



# Western Work

10.06

News of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

## Superintendent Bible Study, James 2:14-26

The basic principle that James brings forth in this passage is that faith without works is dead. This does not contradict Paul's statement, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast." [Eph. 2:8-9, NRSV] James is saying that works **proceed** from faith not **precedes** faith. It is not enough to say we believe a statement of faith.

If faith is genuine, it will be mixed with action. As we yield our lives to Christ Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit, we are brought into newness of life manifested in service to God (vs. 16). We are equipped with spiritual gifts for the work of ministry. Sometimes we do not move forward to use our gifts because we doubt our own abilities. Jesus said, "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name." [Jn. 15:16, NRSV] If you want the fruit, you have to go out on the limb. We need to use our gifts for service even if we are afraid. The more we use our gifts, the more confident and skilled we become in using them. It all starts with the faith to step out and get started. As we walk our talk--our lives speak.

***WYM Queries:** Do you endeavor to recognize and develop your special talents and abilities for service in the meeting and do you pray for divine guidance in their use? Do you cultivate the spiritual gifts of the members of your meeting?*

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## Administrative Council, 11/11/06

Western Yearly Meeting Administrative Council will be held on 11/11/06, 10:00 a.m. (Indiana time), at Plainfield Friends Church. Registration, coffee and doughnuts will be at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time). Lunch will be served by Plainfield Friends, cost \$8.00. Following business meeting, there will be an Open House of Sugar Grove Friends with Phyllis Gladden sharing about Friends' history.

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## WYM Board Reports

**Christian Education.** Katy Palmer, the new Christian Education Director, was present to discuss her vision for Christian Education in Western Yearly Meeting. The WYM Youth Cabinet has plans to begin area visitation to lead worship. Work is being done to streamline camp registration.

**Christian Ministries & Evangelism.** Development of a data base for pastoral recording credentials has begun. Funds for the Pastors' Winter Retreat were approved, 2/17-19, 2007.

**Meeting Development & Nurture.** Contact the WYM Office if your meeting is interested in attending this year's Congregational Visitation or e-mail Ann Carter: [eannc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eannc@sbcglobal.net). Growth grants were approved for Bethel Friends Church and the upcoming Winter Retreat, "*Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches*," February 17. Topics include: The Nature and Role of Conflict, Finding Renewal in Conflict, Self-Assessment Exercise, Understanding and Improving Your Own Style of Response to Conflict, Interpersonal Peacemaking Skills: How to be Effective When People are Angry, and Congregational Conflict: Understanding Conflict in Groups and How to Manage It.

**Outreach.** The Christian Outreach Board would like to challenge each area to raise \$1,000 toward the 2006 Special Project, the new dining hall at Swift Purcell in Jamaica, before the end of the year. Sarabeth Marcinko, Dinah Geiger or Candi McDonald would love to come to your church or area meeting to bring pictures to help you tell others in your church about the need in Jamaica. The cost of the Jamaica Work Team, March 10-17, 2007, is \$1250. The 2007 Special Project is \$10,000 for the Kaimosi Hospital.

**Peace & Social Concerns.** Trust funds were approved for representatives to travel to FCNL. Diana Hadley, new co-clerk, talked about her movie nights at Plainfield Friends as a suggestion for other meetings.

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## Together Encouraging All Meetings (TEAM) Prayer Reports

*“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other...” [1Thess. 4:11, NRSV]*

One item which emerged from the evaluation of our Jubilee year was the need for more communication and fellowship between meetings. Each Sunday of 2006 one meeting will be highlighted throughout the yearly meeting and lifted up in prayer. Special prayer requests for publication in the Western Work may be submitted to the office prior to the printing deadline.

### October 1 – Rush Creek Friends Church

- Children’s Church Program: that we can continue to reach young children in the area
- Growth: we would like to see growth through reaching new people in the community and keeping them in church
- Leadership: pastors and elders as they consider spiritual and physical needs
- Physical: our building as we consider how best to use our resources and what to do
- Concerns: finding ways to help and encourage single mothers struggling to raise kids and make ends meet; encouraging fathers to be strong leaders in their family; and encouraging visitation and fellowship with shut-ins

### October 8 – Russiaville Friends Church

- Junior Youth Group (K-6<sup>th</sup>) that it will explode into something exciting
- Ladies C.A.R.E. Ministry C-come, A-and, R-receive, E-encouragement
- Williams’ Patch Pre-school “Devotions with Raymond” and Quaker Witness
- Spiritual guidance and well being of our three college students
- USFW and Friendship Circle Ministries, Thursday & Friday Fellowship Gatherings, Monthly Fellowship Meal & Gospel Sing, Howard Haven County Home Ministry Project
- Continuing to follow God’s leading in our 130<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in 2007

### October 15 – Sandcreek-Azalia Friends

- A successful and well attended homecoming and dedication of renovated facilities to be held on October 29
- Successful yearlong emphasis on stewardship for the meeting
- Effective community outreach programs
- An effective membership class to be held during Sunday School hours

### October 22 – Second Friends

- That Second Friends will be able to stay in our West Indianapolis neighborhood and minister to those people
- We will have the wisdom to recognize those who are willing to help us in our goal
- God will raise up those who understand Second Friends needs to become a Mission again
- That Second Friends Church Building will continue Friends’ work for another 100 years

### October 29 – Sheridan Friends

- We will always follow Christ, and in turn we can effect others because of Him
- We will always be thankful for our many blessings
- We will be mindful of each other and our neighbors

### Upcoming TEAM Schedule for November

- November 5 - Shiloh
- November 12 - Tangier
- November 19 – Valley Mills
- November 26 – Vermilion Grove

## Updates

**Hermon Otioko**, pastor at the Friends Turkana Mission, was able to have colon surgery. John Muhanji writes, “He (Herman) is there with his wife and they both expressed their gratitude for the support they received from many friends through FUM. He claims that if he did not receive any help, he would be dead by now. I have never seen Herman as happy as he was when he saw me at the hospital...Herman came home from the hospital...He is in the house happy and praise God for the healing” A special thank you to Friends who prayed and gave financially. God is good---all the time!

**Erin Hall**, member of Paoli Friends and Purdue University student, wrote, “I wanted to write and thank you for the generous support you gave me this summer in helping send me to Ocean City, NJ on Campus Crusade for Christ’s Summer Project. It was an amazing experience of spiritual growth, sharing the Gospel, and developing relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ...Through this, I learned a great deal about where my priorities lie and how I want to serve God fully with my life...No longer am I satisfied with being mediocre in my faith...Christ calls us to love radically...Thank you for investing in me this past summer.

If your church is interested in receiving a Wurlitzer Organ as a donation, please contact Jennifer Hodge, (765) 526-2222.

## Hello Western Yearly Meeting!

It has been a bit of a transition coming back to the Midwest, but I'm so excited to be here in this time and in this place. I've been looking for an apartment and getting settled here around Plainfield. I'm trying to get used to people actually driving the speed limit and having the clerk at WalMart smile at you. I'm no stranger to seeing tractors on the roadways and the delicious potluck dinners, having grown up in Iowa; but it has taken some adjustment to come back after being gone from it for a few years.

The opportunities to minister in this yearly meeting excite me and as I observe and pray about the direction of programming here and look at the possibilities of training the leaders in waiting, I sense that God is going to do great things. His hand is at work here and I feel so blessed to be a part of it.

I've had the chance to meet many of you and look forward to continuing to build those relationships more. Thank you for the opportunity to minister along side you here in Western Yearly Meeting. I covet your prayers as I listen and learn of the ways God desires us to build up the youth and Christian Education of this yearly meeting.

Blessings,  
**Katy Palmer**, WYM CE Director

## Upcoming Events for Youth & Young Adults

**Sundesmos Winter Retreat** – January 2-5, 2007, WYM Hospitality Center

This is an opportunity for young adults and college students to refresh before jumping back into things after the holidays. We will be exploring how our faith affects our choice of vocation; with topics including spiritual gifts, calling and ministry opportunities. Please come and encourage others to join us as we fellowship, serve and worship together.

Prior to this retreat we are also encouraging students to consider attending InterVarsity's Urbana 06 Student Mission Convention where over 25,000 people will gather to worship God and hear how He is using people to accomplish His purposes throughout the world and to understand their calling. Check it out at [www.urbana.org](http://www.urbana.org) and contact Katy Palmer [katypwym@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katypwym@sbcglobal.net) or (317)839-2789 if you are interested in attending; scholarships may be available to those who qualify. Prices are considerably cheaper if you register by October. 15

### Youth Cabinet Road Show

Are you interested in having a Youth Sunday service at your meeting? The WYM Youth Cabinet is providing a traveling service available to WYM meetings. This is an opportunity for WYM youth leaders to serve you and connect with other youth in the yearly meeting. Contact Kay Palmer at [katypwym@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katypwym@sbcglobal.net) or (317) 829-2789 to schedule a service at your local meeting.

## 2007 Summer Dates

June 10-15, 2007	Pioneer Camp
June 15-17, 2007	Beginners Camp
June 17-20, 2007	George Fox Camp
June 24-29, 2007	Senior High Camp, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 2007 Graduates
July 1-6, 2007	Junior High Camp
July 15-20, 2007	Senior High Camp, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 2007 Graduates
<b>August 2-5, 2007</b>	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Session of Western Yearly Meeting</b>

## Resources for Discernment

*Hearing with the Heart, a Gentle Guide for Discerning God's Will for Your Life*, Debra Farrington, Jossey-Bass, if you are considering asking your meeting for a clearness committee, this book will be a valuable resource.

*Anarchy of the Ranters*, by Robert Barclay is found in the book *Early Quaker Writings*, edited by Hugh Barbour and published by Pendle Hill. This early Friend provides the Scriptural basis for decision making in the Religious Society of Friends.

*Mind the Light: Learning to See with Spiritual Eyes*, the newest book from Brent Bill, is now available through Paraclete at [www.paracletepress.com](http://www.paracletepress.com).

**Center for Congregations** will hold their next new grants initiative meeting on 11/6/06, 10:00 a.m. or 11/7/06, 4:00 a.m. at the Indianapolis Center for Congregations, 303 N. Alabama Street, #100. This year's new grant initiative provides an opportunity for congregations "to assess their present situation, discover their vision, and create their future." Check their website at [www.centerforcongregations.org](http://www.centerforcongregations.org)

## Upcoming Events

### October, 2006

- 1 Blue River Friends Homecoming, 11:00 a.m.
- 8-10 North Central Area Friends Revival, Steve Pedigo Preaching, hosted by Hortonville Friends
- 11 North Central Pastors' Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Carmel Friends Church
- 13-15 Friend-s United Meeting General Board
- 13-21 Bloomingdale Friends & Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, learn about local Friends history
- 14 57<sup>th</sup> Street Friends 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 12:30 p.m. – Potluck Lunch; Worship Sharing, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Danville Friends Chicken & Noodle Dinner, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Fairfield Friends Jamaican Meal & Angella Beharie, President of Friends Educational Council of Jamaica, 5:30 p.m.  
Central Area Youth Meeting at Valley Mills Friends
- 15 Hinkle Creek Friends 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 10:30 a.m. – Worship, Dinner Afterwards  
WYM Youth Cabinet Meeting, 2:00 p.m., WYM Hospitality Center  
Northern Area Meeting, Courtland Avenue Friends, 5:30, Carry-in; 6:30, Patrick Nugent and Slides of FTC
- 17 Central Pastors' Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Mississippi Belle Restaurant
- 20 Northern Pastors' Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Russiaville Friends Parsonage
- 21 Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., Kelley Room, WYM Meetinghouse
- 22 Joyce Ajlouny, Director of Ramallah Friends School, will share at Plainfield Friends, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 WYM Program Planning Committee, 2:00 p.m., WYM Hospitality Center
- 26-29 Westfield Friends Youth Retreat, WYM Hospitality Center
- 27 Southern Pastors' Meeting
- 28 Plainfield Friends, "Encountering Scripture" a workshop with Ben Richmond, 9-4:30, Cost - \$15 (includes lunch)  
Gray Friends Church Annual Chili Supper & Bake Sale, 5-8 p.m., call Barbara Myers, 317/758-9553 for info.
- 29 Sandcreek Azalia Friends Homecoming  
Purdue Students visit Sarah's Oak & Farmers' Institute, meet the van at 5:00 p.m. in front of Univ. Church

### November, 2006

- 3 Fairfield Friends Feast
- 4 Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting of Friends, Chicago Monthly Meeting
- 5 Central Area Meeting, Irvington Friends, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 WYM Financial Trustees, 9:15 a.m., Larry Nunn & Associates, 4000 Clarks Creek Rd.
- 11 WYM Administrative Council; 9:30 a.m. – Registration; 10:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
- 17-20 7<sup>th</sup> Friends Ministers Conference, San Antonio, Texas

*Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Western Yearly Meeting equips Friends Meetings in the Gospel of Jesus Christ by exercising mutual care and extending cooperative ministries. Through various expressions of our Christian faith, we strive to inspire ministry and the release of gifts of leadership.*

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**MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
NEWSLETTER:**

**10/23/06, 9:00 a.m.**

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