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LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

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Clerk's Message

From Mike Holaday

No Worries

Part of the fun of getting older is eavesdropping on the younger generation. Language is always changing and you can hear that in the idioms of everyday speech, especially young folks' speech.

Consider "no worries" and "it's all good," expressions beloved of Generation X. According to my sources, they have the same basic meaning (things are fine) but with some subtle differences. "No worries" implies whatever you've said, I don't have an issue with it, or I'm not troubled by it. "It's all good" shades toward however things come out, it makes no difference to me. Right there you can see why we have idioms. They say a lot without having to say a lot.

Take another one young folks seem fond of these days. "First-world problem," I recently learned from a source deep in Gen X, describes something trivial in the great scheme of things, but annoying just the same. You might say, in a FaceBook post, "We had lousy service at our fa-



vorite restaurant last night. I know, first-world problem." The point being, don't climb my frame if I harp about restaurant service; I *know* the Syrian refugees have it much worse.

These expressions sound so cheerful and optimistic, as if youngsters hadn't a care in the world. Well, I'm not buying it. Young people *do* have worries, lots of them. It's *not* "all good"—some of it's really bad. And first-world problems include toxic doses of stress, alienation and ennui, not just poor restaurant service. Seen in that light, maybe all these idioms are thinly veiled cries for help.

What do Friends have to offer a perturbed and beleaguered generation? I'll list three things.

We've got silent worship. When I settle into the silence, I usually bring something from my day-to-day life with me. It might be a worry, maybe just a preoccupation, but if I sit with it in silence, it has a way of dimming and fading like a match flaring and burning out. Sometimes a Friend speaks to my condition,

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and I feel the connectedness of our worship. Spirit can be very generous.

We have community. That gives us many ways of reminding ourselves we're in this together. As members of a non-clerical religious society, we don't have a paid pastor whose job it is to tackle the problems of the congregation, great and small. Ain't nobody but us chickens in that meetinghouse. The longer I experience this, the more I'm convinced that if there's something going on in my life that doesn't feel like a community thing, it's maybe not as important as I imagined it was.

We've got testimonies. Friends have worked the complicated stuff out. They've condensed some powerful answers into an economical package of guiding principles. If you're looking for pointers on navigating your way

through an enervating and alienating world, you could do worse than meditate on the lasting value of SPICES.*

You can probably think of other things the Religious Society of Friends has to offer a suffering world. The point is, don't be fooled. The next time you hear a youngster brush off a disagreement with "no worries," or a screw-up with "it's all good," or an annoyance with "first-world problem," you might be hearing an opportunity to ask, "Want to talk a bit about that?"



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Greetings from the Editors

Communicating across generations is a kind of theme for the 2017 LEYM Annual Sessions. Greg Woods, our plenary speaker, has titled his talk “Reviving Quakerism in the New Millennium” and indeed, in this millennium we need what could be called revival. Woods speaks to the generation of “Millennials” now coming of age with their attachment to electronic devices and their creative hair. They come after “Generation X”, inventors of flash mobs and grunge and some cool linguistics our clerk Mike Holaday notes in “No Worries.” Gen X are children of the Baby Boomers, who were born between 1946 and 1964. We thought we could save the world; there were so many of us, and we were noisy compared to our parents’ “Silent Generation.”

We all come to these pages as Quakers who sincerely want to be *inclusive*—racially, culturally, linguistically, and socioeconomically. We want all generations to be involved, especially in the LEYM annual sessions. Multi-generationally, we hope for conversation and learning from each other as we share silent worship and other listening opportunities.

The editors highly recommend the memoir from LEYM Friend Les Walden, pp 9-10.

This issue of the *Bulletin* serves the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting with information about the many activities you might want to participate in during the annual sessions and afterward. We’ve included registration materials, consent forms, schedules, names and contact information.

We look forward to the presence of our eldest guest, Lucrecia Mott, born in 1793 and fiercely determined as Quakers are, once we have committed ourselves, to extending access to power and freedom beyond the range of property-owning white men. Mrs. Mott was committed to Quaker education, abolition of slavery, and the rights of women.



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Come to the 2017 LEYM Service Project on July 25-27 before LEYM Begins!

Co-Leaders: Olwen Pritchard and
Sally Weaver Sommer



Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Lima, Ohio

Friends are invited to work together with Habitat for Humanity in Lima, Ohio, as part of the yearly meeting's service project, July 25-27. As in the past four 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, 1:30 Tuesday July 25th to noon on Thursday July 27th, while using Bluffton as our home base. We will focus on working in the Habitat Restore in whatever ways are most needed. We need a minimum of 5 people to proceed with the project.

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 valuable to the local community. We will also offer opportunities for worship and reflection.

LEYM has budgeted generous support to 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 Olwen Pritchard at 419-358-2954 or pritchardo@bluffton.edu.



Restore in
elongation

Participate in the LEYM Service Project July 25-27 with Habitat for Humanity in Lima, Ohio

1:30 p.m. Tuesday July 25th until Noon, Thursday, July 27, 2017

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 Olwen S. Pritchard,
214 N Spring Street, Bluffton, OH 45817

Please register by July 1, 2017

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 Olwen S. Pritchard at 419-358-2954.

Finance Committee: Draft Budget for 2017–18

The draft budget for 2017–18 is presented below. Predicted expenses (\$21,200) are lower than last year by \$350, mainly reflecting lower recent spending and/or ample support from corresponding funds; Finance returns to a normal level as we don't plan an audit this year. Two budget lines are increased to cover higher expenses: Contract worker (up \$400) and Publications (up \$500), and FWCC Travel is up \$600, reflecting a commitment to help Friends from other parts of the world attend future international gatherings. 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, unchanged from 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 2017–18			
	Amount	Change from 2016-17	Balance in supporting fund 4/01/2017
Travel	2500	-500	4000
Office	125	+25	-
Contract worker	2400	+400	-
Finance	75	-475	-
Publications	2700	+500	-
Advancement & Outreach	100	0	-
Ministry & Nurture	100	0	-
Clerk's Fund	200	-100	-
FGC contribution	6000	0	-
Pittsburgh MM 1-time donation (replaces FGC assessment)	1000	-400	-
Records project	100		0
FWCC Travel	600	+600	1740
Youth Activities Fund	1000	0	6835
High School Retreat Program	0	0	8074
Spiritual Formation	300	0	3215
Olney Friends School	2000	0	-
Consultation Fund	0	0	3144
Ministry scholarships	0	-100	2000
Service projects	300	-300	2320
Insurance	500	0	-
Total Expenses	\$21,200	-\$350	
Contributions from Meetings	19,600	-280	
Friends Fiduciary Payouts	1080	+30	
Total Income	\$20,680	-\$250	
Deficit	\$520	-\$100	
Suggested contribution per member (700 members)	\$28	\$0	
Balance in General Fund, 4/01/2017		\$27,802	



Finance Committee: Draft Budget for 2016–17

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

	Amount	Change from 2015-16
Travel	3000	-1000
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
Youth Activity Fund	1000	0
High School Retreat Program	0	-1600
Spiritual Formation	300	-500
Olney Friends School	2000	0
Consultation Fund	0	0
Ministry scholarships	100	-400
Service projects	1200	0
Insurance	500	0
Michigan Friends Center	0	-1000
Total Expenses	\$21,800	-\$2700
Contributions from Meetings	20,160	-2880
Friends Fiduciary Payouts	1050	0
Total Income	\$21,210	-\$2880
Deficit	\$590	+\$180
Suggested contribution per member	\$28	-\$4



Jeff Cooper, Clerk of the LEYM
Finance Committee



LEYM Treasurer's Statement as of May 17, 2017
By Mike Hinshaw, Treasurer



Mike Hinshaw – LEYM Treasurer

Our fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. Seventeen meetings and two individuals have contributed to our work so far this fiscal year in the amount of \$21,141.40. We have spent 106% of our budget, primarily due to a special contribution made to FGC for doing an institutional audit and because of relatively higher travel costs for the FWCC Section Meeting, held this year. We are approximately 83% of the way through our fiscal year. We currently have \$72,011.39 in assets. The Treasurer is still trying to obtain a receipt for a \$500 expenditure made during last year's meeting has purchased a computer for use of the Treasurer which can be used to contact the Treasurer. It is thanks to all for using the expense forms and for your

Finding LEYM Dates and Deadlines

Mathilda Navias, LEYM Webmaster



When you want to know when LEYM Annual Sessions are being held, or Representative Meeting, or a LEYM Spiritual Formation retreat, or Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting activities, or the yearly meeting workdays before Annual Sessions, go to LEYM's web site at leym.org. Click on the tabs at the top for "Programs," "Sessions," or "GPQM" to find the information you're looking for, as well as information on schedules and registration.

When you want to know to whom you'll submit your meeting's response to the Annual Query, or when to get your meeting's memorial minutes sent in to the yearly meeting for publication in the Annual Records, or when to send in your State of the Meeting or Annual Statistical Report, under the "Resources" tab, go to "Resources for Meetings & WGs", then "List of Information requested annually from monthly meetings and worship groups." On the "Resources for Meetings & WGs" page, you will also find information about the Annual Query, guidelines for the State of the Meeting Report, information on the Statistical Report, and information on Memorial Minutes. There are additional resources on that page as well.

A Final Crossing

By Leslie Walden



When my mother-in-law became a widow she came to our house for an extended visit. As we intended, those visits became longer and longer each year until, at last, the time between visits became vanishingly short and we made a final trip back to her home to collect the things she wanted to keep, sell the things she didn't want to keep, and give away the items she wanted to go to a particular place.

She tried to give her upright piano to the town for the community center, but the Apostolic Christians on the Town Council turned it down because they were afraid it might lead to dancing.

She was very pleased to find a young and ill-financed minister who promised a good home for all the theology books from her late husband's collection.

She tried to join our lives, as best she could, with mixed results. She joined the Baptist Church near us and found a couple who attended regularly and were happy to drive her home if we could bring her there. That worked well for several years until they gave up driving and moved into a retirement home. She tried attending our Meeting, but she didn't enjoy it and was often led to speak in Meeting, explaining the many ways in which Friends had wandered from the true path. Eventually we worked it out that I would go to church with her on alternate weeks and she would read at home on the other Sundays.

For a time she cooked part of the meals at our house, but she gave that up after she found she was having difficulty following recipes without starting on one and finishing with instructions from another. Her cooking career ended when she forgot to turn off the range. Fortunately, the only loss was a pot that cooked dry and then warped beyond its usefulness.

It had been the custom in her extended family, not to endure in-laws gracefully. Eventually, as she became more and more dependent, she overcame this and decided that I could cook pretty well (for a man) and that I was pretty useful at getting her to her doctor appointments, interpreting her descriptions of her symptoms to the doctor and the doctor's directions to her. She retained a conviction to the end of her days, that a doctor should be able to know her complaints without being told. After all, that was what the doctor was there for.

After a time, I was trusted and relied on. She came to tell me a great many stories (some I imagine she never told her children) and which I have never, to this day, told anyone else.

We seemed to get everything to do with health onto an even keel. Her blood pressure, which had varied wildly, became manageable. Her weight, which had been on a downward spiral, stabilized, and her mood became sunnier. I made pictures for her that helped her remember her exercise regimen and reminded her when it was time to do them.

Eventually, we settled into long, friendly, philosophical chats, one of which led to the question of what she would like to have happening at the time of her death. She had no fear of death, but she had no longing for it. What she wanted was for someone to be with her, to hold her hand, and to pray with her as she died. In the end she was able to have that.

Walking down the hallway at our house, she experienced a standing fracture of her hip. She was able to make her way to her bed without falling.

The next morning a visit to her regular physician did not show the break on his x-ray. Examination at an MRI laboratory was also negative. She was sent home with pain medication to await developments. During the night, pain raised her blood pressure and her blood pressure led to a heart attack.

At the hospital the care she was given was palliative. For two weeks, she was kept comfortable and had long and pleasant visits. Finally, at three o'clock one morning, while she and I were holding hands and silently praying, she stopped breathing and peacefully died.

I was not saddened. I was satisfied that she and I had managed it just as she had wanted and I believed that she was satisfied in the same way.

I felt it was the last service I could provide across that generational bridge and that she and I had done it well.



Margaret Walden and
granddaughter Rose



About Greg Woods, Plenary Speaker

Greg Woods was fourteen when he attended the “High School Quake” in Illinois in December 1999. He later attended an AFSC work camp in the Pine Ridge Lakota community and co-created “Project Lakota” to raise funds to help support their work. He graduated from Earlham with a degree in Peace and Global Studies, receiving an award from the department for his activism. He maintains an interest in “young Quakers doing awesome things,” according to Breeze Richardson, who wrote about him in *Friends Journal*. As a fourth year college student at Earlham, he began to speak publicly and to write about his work. He continued to help with building projects on Pine Ridge, and to participate in projects in Mexico. He has also worked at the William Penn House in Baltimore, Maryland.

He served as Interim Pastor and Friends Center Intern at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina and completed a master’s degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. He writes:

“Millennials are INDEED interested in spirituality, and yet many young adult Quakers go to non-Quaker campuses. Reach out to Millennials where many of them are: College and University campuses.”

Plenary Speech: Friday: 7:15-8:45

Workshops for LEYM 2017

A Renewed Call for Quaker Activism Through Educational Innovation Presented by Ken Hinshaw, Head of Olney Friends School

Quaker schools, as a whole, have traditionally included a focus on current social and environmental issues as a part of their academic program. Schools have participated in FCNL activities, joined marches and events, and sought ways for students to see first-hand what it means to get involved and make their voices heard. These are vital components of a Friend's education and are more important now than ever, given the deeply divided political climate in this country.

The subject of this workshop is to talk about another critical way in which Quaker schools can both embrace a deeper connection to the underlying testimonies of unprogrammed Friends, and also manifest that through curriculum design based on real-world problem solving and engagement as a core principle of Quaker education. Or put another way, we can move away from subject-area classes towards multi-disciplinary topical issues that need to be addressed in the real world, right now. We need to teach students the tools to work together as creative, critical thinkers and problem solvers.



Ken Hinshaw—Director of
Olney Friends School in
Barnsville, Ohio

Workshop Session: Saturday 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm

The following is an article written two years ago by Jennifer Compston Strough when Hinshaw was just beginning to assume his position as Head of the School:

BARNESVILLE, Ohio – A new leader took the helm at Olney Friends School on July 1, 2015

The Board of Trustees selected Ken Hinshaw to succeed retiring Head of School Charles F. Szumilas. Hinshaw has been working on campus for several months to help ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

The 1974 graduate of Olney and native of Barnesville brings extensive experience as an educator and a leader, as well as a deep, multi-generational connection to the Olney community. Hinshaw's headship at Olney will continue a long family tradition of attending and serving the school.

Hinshaw spent more than a decade on staff at Scattergood Friends School in Iowa, where he filled the roles of teacher, coach, adviser, farm manager, business manager and academic coordinator. He was head of Scattergood for eight years.

Regarding his decision to take the lead role at Olney, Hinshaw said, “It feels right for me, and it feels right for the school. It definitely feels like a homecoming to return to the place where I was born, where I went to school and where I met my earliest friends. It’s quite a journey back to a very important place for me. It’s an honor and an exciting adventure.”

Hinshaw holds an MBA from the University of Denver and was a State of Colorado Fellowship recipient. He earned a bachelor’s degree with honors from Beloit College in Wisconsin, where he received a Hays-Fulbright award and played varsity soccer. He has two grown sons and an 11-year-old granddaughter, Haley, who Ken hopes will be the next family member to study at Olney.

Hinshaw often describes Olney Friends School as an “independent, accredited, incredible” college-preparatory high school. The co-educational program welcomes both boarding students from around the world and day students from the local area. The school has drawn on the Quaker traditions of simplicity, integrity, stewardship, peace, equality and community to successfully educate generations of young men and women.

Olney still has a few openings left for fall enrollment of boarding and 5-day boarding students. For more information, go to www.olneyfriends.org or call 740-425-3655 to arrange a visit.

Lucretia Mott Visits LEYM - Presented by Shelley Kotz

This workshop will present a portrayal of Lucretia Mott, 19th Century activist. Lucretia Mott will tell you the story of her life and speak of the ways that her Quaker upbringing and beliefs shaped her activities as an abolitionist, activist for women’s suffrage and other rights, justice for Indians, and fairness for immigrant workers, among others.

Session: Friday 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm



Shelley Kotz

Campus Outreach/Ministry to Non-Quaker Campuses: Presented by Greg Woods

In addition to his plenary speech on Friday evening, Greg woods will present a workshop on methods of reaching out to Millennials in non-Quaker colleges and universities.

Session: Saturday 3:30pm to 5:15 pm



Greg Woods

The New Sanctuary Movement - Presented by Mike and Carmen Kelly

Are you or your meeting interested in publicly supporting the new sanctuary movement to help immigrants and refugees in our community at risk of being detained or deported and separated from their families? The sanctuary movement reflects Friends' practice in opposing what many see as policies rooted in fear and unfair discrimination which disrupt families and communities. This workshop will explore specific ways individuals and communities can help fill unmet needs. There will be a reflection on the spirituality of sanctuary in general, the roles Quakers and other people of faith have played in similar times of crisis from the slavery abolition movement, Japanese internment, the sanctuary movement and resistance emerging from America's proxy wars in Central America, to post 9/11 Islamophobic round-ups and politicized prosecutions, to the new forms of sanctuary emerging today. The experience of the Detroit MM and its response will be reviewed, including details on the process of discernment and the minute adopted in support of sanctuary. Resources available from Friends sources such as AFSC and FCNL as well as other organizations will be provided. We will leave time for discussion on how individual friends and meetings might creatively respond to the local conditions in which they are called to live their testimonies into being.

Session: Saturday 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Beyond Reform: Quakers and Prison Abolition – Presented by Blair Ellis

This workshop will enable Friends to understand the underlying concepts of penal/prison reform and abolition, as well as to look at Quakers' role in developing said systems. A historical analysis connects the prison abolition movements to the slavery abolition movement, especially to the extent that Quakers were involved. You will recognize the role resistance movements led by communities of color, queer/trans people, women, poor people, and immigrants have played in challenging the penal system, and discuss how we can organize alongside and not above those groups. Alternatives to incarceration will be examined and transformative models of justice will be introduced. We will also have the opportunity to look at what some meetings have done and to outline steps that meetings can take. Lessons learned in the Ann Arbor Friends' meetings and conversations regarding prison abolition will also be shared.

Session: Friday 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Friends, Gnostics, and the Still-Speaking Spirit - Presented by Shaun McFee

This workshop will discuss the similarities and differences between Friends and early Christian groups usually lumped together as Gnostics, with an emphasis on shared timeless Truth and the still-speaking Spirit.

Session: Friday 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Why Can't We Be Friends? Who is missing from our meetings... and why?

Presented by Marvin Barnes and Pam Melick

What must we do to help our meetings be more inclusive? What is preventing us from actualizing our testimony of equality? How do our actions reflect who we are and who we claim to be? Are we living into our testimony of integrity? This workshop will use Open Space Technology, a method of inviting deep conversations, to offer the opportunity to explore topics that might not otherwise be discussed in standard workshops about racism and equality. Different topics will be discussed on Friday and Saturday.

Sessions: Friday 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm and Saturday 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Schedule: LEYM Annual Sessions
Quakers into the New Millennium
July 27 — July 30, 2017

Thursday, July 27

12:00 pm	to	12:30 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:00 pm	to	3:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
2:00 pm	to	3:30 pm	<i>Spiritual Practice</i> (Time for study, conversation, Singing, or other projects.)
3:30 pm	to	5:30 pm	<i>Committee Meetings</i> ; check board in registration area for locations. (Those not on committees may sit in.)
5:30 pm	to	6:30 pm	Dinner line open for LEYM
6:30 pm	to	7:30 pm	<i>Committee Meetings</i> ; check board in registration area for locations. (Those not on committees may sit in.)
			Newcomer Enrichment Meeting
			<i>Spiritual Practice</i>
7:30 pm	to	9:00 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: Kreider Meeting Room

Friday, July 28

6:30 am	to	7:30 am	Early Meeting for Worship
			Centennial Hall: First Floor Lobby
8:00 am	to	8:30 am	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:40 am	to	9:30 am	Worship Sharing: Meet at Bob's Place to form groups.
			Query: How do we continue to make Quakerism Relevant in today's world in order to inspire young adults?
9:40 am	to	10:45 am	<i>Committee Meetings</i> . (Those not on committees may sit in.)
			Newcomer Enrichment Meeting
			12 Step Meeting
			<i>Spiritual Practice</i> (Time for study, conversation, singing or other projects).
11:00 am	to	12:30 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: Kreider Meeting Room
12:30 pm	to	1:00 pm	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:45 pm	to	3:15 pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: Kreider Meeting Room

Friday, July 28

- 3:30 pm to 5:15 pm **Workshops: Choose one** (Children's Program ends 5:15 pm)
Friends, Gnostics, and the Still-Speaking Spirit
Leader: Shaun McFee
Why Can't we be Friends? Who is Missing from our Meetings And Why?
Leaders: Marvin Barnes and Pam Melick
Beyond Reform: Quakers and Prison Abolition
Leader : Blair Ellis
Lucretia Mott Visits LEYM
Leader: Shelley Harold Kotz
- 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm Dinner line open for LEYM
- 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm *Spiritual Practice* (Time for study, conversation, singing, or other projects).
- 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm Plenary Speaker: Greg Woods
Reviving Quakerism in the New Millennium

Saturday, July 29

- 6:30 am to 7:30 am *Early Meeting for Worship*
Centennial Hall: First Floor Lobby
- 7:45 am to 8:15 am Breakfast line open for LEYM
- 8:45 am to 9:30 am *Worship Sharing*: Check the registration area for various rooms to meet in. If you were unable to join a group on Friday, please feel free to join any group.
Query: What ways can we, as Quakers, incorporate people of different generations and backgrounds, especially young adults, into our spiritual community?
- 9:45 am to 11:45 am Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Kreider Meeting Room
- 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm Lunch line open for LEYM
- 12:30 pm to 12:50 pm *Spiritual Practice* (Time for study, conversation, singing, or your own project).
- 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm *Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
Kreider Meeting Room

NOTE: Schedules may change, in which case there will be a notice in the registration area.

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LEYM.org/leym-bulletins.

Saturday, July 29

3:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Workshops: Choose one (Children's Program ends 5:15 pm)

Campus Outreach/Ministry to Non-Quaker Campuses

Leader: Greg Woods

The Sanctuary Movement

Leaders: Mike and Carmen Kelly

A Renewed Call for Quaker Activism Through Education Innovation

Leader: Ken Hinshaw

Why Can't we be Friends? Who is Missing from our Meetings and Why?

Leaders: Marvin Barnes and Pam Melick

5:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Dinner line open for LEYM

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Talent Show

12 Step Meeting

TBA during the evening

Ice Cream Social in Bob's Place

Sunday, July 30

6:30 am to 7:30 am

Early Meeting for Worship

Centennial Hall—First Floor Lobby

7:45 am to 8:15 am

Breakfast line open for LEYM

8:45 am to 9:30 am

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Kreider Meeting Room

9:30 am to 10:30 am

Epistles and Sharing by the Children's Program

Kreider Meeting Room

10:30 am to 11:30 am

Meeting for Worship

Kreider Meeting Room

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Lunch line open for LEYM

LEYM's Fall Spiritual Formation retreat will be the Weekend of September 15-17, 2017 in Adrian, Michigan at the Weber Retreat Center.



Sue Regen will be the leader, focusing on Forgiveness as a Spiritual Practice. You can get complete information at Annual Sessions or on the web at leym.org/spiritual-formation. If you have questions, please contact Mathilda Navias (418-448-0578) or Aran Reinhart (419) 619-6810.

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.

Registration Form

Please read registration instructions
before completing this form.

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LEYM Annual Meeting July 27 – 30, 2017
REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Registration deadline** is Monday, July 10, 2017. Registration Form, Parental Consent Form, and check must be postmarked by this date for all children attending. The registration fee for adults (ages 36 and over) who register by this date is \$55. The registration fee for adults who register after this date is \$65. Room assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis.
Notice: On-line registration is now available at leym.quaker.org/reg/registration.
2. Please complete a line on the registration form for each family member attending. Children age 3-18 pay 1/3 the cost of food. Lodging, linens and registration for children are free. All adults who work full time with the youth incur no 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.
3. **Worship-Sharing:** Worship-sharing Groups will be available for signups on-site Friday and Saturday mornings.
4. **Adult Young Friends:** Put a check in the Adult Young Friend column if you are age 19-35 and wish to participate in Adult Young Friends activities. **Registration is free for Adult Young Friends this year though lodging and meals costs still apply.**
5. **Lodging:** Overnight attendees may stay in Ramseyer Hall, which is air conditioned, for \$23.00/night; Bren-Dell, which is not air conditioned, for \$18.00/night; or camp on the lawn near these dorms, for \$10.00/night. Prices are per person. Dorm rooms have two twin beds. Often additional mattresses can be moved from an empty room to accommodate children sleeping in parents' room. Children ages 0-18 have free 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 Choice column, specify Ramseyer (R), Bren-Dell (B-D), or camping (C).
6. **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 small bar of soap. Alternatively, sheets and towels may be brought from home. Children and adults going to the lake will need towels for swimming. The beds in the dorms are x-long twin size.
7. **Blankets and pillows:** Blankets and pillows are not included in the linens packet. Ramseyer rooms have blankets and pillows. Bren-Dell rooms have neither blankets nor pillows.
8. **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.
9. **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, and 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.
10. **Meals:** Put a check in the box for each meal desired. Cost per meal for attendees ages 8 and up: breakfast \$6.35, lunch \$8.90, supper \$10.15. 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 **2/3**. The children ages 3-7 meal rates are: breakfast \$4.65, lunch \$6.45, and dinner \$7.35. The children and youth scholarships will reduce these costs by **2/3**.

- 11. Registration Fee:** Adults age 36 and up pay a registration fee of \$55 if the registration form is post marked by Monday, July 10, or \$65 if postmarked thereafter. Part time participants must pay the full registration fee.
- 12. First Time Attenders:** First time attenders over age 18 are entitled to a discount of 1/3 off total costs. After calculating the "Total" for each adult, calculate 1/3 of Totals for all adults who are attending for the first time and enter the value in the Scholarship field.
- 13. Children:** Registrations for children and completed Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Forms must be postmarked by Monday, July 10th. Children ages 3-18 pay 1/3 cost of food. Registration and lodging for the children is free. 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 ages 0-18.
- 14. 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.
- 15. Concerns/Roommates:** Please complete these sections as applicable. We will try our best to meet your requests.
- 16. Payment:** Please make checks payable to LEYM and mail along with your completed registration form, and Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Form if children will be attending, to the registrar: Sally Weaver Sommer, 118 S. Spring St., Bluffton, OH 45817.
- 17. Financial Assistance:** Those desiring financial assistance should first contact their monthly meetings. If needs cannot be met by the monthly meeting, contact the registrar.
- 18. Emergency Contact:** If someone needs to reach you during business hours while you are attending LEYM, a message may be left at the Marbeck Center switchboard: 419-358-3000. After hours, campus security can be called at: 419-358-3343.
- 19. Questions?** Please contact Sally Weaver Sommer, registrar, at sally.weaver.sommer@gmail.com or 419-953-9455.

This year LEYM is subsidizing the cost for children and youth (ages 18 and under). Lodging is free for them and they pay only 1/3 the cost of their meal. In addition Young Adult Friends (ages 19 to 35) have their registration fee waived.

On-line Registration is available

Registration for LEYM can be done either on-line at <http://leym.quaker.org/reg/registration> or by mailing the paper form found in the Bulletins sent to the LEYM meetings and Worship Groups. In addition the paper form can be printed on-line from the Bulletin at the LEYM site: <https://leym.org/leym-bulletins>.

Deadline – July 10, 2017 – Registration Deadline for Children – July 10, 2017 –Deadline

LEYM Parent or Guardian Consent & Permission Form

Child's full name: _____

Child's date of birth _____

Child's grade level next fall:

Nickname: _____ Tee Shirt Size _____ Youth Adult

Child's full name: _____

Child's date of birth _____

Child's grade level next fall:

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Child's grade level next fall:

Nickname: _____ Tee Shirt Size _____ Youth Adult

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 they are currently taking:

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 27 – July 30, 2017. 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 only ride in vehicles equipped with seatbelts or age appropriate child-restraining devices. [Providing your child's car seat would help.]

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

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

days: evenings other: If parent/guardian cannot be reached, notify (name & phone #) :

REPORT

FROM THE “WAGING PEACE” CENTENNIAL SUMMIT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The LEYM Representatives appointed to attend and “bear Quaker witness in this increasingly unpredictable world” were John Deikis, Ann Arbor Friends Meeting; Claire Cohen, Pittsburgh Friends Meeting, and Lucia Kalinosky, Cleveland Friends Meeting. Here is an edited text of their report:

April 20 – 23 we joined several hundred people in Philadelphia for the 100th anniversary of the American Friends Service Committee. AFSC has been working worldwide on issues of peace and social justice since our conscientious objectors fed children and drove ambulances during World War I. Twenty workshops ranged from the practical (how to set goals and strategies toward changing the predominant cultural narrative and assess your efficacy) to the retrospective (100 years of conscientious objection and examples of daily non-cooperation with war) that people might choose.



Along with the annual corporate meeting of Quakers overseeing the AFSC Board of Directors, the centennial included workshops for activists, live performances, a gathering of young Quaker leaders, academic symposia on peace and justice, and a gathering of AFSC alumni from many years of service and volunteer work. The workshops and meetings brought together people of many backgrounds, provided intellectual and spiritual insights, and nurtured the seeds of change to transform social relations and systems.

The Friday evening keynote speaker was Erica Chenoweth, Dean for Research at the Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. *Foreign Policy* magazine ranked Chenoweth among the Top 100 Global Thinkers in 2013 for her efforts to promote the empirical study of civil resistance. She found that between 1900 and 2006, campaigns of nonviolent resistance were more than twice as effective as their violent counterparts. The address highlighted both the bad news (of which we have recently become so aware) and quantitative reasons for optimism that support our continued work on non-violent resistance and conflict resolution.

The Saturday evening keynote address was presented by Oscar Arias, two-time president of Costa Rica, a significant figure in the Central American Peace Process and past recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1987, he proposed a regional peace plan for the Central American countries that set a date for cease-fires between government and rebel forces, ensured amnesty for political prisoners, and called for free and democratic elections in those countries. Although Arias and the leaders of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua signed this plan, it was never fully implemented, partly because of opposition from the United States. His words were both sobering and uplifting.

Attended by Claire Cohen, one session focused on Virginia Alexander, M.D., one of only 65 black female physicians in the United States when she graduated from Women’s Medical College in the 1920s. She had to go to Kansas for her internship because no hospital in Philadelphia would accept her. Impressed by AFSC’s work for racial equality for blacks, she became a Quaker, established a socialized medical clinic in Philadelphia, and was the first black woman in the U.S. to receive a public health degree.

Finally, Centennial attenders were privileged to become acquainted with Joyce Ajlouny, the next General Secretary of the AFSC. A Palestinian, she is currently employed by Friends United Meeting and serves as the director of the Ramallah Friends School in Palestine, where she has led a diverse staff of over 170 educators and administrators for the past 13 years. She spent the prior 14 years working in international and economic development, and humanitarian support, and has worked for Oxfam-Great Britain and various United Nations agencies.

The closing event was a reception at the African American Museum of Philadelphia, which has been hosting a special installation on AFSC entitled *Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action*. Claire Cohen reports that the museum includes an exhibit about the AFSC's role in the Civil Rights Movement. The organization paid for King's trip to India to visit Gandhi, published "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," and was the first of three groups that nominated King for the Nobel Peace Prize (the two others were a small college in California and the Swedish government). This exhibit will now have a limited national tour. To find out where the museum exhibit will be, or to apply to host a banner exhibit, go to www.exhibit.afsc.org.

At the Sunday meeting led by the Board of Directors, we learned that the fundraising efforts and budget cuts, increased since the 2009 recession, have been successful but not sustainable in the long run. Staff and volunteers joined the directors to confront difficult issues of financial oversight and other aspects of management. A new General Secretary and a new Financial Officer will be welcomed in the coming year. AFSC Presiding Clerk Phil Lord ended his comments: "I am hopeful that we can acknowledge our failures, have faith in the value of our work and the goodness of each other's intentions, and move forward together to rebuild a better AFSC. I believe that this is what the Spirit asks of us and what the world needs us to do."

Report from the Friends World Committee for Consultation

Stony Point, NY, March 23-26, 2017

by Sam Milford (Pittsburgh Monthly Meeting)



Being at FWCC presented some challenges for me.

Not only in being new among Friends, many of whom have been attending FWCC for decades, in worshipping as Quakers where the form was different and the silence elusive, in the submersion into a bi-lingual environment, in adjusting to changing housing arrangements, but also in learning what FWCC section meeting was all about.

I learned that FWCC provides a place where Quakers of different cultures and faith traditions come together to listen carefully and tenderly to each other, share prayerfully, and seek to move beyond our differences and past our labels and find ways to connect with one another and express our common heritage. What was inspiring for me was to witness the diversity of Quakers and realize that what I understood from my experience in un-programmed meetings was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the breadth of Quaker experience. I would like to identify a highlight but cannot.

As with similar events, there were a plethora of workshops and Interest groups to attend. We had been given a jump drive with "lesson plans" for children and adults based on the Quaker Speak videos so I chose to attend a workshop about those lessons.

On Saturday, the first group of FWCC travelling friends was introduced. FWCC has concluded that in the 21st century, inter-visitation is important to realize a thriving and integrated network of Friends woven together in transformative faith. Over the next two years, the Friends who serve in the Traveling Ministry Corps will visit Friends meetings and churches in yearly meetings other than their own and offer to do one of the following:

- Facilitate a weekend workshop on a topic of mutual interest to the meeting and the Minister.
- Bring a message and organize worship sharing after a week-night potluck.
- Attend a regularly scheduled worship service.
- Write a letter of encouragement and pastoral care, particularly to meetings who were just outside the travel route or who may be wary of receiving a visitor.

There were so many times when I was filled with joy and gratitude for being able to participate in this event. We discussed and shared the FWCC sustainability minute, conversations about Covenant Community, the budget and bylaws, and financial planning. Sharing fellowship and worshipping together with other Quakers from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, speaking and hearing Spanish, befriending people from different parts of the Americas is what the section meeting of the Americas FWCC was all about.

Announcement

Quakers Offer Spiritual Enrichment at Lakeside Chautauqua



Claire and Paul Tinkerhess, of the Ann Arbor Meeting, are spreading the word that Quaker pastor and author Philip Gulley will be guest preacher at Lakeside Chautauqua, a summer retreat-community in Lakeside, Ohio on the shore of Lake Erie, from July 9th – 13th.

An inspiring and humorous speaker, Gulley is author of *Living the Quaker Way* and the *Harmony* series (about the fictional Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana).

Paul Tinkerhess will contribute musical offerings to Gulley's weekday talks. Quaker singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer will be the featured performer at Lakeside's Hoover Auditorium on Tuesday evening.

Attendees could visit Lakeside for a day or stay for the week. Other public lecturers will focus on *Changing Sources of Energy* and *The Health of the Great Lakes*.

Lakeside Chautauqua was founded in 1873 on Ohio's Marblehead Peninsula as a retreat for spiritual revival and cultural enrichment. For more information including admission fees and accommodations visit www.lakesideohio.com.

Claire and Paul Tinkerhess add: "If you decide to visit Lakeside during this period in July, please let us know. We would be glad to host a gathering of Quakers sometime during the week." They can be reached at tinkerhess@comcast.net

Adult & Family Program

Dale Pratt-Harrington (Athens)

Claire Cohen (Pittsburgh)

Advancement & Outreach

Mathilda Navias (Broadmead)

Arrangements & Site

Jon Sommer (Broadmead)

Earthcare

Russ Adams (North Columbus)

Richard Lee (Red Cedar)

Finance

Jeff Cooper (Ann Arbor)

High School Teen Retreat Program

Stephanie Charlot (Red Cedar)

Ministry & Nurture

Flo Friender (Kalamazoo)

Carla Pratt-Harrington (Athens)

Nominating

Clemence Ravacon Mershon (Erie)

Peace

Lucia Kalinosky (Oberlin)

Publications & Archives

Peggy Daub (Ann Arbor)

Youth & Children's Program

Joe Mills (Kalamazoo)

7/11/2017

Due date for meeting
and Worship group
statistical reports to
LEYM

7/27-30/2017

Annual Meeting
occurs in Bluffton, OH

9/15-17/2017

LEYM Spiritual
Formation Fall Retreat

9/15/2017

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Records 2017

10/01/2017

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