

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

Religious Society of Friends

Monthly Meetings:

Akron
Ann Arbor
Athens
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Grand Rapids
Granville
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Pittsburgh
Red Cedar
Wooster

Preparative Meeting:

Indiana

Worship Groups:

Buckhannon
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Rio Grande
Rock Road
Slippery Rock

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

Held at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio

Sixth Month 16-19, 1994

Greetings to Friends Everywhere:

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting met sixth month 16-19, 1994, at Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio. 142 Friends of all ages joined together to consider "Our Spiritual Journeys," especially becoming aware of how God is at work in our personal lives, our families, and in our Monthly Meetings.

A rich diversity of spiritual experience was revealed through the sharing of our individual stories. There are Friends among us actively seeking healing of the body, mind and spirit. Meetings for Healing are being held in Monthly Meetings as well as at each Yearly Meeting gathering. The Power of the Healing Light is being realized.

In addition, some Monthly Meetings are experiencing a new sense of community after long years of struggle with difficult issues. There is a deep sense of renewal that truly brings a message of hope to us all that laboring in *love* for as long as it takes reaps great rewards.

Even as we considered our spiritual foundation, we felt called to address the communities that surround us. The Yearly Meeting has approved a minute on approaches to criminal justice that calls for an emphasis on rehabilitation and constructive approaches rather than vengeance and punishment. A minute supporting the Land Mine Production Moratorium Amendment under consideration in the U.S. Senate was approved and will be sent to the Senators of our respective states. New queries on the environment and on the role of our families in our spiritual lives were approved and will be sent to our Monthly Meetings for consideration. Friends were asked to consider joining in unity with a Baltimore Yearly Meeting minute on population concerns and to include the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund in their annual budgets.

The fellowship of Friends, young and old, gives us a sense of new hope and of strength. We find ourselves energized to deepen our spiritual journeys and to work anew within our Monthly Meetings and wider communities.

On behalf of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting,

Patricia Campbell, Clerk

Epistle From Young Friends

June 19, 1994

To young Friends everywhere:

This year, the middle and high school group of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting worked on non-violence and cooperation and unity. Our instructors from American Friends Service Committee were cool. We liked having teachers our own age and we had fun with them. We also attended the panel of Ministry and Oversight and then made environments for listening to the spirit. We went swimming and we enjoyed being with other young friends.

LEYM Middle and High School Friends
Ages 13-18