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Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Chronology

Year	Location	Clerks	Comments
1939	Cleveland		Great Lakes Regional Meeting organized
1940	Ann Arbor (Lane Hall)		
1941	Columbus		
1942	Pittsburgh		“Fourth Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference, New and United Meetings”
1943	No record found		
1944	Cleveland		
1945	No record found		
1946	No record found		
1947	Patterson Lake, MI (Ann Arbor-Detroit)		
1948	Camp Wise (Cleveland-Oberlin)		
1949	Delaware (Columbus)		
1950	Camp Lutherlyn (Pittsburgh)		
1951	Green Pastures (AA-Detroit)		
1952	Hiram House Camp (Cleveland)	Winthrop Leeds	FWCC—Oxford, England; Sheldon and Lucy Clark, Dick McCoy, Dorothy Kinsey, Ruth Hyde
1953	Columbus		
1954	Camp Lutherlyn (Pittsburgh)		
1955	Green Pastures (AA-Detroit)	Martin Cobin	FWCC Statement of “Objectives and Organization of the Lake Erie Association” adopted
1956	Friends Boarding School (“Olney”)	Bill Bliss	Sunday dinner was 85¢.

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1957	Wilmington College	Isabel Bliss	
1958	Friends Boarding School ("Olney")	Bernard Gross	FWCC—Bad Pymont, Germ.; Florence Shute, Bill Preis. Budget 1958-59: \$475
1959	Wilmington College	Dick Stow	
1960	Camp Mary Orton (N. Columbus)	William Johnson	
1961	Friends Boarding School ("Olney")	Howard Harris	LEYM <i>Bulletin</i> started. Elise Boulding first editor. FWCC—Kenya; Margaret Utterbeck, Winifred Crossman
1962	Wilmington and Waynesville (with Indiana YM)	Bob Blood	
1963	Friends Boarding School ("Olney")	Bob Blood	Lake Erie Yearly Mtg formed within Lake Erie Association
1964	Wilmington College	Howard McKinney	FWCC-Ireland; Bill and Isabel Bliss. Pittsburgh joins LEYM. Delaware first new MM in LEYM.
1965	Malone College, Canton, OH	Howard McKinney	Kent becomes MM. Oberlin joins LEYM. Cleveland joins both LEYM and Ohio (Cons.) YM.
1966	Wilmington College	Esther Ewald	Adopted statement urging U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam.
1967	Friends Boarding School ("Olney")	Esther Ewald	LEYM affiliated with FGC. FWCC-Guilford; Rilma Buckman, Helen Healy
1968	Bluffton College	Flora McKinney	Approved minute opposing conscription.
1969	Bluffton College	Flora McKinney	"Association" dropped from name. Ground broken for Friends' School in Detroit's permanent building.
1969	Bluffton College	Flora McKinney	

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1970	Bluffton College	Flora McKinney	FWCC-Sweden; Flora and Howard McKinney; Bill Bliss
1971	Bluffton College	Flora McKinney	
1972	Ann Arbor	Rilma Buckman	
1973	Friends Boarding School ("Olney")	Rilma Buckman	FWCC—Sydney, AU. Paul Reagan, Dorothy Bower
1974	Hiram College	Rilma Buckman	Broadmead accepted as MM.
1975	Hiram College	Ralph Liske	<i>Procedures</i> of LEYM adopted
1976	Hiram College	Ralph Liske	FWCC—Hamilton, ONT.
1977	Hiram College	Ralph Liske	
1978	Hiram College	Ralph Liske	Membership passed 1000; budget reached \$4000.
1979	Hiram College	Sam Prellwitz	FWCC—Gwatt, Switzerland; Benton Meeks, Evelyn Culver
1980	Hiram College	Sam Prellwitz	
1981	Olney Friends School	Sam Prellwitz, Claire Davis	
1982	Defiance College	Claire Davis, Sam Prellwitz	
1983	Olney Friends School	Claire Davis, Isabel Bliss	
1984	Defiance College	Isabel Bliss, Claire Davis	
1985	Olney Friends School	Isabel Bliss, Dick Taylor	FWCC—Mexico; Thomas Taylor
1986	Defiance College	Dick Taylor, Isabel Bliss	
1987	Olney Friends School	Dick Taylor, Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon	
1988	Bluffton College	Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon, Dick Taylor	FWCC—Tokyo; Jean Stuntz, Terry Landoll

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1989	Olney Friends School	Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon, Marty Grundy	
1990	Bluffton College	Marty Grundy, Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon	
1991	Olney Friends School	Marty Grundy Pat Campbell	FWCC World Conference – Netherlands, Honduras, Kenya. Claire Davis, Patricia Thomas, John Musgrave, C. Ravaçon-Mershon, Dick Taylor
1992	Olney Friends School	Pat Campbell Marty Grundy	
1993	Bluffton College	Pat Campbell Damon Hickey	
1994	Bluffton College	Damon Hickey Pat Campbell	FWCC—Albuquerque, NM; Rosemary Coffey, Joyce Balderston
1995	Bluffton College	Damon Hickey John Howell	<i>Adopted LEYM Policies and Procedures</i>
1996	Bluffton College	Damon Hickey John Howell	
1997	Bluffton College	John Howell Damon Hickey	FWCC—Birmingham, Eng.; R. Coffey (repl. Rosemary Lore), Merry Stanford
1998	Bluffton College	John Howell Janet Smith	
1999	Bluffton College	Janet Smith, John Howell	
2000	Bluffton College	Janet Smith, Don Nagler	FWCC—Geneva Point, NH; Beth Joy Blackbird, Richard Lee. First <i>Annual Records</i> published in booklet form.
2001	Bluffton College	Don Nagler Janet Smith	Commemorated on the web in photos by Bill Hummon with Plenary Address by Marty Grundy: <i>Thoughts on the Relationship Between an Individual and the Meeting</i>

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2002	Bluffton College	Don Nagler, Sally Weaver Sommer	
2003	Bluffton College	Sally Weaver Sommer, Don Nagler	
2004	Bluffton College	Sally Weaver Sommer, Michael Fuson	FWCC—Auckland, NZ; Zig Dermer, Margaret Kanost
2005	Bluffton Univ.	Michael Fuson, Sally Weaver Sommer	
2006	Bluffton Univ.	Michael Fuson, Shirley Bechill	
2007	Bluffton Univ.	Shirley Bechill, Michael Fuson	First Adult Young Friends Group. FWCC—Dublin, Ireland. Raelyn Joyce, Mike Hinshaw
2008	Bluffton Univ.	Shirley Bechill Merry Stanford	Holland accepted as MM
2009	Bluffton Univ.	Merry Stanford Shirley Bechill	Scholarships assist first-time attenders.
2010	Bluffton Univ.	Merry Stanford Peggy Daub	Family attendance encouraged by meeting later in summer and free attendance for young Friends (through age 18).
2011	Bluffton Univ.	Peggy Daub Merry Stanford	Presentations and entertainment offered from within LEYM.
2012	Bluffton Univ.	Peggy Daub, Rebecca Morehouse	High School retreat held at and during Annual Sessions.
2013	Bluffton Univ.	Peggy Daub, Sally Weaver Sommer	50 th anniversary celebration. Work camp held before Annual Meeting.
2014	Bluffton Univ.	Sally Weaver Sommer, Peggy Daub	Three-day work camp in Detroit preceding Annual Meeting.

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2015	Bluffton Univ.	Sally Weaver Sommer, Mike Holaday	Plenary Address: <i>Unconventional Joy: The Scandalous Ministry of Befriending</i> , by Merry Stanford.
2016	Bluffton Univ.	Mike Holaday, Sally Weaver Sommer	FWCC--World Plenary in Pisac, Peru; Jana Norlin, C. Ravaçon-Mershon
2017	Bluffton Univ.	Mike Holaday, [none]	Plenary address and three workshops presented by young adult Friends.
2018	Bluffton Univ.	Nancy Reeves Mike Holaday	Plenary address by Yvette Shipman. Steps to “green” Annual Meeting meals.
2019	Bluffton Univ.	Nancy Reeves Jo Posti	Plenary address by Joyce Ajilouny. Harassment Policy approved.
2020	Virtual (Zoom)	Jo Posti Nancy Reeves	Covid-19 pandemic necessitated online meeting.
2021	Virtual (Zoom)	Jo Posti Susan Loucks	Plenary address by Paula Palmer: <i>From Truth to Healing with Native Peoples</i> .
2022	Virtual (Zoom)	Susan Loucks Jo Posti	Theme “Many Roots, One Tree” interwoven throughout sessions. Plenary address by Christian Acemah, Head of Olney Friends School.
2023	Ashland Univ., Ashland, OH and virtual (Zoom)	Susan Loucks [none]	Theme “Navigating Anew” apt for new location. Plenary address by Emily Provance. 60th anniversary.
2024	Ashland Univ. and virtual (Zoom)	Susan Loucks [none]	Theme “Friends Together: Outpourings of the Spirit.” Plenary presentation by Paulette Meier on Contemplative Communal Chant. FWCC – Johannesburg, South Africa; Ellerie Brownfain

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2025	Ashland Univ. and virtual (Zoom)	Joe Mills Jack Smith	Theme: “Mending Our Nets.” Plenary address by Pamela Haines. Some Friends held a peace vigil on campus and/or joined a “No Kings” protest in town, while others held them in the Light.
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