

FWCC Oral Report, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM)  
June 2025 through June 2026

Last October, the Section observed World Quaker Day with the theme "Love Your Neighbor," drawn from Galatians 5:14, with a global online worship gathering bringing Friends together from across the Americas. Young Adult Friends gathered online twice during the year, deepening connections across national, cultural, and theological boundaries.

The Section continues to build useful digital tools including the Digital Quaker Glossary, an interactive map at [fwccdirectory.org](http://fwccdirectory.org), and a regular electronic newsletter. Quaker Connect brings together meetings and churches to try new experiments in faithful community life. Learn more at [fwccamericas.org](http://fwccamericas.org).

The 2026 Section Meeting was held online in March under the theme "Love Your Neighbor." More than 300 Friends attended. and I am glad to report that several Friends from Lake Erie Yearly Meeting were among them. Colin Saxton gave a moving message on the parable of the Good Samaritan, asking whether our meetings are places of rest and healing for those who come seeking it.

In May a professional interpreter training was held in Greensboro, North Carolina, moving the Section toward a stable corps of compensated interpreters. This is a long overdue and meaningful investment.

Looking ahead, the 2027 Section Meeting will be at Quaker Haven Camp in Syracuse, Indiana, and FWCC is planning a Global Online Conference in the fall of 2027 called "Sowing Seeds of Justice." World Quaker Day on October 4, 2026 carries the theme "Let Peace Be Among Us." Consider connecting your meeting with Friends from another branch or country for a joint time of worship that day. Your representatives are happy to help.

Please reach out to Ellerie Brownfain, Clemence Mershon, Jana Norlan, or Mike Hinshaw with any questions. Your contribution helps connect Friends across the Americas in a time when that connection matters more than ever. Gifts of any size are tax deductible at [fwccamericas.org](http://fwccamericas.org).

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