meeting, when we must approve a final budget.

Draft Budget for 2016–17

Items	Amount	Change	Balance
Travel	3000	-1000	2272
Office	50	0	-
Contract worker	2000	0	-
Finance	550	+500	-
Publications	3000	-200	-
Advancement & Outreach	100	0	-
Ministry & Nurture	100	0	-
Clerk’s Fund	300	0	-
FGC contribution	6000	+1500	-
Records project	100	0	-
FWCC Travel	1500	0	540
Youth Activity Fund	1000	0	6841
High School Retreat Program	0	-1600	8074
Spiritual Formation	300	-500	3095
Olney Friends School	2000	0	-
Consultation Fund	0	0	3144
Ministry scholarships	100	-400	1500
Service projects	1200	0	1182
Insurance	500	0	-
Michigan Friends Center	0	-1000	-
Total Expenses	\$21,800	-\$2,700	
Contributions from Meetings	20,160	-2,880	
Friends Fiduciary Payouts	1050	0	
Total Income	\$21,210	-\$2,880	
Deficit	\$590	+\$180	
Suggested contribution			
per member	\$28	-\$4	
Balance in General Fund, 4/02/2016			\$25,267

Opening Doors

Leslie Walden

Ever wonder why some people always seem to find open doors while others can't even locate the knob? Whenever I face a new situation, my first move is to try to imagine the very best thing that could come out of it. After that it's just a matter of making myself ready to accept that best.

One Maundy Thursday Alan Jefferies, the assignment editor, told me I was to shoot a Good Friday service at the church of my choice the next day.

Where to go? What church would make the best video? Something Episcopalian or Catholic, I thought.

Taking the easiest path, I telephoned the Episcopalian Cathedral near the TV station and made an appointment with the Archbishop for later that morning.

In his office we talked about what part of the lengthy service would best represent the meaning of Good Friday. He suggested the moment when the cross, which represented Jesus, would be revealed to the congregation.

In the sun-splashed sanctuary he showed me where he would hold the cross, at first covered by a purple cloth, saying "Behold the cross on which the Son of Man died."

Then he moved a few steps and pulled the cloth halfway off the cross. "Behold the cross on which the Son of Man died."

Two more steps put him behind the center of the altar. Completely removing the cloth and holding the cross high above his head, he shouted "Behold the cross on which the Son of Man died!"

I agreed that it was a most dramatic moment and asked what time he thought he would reach that part of the service.

"Around 10:45," he said "the same time as it is now."

* * *

The next morning at 10:15 I told Alan Jefferies that I was on my way to do the Good Friday service.

"Let me get my coat," he said, "I'm coming with you to write the story." I was surprised; Alan was a devout, deep double-dyed atheist.



Off we went to the cathedral. The day outside was partly cloudy so inside at first there were no splashes of light, but I lined up my camera with the center of the altar and the spot where one shaft of light had fallen the day before.

The time came and I rolled the film. The bishop held up the cross. No shaft of light. The bishop moved to the second position; still no shaft of light. Finally, he moved to the center of the altar and held the cross high.

At that instant a cloud moved away and a pure, clean ray of light burst through a high window, smashing into the wall so hard it should have made a sound.

Two minutes later Alan and I were on our way to the car. For a time he was angry, too livid to speak.

Finally he shouted, "YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE!"

"Look," I said, "I don't make the sun shine, and I don't move the clouds, but if the sun was going to be there, and the cloud was going to move, I wanted to be where I could make the best use of them."



Meetings and Worship Groups in LEYM

Mathilda Navias, Web Master



Find an LEYM Meeting or Worship Group

If you want to know

- What's the nearest meeting to yours
- How to contact another meeting or worship group
- How to drive to another LEYM meeting or worship group
- How many meetings and worship groups there are and where they are
- How to find a website for another meeting or worship group
- When and where meetings for worship are held throughout LEYM

The answer is on LEYM's web site at leym.org. One of the tabs at the top of the screen is labeled "Find a Meeting". Click on "Map". Here you will find a regional map with all the meetings and worship groups marked on it. Click on a meeting to go to its place in an alphabetized list. There you will find the time and location for worship, who to contact, and the web address. Or click directly on "List A-Z" or "List by State". If you click on "Beyond LEYM" you'll find links to FGC's Quakerfinder website and QuakerMaps.com.

Friends Committee on National Legislation Yearly Report to Monthly Meetings

2016 Report to Monthly Meetings (via Nancy Taylor)

As Friends, our faith and experience convince us to work for the peaceful, just, equitable, and sustainable world we seek. Above all, we seek to remain open to where God leads us. The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) has carried on this witness of the Spirit through action on Capitol Hill for nearly 75 years.



FCNL Building in Washington, D.C.

FCNL is strengthening our civil dialogue and lobbying by our community. We are investing in programs to expand our work with young adults and local lobby leadership. We are seeing results such as the introduction of bipartisan proposals to address climate change (H. Res 424) and build peace through the Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act (S.2551). Our expanded program to train and support Friends and others building relationships with members of Congress have helped grow the power of our Quaker lobbying community. This broadening and deepening of our outreach is made possible by our capital campaign, “The World We Seek, Now is the Time.”

FCNL brings the concerns, experiences, and testimonies of Friends to bear on policy decisions in the nation’s capital. We are governed by a General Committee of 178 Quakers, representing 25 Yearly Meetings and four Quaker organizations. We are sustained by the advocacy, prayers, and financial support of tens of thousands of Friends and like-minded people across the country, in every state and nearly every congressional district. Thank you for your support and leadership.

Living our Faith through Action

FCNL’s 17 registered lobbyists meet on Capitol Hill with lawmakers and their staff, and we work as partners with citizen advocates across the country. In 2015, 1,314 Friends and supporters of FCNL made more than 593 personal visits to congressional offices, in Washington and in local districts, on FCNL priority issues. Our network also sent 120,516 issue-related messages to Congress and had 101 letters to the editor published that support our advocacy priorities.

What We Achieve Together:

Iran Diplomacy Works

FCNL was a leader in mobilizing congressional support for the diplomatic agreement with Iran that is keeping Iran from developing nuclear weapons and preventing war. Our lobbying intensified as Congress prepared to vote on the agreement. We helped organize faith parties in Washington, D.C. to lobby for the Iran deal. Our powerful combination of Hill lobbying, grassroots advocacy, organization of other faith groups, letters to the editor in all 50 states, and media outreach helped achieve results: 42 senators supported the deal, enough to block the vote. Congressional Quarterly called FCNL's Kate Gould "the Quaker lobbyist behind the Iran deal fight," joining the *Wall Street Journal*, *DNN*, and *US News and World Report* in recognizing FCNL's pro-diplomacy leadership. fcnl.org/Iran

Climate Change: A Bipartisan Way Forward

Breaking the partisan gridlock that is blocking action on climate change is a central focus of FCNL's advocacy. Our work has directly led to the introduction of a Republican-sponsored resolution committing members to discuss and address climate change. FCNL worked with Rep. Chris Gibson (NY) and other sponsors to build support for the resolution. Speaking at the Climate Justice Rally on the National Mall in September, FCNL's Jose Aguto called it "a crack in the partisan dam, behind which lies a great river of climate solutions." Our lobbying in Washington is supported and reinforced by the members of FCNL's Advocacy Corps, who are organizing in districts across the country for bipartisan climate action. fcnl.org/climate

Mass Incarceration: Ease Harsh, Discriminatory Sentencing

As a result of harsh sentencing laws, the U.S. is the world's leader in incarceration, with 2.2 million people behind bars. FCNL is building support for federal legislation to reduce mandatory sentencing lengths, give judges more sentencing discretion, and limit solitary confinement. This effort was the focus of our Spring Lobby Weekend in March 2016 that brought a record 400 young adults to Washington, D.C. to lobby for bi-partisan legislation. fcnl.org/incarceration

De-Militarizing U.S. Police Forces

President Obama announced that the federal government will stop giving certain military equipment to local police departments. Even before the highly publicized killings by

police in Ferguson, New York, and Baltimore focused national attention on U.S. policing, FCNL was laying the groundwork to get military equipment off Main Street. We collaborated closely with Rep. Hank Johnson (GA) on the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act, legislation that includes many of the provisions in the president's executive order.

fcnl.org/militarism

Ending Endless War

The 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) has given two presidents a blank check to justify new wars, deadly drone attacks around the world, detentions at Guantanamo Bay and U.S. airstrikes in Iraq and Syria. FCNL lobbyists in Washington and around the country continue to lead efforts to repeal this law and insist that Congress debate and vote on every war. Last year, we convinced more than 200 members of Congress to vote (at different times) for repeal of the AUMF. As Congress considers a new authorization against the Islamic State, we continue to press members to first repeal the existing law, which allows the president to act virtually without limit. fcnl.org/endingwar

Building Structures for Peace

FCNL has led efforts to persuade the U.S. government to invest in diplomacy, peacebuilding, and other means to prevent wars before they start. U.S. support for peacebuilding efforts in Kenya, the Central African Republic, and elsewhere show the power of nonviolent approaches to problem-solving. Yet the U.S. infrastructure to carry out this work is precarious and underfunded. U.S. foreign policy needs to pivot to peace. FCNL is helping to secure funding for peacebuilding and build support for permanent authorization of these programs. fcnl.org/peacebuilding

Cutting the Pentagon and Nuclear Weapons Budgets

While Pentagon spending has declined from its height during the Iraq War, the U.S. government still spends almost as much on the military as it did during the Cold War and Vietnam War. FCNL's current lobbying focuses in two areas: eliminating the loophole that lets the Pentagon avoid spending caps and opposing congressional efforts to fund the Pentagon by cutting domestic spending. We are working to close the loophole that lets the Pentagon avoid spending restrictions and to cut nuclear weapons spending through the SANE Act. This legislation would eliminate \$100 billion in nuclear weapons spending over the next decade. fcnl.org/budget & fcnl.org/nuclear

A GOLDEN-RULED SUSTAINABILITY MOVEMENT

Recommended Petition by our Earthcare Committee—Russell Adams, Co-Clerk

Summary: We, the undersigned, encourage development of new cultures and beliefs among our brothers and sisters to achieve the first golden-ruled sustainable civilization since our kind began. Our hopes, dimmed by customs that violate creation, could brighten spectacularly as a result.



Our best modern scientists dream of sustainability. In 1992, 1,700 scientists, including 102 Nobel Prize winners—over half the Nobel Prize winners then alive—issued their *Warning to Humanity*. They wrote: “Its (earth’s) ability to provide for growing numbers of people is finite. And we are fast approaching many of the earth’s limits. Current economic practices which damage the environment, in both developed and underdeveloped nations, cannot be continued without the risk that vital global systems will be damaged beyond repair.” Kindred is *The Earth Charter*.

We urge building toward the first golden-ruled, sustainable civilization in the history of our kind.

In the 1970’s, many recognized the importance of sustainability by establishing an Environmental Protection Agency. Today, it is increasingly obvious that we need not just environmental sustainability, but also water/food, energy, demographic, economic, political, and, likely, other forms of sustainability as well.

We support creation of a Commission on Sustainability for the Future, to re-shape policies, incentives, and technologies, allowing very careful steps into a bright new world.

We encourage full sustainability as a crucial goal of faith, government, and business, at all levels.

We encourage universal sustainability-impact assessments. We encourage population neutrality.

We encourage use of this resolution in every imaginable way to build, among all of our dear brothers and sisters of every faith, creed, color, and kind, those cultures of simplicity and restraint appropriate to good stewardship.

We encourage use of this document to build toward the critical mass needed to protect creation.

We do so out of our overwhelming respect for our God, the Great Creator, the giver of all-important golden rules, for the sake of all of tomorrow’s children, everywhere.

For those who wish to sign, a complete paper copy of this petition can be found in the Poster Room or any of the Workshops led by the Earthcare members.

Announcements

Young Adult Friend social justice conference
June 3-8, 2016

The Continuing Revolution conference series is an annual social justice conference for young adult Quakers (18-35) every summer at Pendle Hill. You can read more about the conference on our website, but to share briefly, the conference is a six-day, intensive training-oriented program designed around one thematic issue that changes year to year. This year's conference will be centered around the theme of integrity as a radical act. We are working with that in its most expansive capacity, with all sorts of workshops on wholeness, identity, accountability, interconnectedness, truth telling, letting our lives speak, moving from ideas to action and much much more. So... save the dates: June 3-8, 2016!

More info: <http://www.pendlehill.org/yafc>

LEYM Youth & Children Committee needs someone with Life Guarding credentials to help them out during the annual sessions. Contact Kate Spry (216) 371-4640 kmspry@yahoo.com



If you wish to receive the Bulletin by e-mail, sign up at LEYM.org/leym-bulletins.

2016-17

LEYM Spiritual Formation Program

Theme

Spiritual Companions from the past:
John Woolman, Caroline Stephen, and
Howard Thurman

Leader

Della Stanley-Green

Retreats

September 9-11, 2016
Weber Retreat Center, Adrian, MI

Saturday, May 5, 2017
Hosted by a Monthly Meeting (TBD)

*Complete information and registration form
@ LEYM.org/spiritual-formation*

Notice

As we put together this Bulletin issue, the webmaster has been constructing an online registration. We all hope the result will make the registration process easier. Use of the online form will of course be optional. Details will be forthcoming.

Alert

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This year LEYM is subsidizing the cost for children and youth (ages 18 and under). Lodging is free; families pay only 1/3 the cost of their children's meals.

**LEYM Committee Clerks
2015/16**

Calendar

Advancement & Outreach

Erika Smith (Ann Arbor)

7/11/2016

Due date for meeting and worship group statistical reports to LEYM

Site & Arrangements

Jon Sommer (Broadmead)

Earthcare

Russ Adams (North Columbus)

Richard Lee (Red Cedar)

7/28-31/2016

Annual Meeting occurs in Bluffton, Ohio

Finance

Jeff Cooper (Ann Arbor)

9/9-11/2016

LEYM Spiritual Formation fall retreat

Ministry & Nurture

Paula Deming (Waysmeet)

Nominating

Abbey Pratt-Harrington (Athens)

9/15/2016

Due date for submissions to Annual Records 2016

Peace

Lucia Kalinosky (Oberlin)

Adult & Family Program

Dale Pratt-Harrington (Athens)

9/15/2016

Due date for submissions to Fall *Bulletin*

Publications & Archives

Peggy Daub (Ann Arbor)

Youth & Children's Program

Kate Spry (Cleveland)

1/15/2017

Due date for submissions to Winter *Bulletin*

High School Teen Retreat Program

Dave Avner (Pittsburgh)