



## Clerk's Message from Susan Loucks Which Work Is Ours to Do?

Pittsburgh Friends Meeting reads out its queries at the rise of meeting. Depending on the month, I might be prompted to consider if I'm working to end the death penalty, what I'm doing to encourage consideration of alternatives to military service, or how I'm reconciling the peace testimony with payment of taxes that support war.

These queries often make me think, although perhaps not in the way the originators expected when they were written. Frankly, the death penalty, conscientious objection, and war tax resistance aren't top of mind for us these days, although there's definitely action happening in immigration and prison reform. What raised those issues to the level of queries for our Meeting at that time, and what makes other issues more salient now? In a world with so much systemic failure that needs pressure and attention, how do we determine how we're going to bring our faith into the world?

One easy answer: we see opportunities opening where secular society is also focused, and rightly so. Popular attention creates opportunity for change that Quakers couldn't create alone, and media educates and animates us just as much as others. However, there's a difference between the ways a sail and a weathervane work with the wind. If a Meeting's social action



consistently maps with high fidelity onto the political agenda of the moment – and particularly to one party's political agenda – that may merit a query of its own.

Longtime Quaker social movement organizer, trainer, and writer George Lakey has described in vivid detail the power (both spiritual and social) from being animated towards activism through Spirit. (For one short story, try minute 24 of this video: <https://tinyurl.com/LakeyVideo>). Clearly, it's not about fidelity to any particular issue over time, nor is it about fidelity to whatever our minds and emotions are attracted to in the moment. It's fidelity to something deeper. Hugh Campbell Brown said it this way in 1960:

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*Involvement may be unQuakerly, but . . . may also be Quakerly, depending on the motivation of the individual . . . . So we are brought back to the most basic insights of Friends: the ultimate authority for any individual is the light of the Spirit within; only action based on the light is "Quakerly." Action based on mental processes, the statements of others, or even on the inward light of the most respected other persons is only "creaturely activity" . . . .*

Our work in the world, then, could be anything, as long as it comes from that source – easier said than done, when the world seems to be collapsing all at once, and ten urgent solutions arrive daily in our inboxes!

When considering whether our social agenda has fidelity to one particular political party, we recognize reasons we have little political diversity in our Meetings. Across the country, the meaning of party affiliation is linked to aspects of identity – culture, educational achievement, value system – much more than it was decades ago. This impacts what political variety shows up in any given gathering, including our own.

We can also recognize that these divisions are decaying civic life. We know what happens in a democracy if we can't see legitimacy or grounds for civil discourse with the "other" – either at a federal government or community level. In the book *How Democracies Die*, Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt describe the redeeming power of coalitions – for example, churches that tend red and blue working together to fight poverty. If our minutes and actions align point by point with a platform only people "like us" appreciate – and, perhaps more problematically, if our rhetoric echoes fear, scarcity, and a rigid moral high ground, we may need to retune which truths we're listening for.

I'm going to try tuning in more deeply next time I'm asked one of those queries at rise of meeting. They're different from what I might expect right action to look like in the world right now, and whether or not I'm led to change, that difference may help me listen better.

## Executive Committee Meeting Preceding Representative Meeting

**Friday, March 10, 7:00 PM**

A meeting of the LEYM Executive Committee (Yearly Meeting officers and committee clerks) will be held on Friday evening, March 10, starting at 7:00, both online and in person at the same location as Representative Meeting (the Victory Center, 3166 Republic Blvd. N., Toledo, OH). Supper will be provided for Executive Committee members and their traveling companions at 6:00; suggested offering \$5. A Zoom link will be sent to those Friends participating online.

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## Meeting for Worship at Broadmead Following Representative Meeting Sunday, March 12, 10:00 AM

All Friends attending Representative Meeting are invited to stay for worship with Broadmead Friends on First Day, March 12, at 10:00 AM (also at the Victory Center).

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# All Are Invited to Representative Meeting

## Saturday, March 11

### In Person in Toledo and Online

Representative Meeting is about Representation! Join us virtually OR in person for a hybrid meeting on Saturday, March 11. In the morning, there will be opportunities for Friends from all LEYM Monthly Meetings to have conversations in groups and as a whole about what is rising in their Meetings – challenges, gifts, leadings that might resonate with others. There might be space to talk with other people wrestling with new forms of First Day School or innovating hybrid approaches to programming. Bring what's on your mind! Whether or not you're "officially" a representative for your Meeting, you are welcome.

During the afternoon, we will have meeting for worship with attention to business – always rich and good to see how Spirit is moving us collectively. We hope to see you there.

#### Schedule for Saturday, March 11:

Registration & simple breakfast .....	9:00 AM
Meeting for worship .....	9:30 AM
(Hybrid/blended meeting begins)	
Greeting & Announcements .....	10:00 AM
Morning program .....	10:15 AM
Lunch .....	12:15 PM
Meeting for business .....	1:15 PM
Adjournment by .....	4:30 PM

**In-Person Meeting**, at **The Victory Center, 3166 Republic Blvd. N., Toledo, OH 43615**, hosted by Broadmead Meeting. A light breakfast and lunch will be offered for those who register in advance. A donation of \$10 for meals will be appreciated. Friends attending in person and wanting lunch and/or overnight hospitality should register by February 25. For later registrants, there are restaurants ten minutes away.

**Online Meeting**, via Zoom. See the LEYM website (<https://leym.org/representative-meeting/>) for details about online registration, Zoom links, etc.

#### ADVANCE REGISTRATION

##### For Friends Attending in Person

To be received by **Saturday, February 25**.

Please mail or email this information to:

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Meeting or Worship Group: \_\_\_\_\_

LEYM Committee Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons for **Saturday lunch**

Vegetarians (#) \_\_\_\_\_; Omnivores (#) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Overnight Accommodation (please check)

\_\_\_ I (we) will make our own arrangements

\_\_\_ I (we) need hospitality with Friends on:

Friday, March 10 (# people) \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, March 11 (# people) \_\_\_\_\_

*Nearby hotels (all about 3 miles from the Victory Center) include:*

*At I-475 and Secor Rd.*

*Hampton Inn and Suites,  
3434 Secor Rd., Toledo, OH 43606  
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*Quality Inn  
3560 Secor Rd., Toledo, OH 43606  
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*At US 23 and Monroe St., Sylvania*

*Wingate by Wyndham  
5480 South Main, Sylvania, OH 43560  
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**2023 Annual Meeting**  
**“Navigating Anew”**  
**June 15-18, at Ashland University**

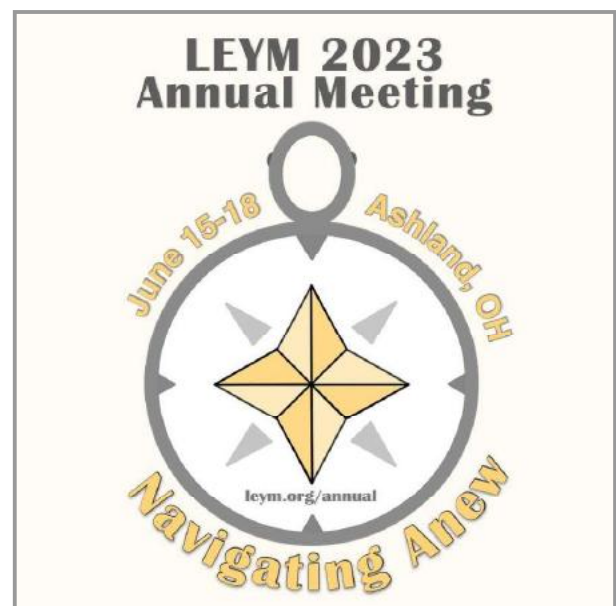
**Lake Erie Yearly Meeting**  
**is changing this year!**

- New location: Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio
- New time: Mid-June instead of late July
- New format: In person, with some online events
- New potential: Seeking new ways of serving Friends and whether we need to reorganize to do our work

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(for those who wish to cut out the  
registration form on page 3)*

We find ourselves in changing times in the world and in our Quaker meetings. With all this change, navigation isn't on autopilot but becomes a conscious task, whether it is finding the way from dorm to dining hall or finding our way to be an inclusive body, whatever the format. Navigation also means a careful discernment of how we are led and how we can keep true to a path of spiritual discernment.

Please plan now to join us on June 15–18 for LEYM's Annual Meeting!



# Welcome, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, to Ashland!

The town of Ashland, Ashland University, and Wooster Meeting welcome you, you, and you to LEYM Annual Meeting, 2023! Everyone here wants you to feel warmly welcomed and hopes you find everything you want to make your visit pleasant and valuable. We are a bit larger than Bluffton, so we will be a bit busier, but possibilities for quieter reflection are also available.

Housing will be in either Amstutz Hall, which is not air conditioned, or Clayton Hall, which is. The walk from Clayton to the Convocation Center, where Meeting activities will happen, takes a few minutes, and by going through the Student Center, you may use the pedestrian overpass over Claremont Avenue. Two large libraries are available for your use, recreation, and reflection. The campus chapel is usually open.

On campus, we hope you will have time to visit the Ashland Center for Non-violence, whose founder and first Executive Director was the late John Stratton, of Wooster Meeting; John was also active in LEYM.

The University is pleased to offer an outstanding food service, the food purely created on site: there is no outside caterer. They are very well regarded locally, as they serve the community as well as students. You will find a very wide variety of dietary choices, so come and enjoy healthy eating. As the dining area is spacious, social distancing is available as needed.

Have fun and enjoy! More details will appear in the next issue.

~ Mike Hinshaw (Wooster)



*Gateway to Ashland U.*



*John C. Myers Convocation Center, where Annual Meeting activities will take place.*

## Ashland University and Ashland City Factoids

Ashland University (originally Ashland College) was founded in 1878 and is affiliated with the Brethren Church (one of the three historical “peace” churches, along with Friends and Mennonites).

The school has about 8,000 students.

The city of Ashland has about 20,000 residents and is located midway between Columbus and Cleveland.



# 2023 Annual Meeting

## “Navigating Anew”

June 15-18 at Ashland University

### Keynote Speaker: Emily Provance

We are delighted to have Emily Provance as our Plenary Speaker this year. She is a traveling minister in the traditional sense, under the care of Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting in New York City. Her work among Friends is international and includes speaking, writing, facilitating, teaching, and organizing. Emily carries a concern for healthy, inter-generational, and faithful Friends communities.



The good news is, continuing revelation doesn't mean we start from scratch. Those who came before us play a role in our corporate discernment. It's called tradition: the wisdom of the dead. It's a gift we are given as we find way forward. Our spiritual ancestors were faithful, steady people. They can teach us many good and useful things.

The word of this decade seems to be “unprecedented.” Truly unprecedented eras are

rare, but the one we're in is about as close as it comes. So how do we navigate? We lean on the wisdom of our ancestors and simultaneously open ourselves to revelation. Much easier explained than done.

I'm looking forward to being with Lake Erie Friends this year. I hope, in the plenary gathering, to talk through some of these themes and to do so in a joyful way – with stories, questions, maybe songs. Let's have some fun. We could probably use it.

#### Thoughts on “Navigating Anew”

Emily shares the following thoughts on this year's theme:

“Navigating anew” is what Quakers do. We've been doing that since our earliest beginnings. The concept of continuing revelation, the idea that God can and does continue to speak to us in modern days, is not entirely unique to Friends – but our way of hearing that revelation is. Friends place a lot of emphasis on the community. We know that a group can discern God's promptings more fully than can any one individual. It's why we come together to worship. Because the Spirit speaks just a bit differently through each of us.

Young people have a special talent for the new. I don't think this is because they listen better. I think it's because they're more accustomed to new things. To an infant, by definition, everything is new. To children and teens, every year is very different from the last. There are constant changes, internal and external. Every day, young people are asked to learn new things. This might be one reason Jesus told us to become like children. It's about being open to continuing revelation.



# Request for Workshop Proposals, 2023 Annual Meeting

We are excited that our Annual Meeting will be in person this year, for the first time since 2019! The Program Committee of LEYM is requesting proposals for workshops at the 2023 Annual Meeting, to be held Thursday evening, June 15, to Sunday, June 18, at Ashland University. The theme of this year's gathering is *Navigating Anew*. The deadline for submission is February 22. We cannot guarantee that proposals submitted after that date will be considered.

Each workshop will last up to an hour and 30 minutes, and should have some relationship to the theme. There may be a few workshops presented by Zoom to Friends who are not able to attend in person. If you have a workshop that lends itself well to this format, please contact us about this possibility.

Please submit the following for each workshop proposal:

1. Name and Monthly Meeting of leader(s)
2. Committee or organization, if applicable
3. Title of your workshop
4. Preferred length of time (up to 90 minutes)
5. One or two paragraphs describing the content and format of the workshop, including its relationship to the theme of the Annual Meeting.

We hope that our theme engenders a spirit of new ideas to present to our fellow Friends. Workshops may take many forms, from presentations to the experiential, from indoors to outdoors. Let your mind and spirit run free when you consider your gifts and what you might offer. Our hope is that many workshops will be of interest to youth. Members of the Program Committee brainstormed some ideas for workshops we might enjoy, and hope that the following list inspires you – but does not limit you! – in thinking about what you might want to share:

- Becoming Zero-waste and other sustainability topics
- Urban archeology
- The Bible and today's world
- Children and teens in business meetings

- Various arts as spiritual practice (singing, music, visual arts, origami, zentangle, finger painting, etc.)
- Being a Quaker in my Monthly Meeting: how do we differ within the Yearly Meeting?
- Addressing conflict in our Meetings
- Zoom, hybrid, in-person – spiritual and technical concerns
- Considering the gifts youth have to offer in our Monthly and Yearly Meetings
- Physical activity as a spiritual practice
- Can you be a non-theist and a Friend?
- Pacifism at a time of war; pacifism in theory and practice.
- Creating, sharing, and developing ideas for First Day School

All workshop proposals should be sent to Greg Mott, [mott@findlay.edu](mailto:mott@findlay.edu), no later than February 22. We look forward to receiving workshop proposals from individuals or committees and hope that Friends will have thoughtful and interesting ideas to share with all of us. If you have any questions about workshops or proposals, please feel free to get in touch with Greg at the same email address.

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**Please plan now to join us June 15–18 for Lake Erie Yearly Meeting's Annual Meeting!** Registration materials will be provided in the Spring *Bulletin*, allowing time to meet the registration deadline of May 10.

# New Interest Group Series: Digital Issues Awareness for Friends

Bill Warters (Birmingham), LEYM Digital Communications Facilitator

Greetings, Friends,  
I hope this message finds you well.

After a bit of a lull in interest group activity here at LEYM, I've decided to bravely step up and try offering something new, focusing attention on issues broadly related to peace, justice, and earthcare witness, but from a digital and online perspective. I've outlined three Saturday afternoon workshops, to be held from 2:00 to 3:30 on January 14, February 11, and March 4. (See descriptions below.) I'll be presenting them in my role as LEYM's digital communications facilitator, drawing heavily on the work of some smart and engaged online groups keeping their fingers on the pulse of our modern web. I hope you can join us for one or more sessions!

For each workshop, the link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82672746215?pwd=b1B2VGRYT1RVaGhvMURIV0s1Rmk2dz09>, the Meeting ID is 826 7274 6215, and the passcode is *leympje*. Reminders will be sent out prior to each session.

The first session, held on January 14, was titled **Mis/Disinformation Awareness for Friends of the Truth**.

The two remaining presentations are:

## **UnFriendly Persuasion: Digital Dark Patterns Awareness** February 11, 2:00

At their essence, Dark Patterns are features of interface design crafted to trick users into doing things they didn't mean to, ultimately benefiting the business or website owner in question by pushing their priorities over the users' intent. This workshop seeks to raise awareness of some common design tricks and help Friends stay on course as they navigate the modern web.

## **Data Brokers and Modern Surveillance: Dangers for Marginalized People** March 4, 2:00

Our online practices leave trails of data that companies rely on to make a profit. After reviewing some of the many kinds of data being collected, we'll turn to an exploration of some of the ways data is being used to the detriment of marginalized groups. For instance, mass incarceration and criminalization have gone high-tech, with facial recognition, license plate readers,

and electronic monitoring systems all becoming more common. Local and federal police as well as immigration control increasingly have access to vast commercial databases to track and trace people, often while circumventing individual civil rights. Based on these concerns, citizen groups in many cities are now pushing for laws governing the surveillance technology used by their local police departments. Join Friends at this workshop to learn more.

Thanks for your interest in all things digital!

*Note: We are still welcoming proposals for other interest group sessions (see <https://leym.org/events/>), and this offering should not be seen as limiting other presentation initiatives.*

## **The Pendle Hill Quaker Institute**

announces two upcoming programs:

*Beloved Community as Prophetic Witness*

Apr 28 – May 1, 2023

An on-campus gathering of Friends to learn about and practice the art of building community as prophetic witness. The weekend will include workshops and collaborations with a broad range of Friends and Friends' organizations, including AFSC, FCNL, and FGC. Registration forthcoming! [Read more here.](#)  
(<https://tinyurl.com/PHBelovedCommunity>)

*Continuing Revolution 2023: Nurturing Experiments in Spiritually Grounded Abolition*

June 2–6, 2023

A hybrid space of collective exploration and learning for spiritually curious young adults who are striving to live in ways that reflect their values. We welcome those who are seeking to examine the connections between their spiritual, political, and interpersonal lives.

For a full list of upcoming Pendle Hill educational opportunities, [visit our events page.](#)  
(<https://tinyurl.com/PHEvents2023>)



# Thoughts on FCNL Annual Meeting and QPPI 2022

**John Deikis and John Howell, LEYM Representatives to FCNL General Committee**

This was the first time FCNL has done a hybrid Annual Meeting. The leadership and the technical staff pulled it off with remarkable success. It will probably become the standard way for future Annual Meetings.

One theme of the meeting was transition. FCNL has a new General Secretary in Bridget Moix, a new General Committee Clerk, Mary Lou Hatcher, a new organizational model, and some new faces on staff. It is also embarking on a new strategic plan. The Policy Committee is beginning a year-long process of exploring whether FCNL is ready to take a position regarding abortion. The newly refurbished Friends Place in Washington, now more closely associated with FCNL, is in operation hosting groups in Washington, especially young people, contributing to the work of FCNL.

A second theme, tending the needs of the beloved community, was reflected in the statement, “To remedy past wrongs and build a just and equitable future, FCNL commits to treating anti-racism, anti-bias, justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion as central pillars of our work.” Participants in sessions were urged to use “ouch” and “oops” for indicating a sense of hurt by anything said or done and for offering apologies. All sessions, even the small group worship sharing, the workshops, and the lunches with lobbyists, were monitored by volunteer facilitators available to help with this, when needed. It is noteworthy that only 62% of the FCNL staff is white. Although FCNL’s work is outward, in the difficult world of government and politics, its spirit is deeply Quaker, seeing that of God in everyone.

In the Friday evening plenary session, José Santos Woss and Tom Kunesh shared their experiences as members of marginalized communities. José shared his experience growing up in America as Black and Latino. Tom, a linguist, urged that we move from “decolonize” to “indigenize” and from “land acknowledgments” to “treaty acknowledgments.” He emphasized decentering white

Christianity and validating other stories. He also pointed out that we continue to use honorific titles rejected by early Friends, such as “Dr.” and “Prof.” The FCNL Justice Award this year went to Lisa Murkowski for her work in Washington in support of indigenous peoples of Alaska and elsewhere.

The lobbying emphasis of the Quaker Public Policy Institute this year was directed toward the Environmental Justice For All Act. It is a broad-based bill, attempting to give direction to the use of federal funds approved in the Inflation Reduction Act, so as to avoid harm to marginalized communities, as has occurred in previous industrial development, including the siting of energy producing facilities and the building of highways.

Three other themes were peace building, environmental concerns, and the emerging leadership role of young people. Most of the workshops were presented by young program assistants, with the experienced lobbying staff playing a supporting role. The Policy Committee presented its proposed Legislative Priorities list and held a listening session, which resulted in some changes. Small but important changes were made to the priorities addressing gun violence, racial justice, and economic justice. As a guide to lobbying efforts for the next Congress, a balance was struck to enable the staff to pursue lobbying opportunities as they arise, without laying on expectations that exceed the capacity of FCNL’s staff to deliver. Friends were grateful for the thoughtful work of the Policy Committee and their willingness to accept input during Annual Meeting. The final version was approved in the last meeting for worship with attention to business, on Sunday morning.

The final plenary, led by Bridget Moix, the new General Secretary, was a joyful event capped with music – a song written for FCNL and performed by lobbyist and Legislative Director for Middle East Policy, Hassan El-Tayyab.

## Report from Olney Friends School

At the opening of the academic year, in August of 2022, Olney had 29 students enrolled from all around the world: Afghanistan, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, Germany, Italy, Spain, South Africa, and Uganda – and closer to home from the states of Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. Students in Humanities grades 9–10 have been reading texts including *Ancient World History: Patterns of Interaction, Life, and Her Children*, by Arabella Buckley; *The Art of Showing Up*, by Rachel Wilkerson Miller; and *The Joy Luck Club*, by Amy Tan. Recent field trips have included the Grow Ohio Valley Harvest Festival in Wheeling, West Virginia, and soccer games in East Richland, Columbus, and Richmond, Indiana.

We have welcomed a few new staff members this year: Christy Cianelli, of Wheeling, joins us as curriculum coordinator and teacher; Hanna Vera is our new Spanish teacher; Dylan Albrecht and Crystal Carpenter are serving as cook and housekeeper, respectively; and Devin Clouse will teach music, starting in January.

This year, we are working as a community to write a comprehensive self-study document, part of our seven-year accreditation cycle with the Independent Schools Association of the Central

States (ISACS). Next year, we will host their Visiting Team of educators, who will look for agreement between that report and their observations of our practices.

With support from a class reunion fundraising event, we raised over \$50,000 to reinforce and waterproof the aging foundations of our Main Building and Guindon (boys') Dorm over the summer. Kitchen staff can now focus on cooking, rather than cleaning up after the flooding that occurred after almost every rainstorm. We have received annual distributions from several institutional supporters, and just reached 29% of our annual fund goal of \$300,000. We celebrated Homecoming in person for the first time since 2020, enjoying the company of 32 alumni and friends at the Olney Distance Run, alumni vs. student soccer game, lunch and dinner, and a talent show.

Olney Friends School is deeply grateful for the variety of support from LEYM Friends. We welcome your questions and suggestions of potential students. As always, we are grateful for your financial support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellerie Brownfain, LEYM Representative



*Olney Friends School*

## Youth Report on Their Fall Retreat, 2022

There were 19 attenders at LEYM's annual Fall Youth Retreat, at Templed Hills, in Belleville, Ohio, in late September. There were three families of children new to the retreat this year. Five Monthly Meetings were represented: Athens, Birmingham, Broadmead, Detroit, and Red Cedar. It was a wonderfully refreshing time for the youth and the parents.

The youth enjoyed:

Being together  
GaGa ball  
Coloring  
Seeing old friends  
Making new friends  
Running and hiking in the woods  
Ping-Pong  
Eating s'mores  
The campfire  
Making jewelry  
Taking naps  
Eating together  
Snacking on a variety of foods  
Eating pizza  
Meeting for worship  
And just being together.

~ From the youth at our Fall 2022 Retreat

*Children*



*Adult  
Leaders*



### News from Monthly Meetings

**North Columbus Meeting** hosts a monthly information/activity event covering topics within Quakerism, called Quakerism 101. It is hybrid and anyone is welcome, from any location, with any affiliation of Quakerism, or not, to attend, third Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Upcoming topics are *Conflict Resolution* (February 16), *Different Kinds of Quakerism* (March 16), *Quakers & the Environment* (April 20), and *What Is Vocal Ministry?* (May 18). For more information, see <https://tinyurl.com/NorthColumbusFriends> or [www.Instagram.com/northcolumbusfriends](https://www.Instagram.com/northcolumbusfriends).

The article "Quakers Must Take a Position on Abortion," by **Erick Williams** of Red Cedar Meeting, appeared in the August 2022 *Friends Journal*. <https://tinyurl.com/WilliamsAbortion>.

**R. Scot Miller**, of Red Cedar Meeting, published an article, "Hog Maw Epiphanies," in the online edition of the January 2023 *Friends Journal* issue on reparations. <https://tinyurl.com/MillerHogMaw>.

## LEYM Calendar for 2023

February 22: Deadline for submitting workshop proposals for Annual Meeting (see p. 7)

February 25: Registration deadline for attending Representative Meeting in person (see p. 3)

March 11: LEYM Representative Meeting, Toledo, Ohio, and online (see pp. 2–3)

March 15: Submissions for Spring *Bulletin* due

April 12–15: White Privilege Conference, Mesa, Arizona (see [www.theprivilegeinstitute.com](http://www.theprivilegeinstitute.com))

April 30: Due date for State of the Meeting Reports  
Send to Flo Friender ([quakerflo@comcast.net](mailto:quakerflo@comcast.net))

May 10: Registration deadline for attending LEYM Annual Meeting

May 20: Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting, Spring Gathering

June 15–18: LEYM Annual Meeting; Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio (see pp. 4–7)

July 2–8: FGC Gathering, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon (see [www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering](http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering))

### Calendar Changes

Please note that, because **Annual Meeting** has been moved forward to June 15–18 this year, various other deadlines have moved forward as well (see above). In particular, the new deadline for submitting materials for the Spring *Bulletin* is **March 15**, and the Ministry & Nurture Committee asks Meetings to plan their own calendars to enable submission of State of the Meeting Reports by **April 30**.

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