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Western Work

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Superintendent Bible Study, James 4:10-17

James begins this section with an admonition to humble ourselves in the presence of the Lord. He states this after addressing the issue of conflict in the church. To humble ourselves means to subject our will, our interests, our motives and attitudes to the authority of Christ Jesus. In other words, "Do it God's way!"

He states this in contrast to being a judge. The word, "judge," is the Greek word, "krino," which means to condemn. It means to pass sentence on others. This word is used in place of "anakrino," which is another word translated "judge" but instead means to investigate, examine, or question. James tells us it is not our place to condemn others; yet he leaves it open for us to investigate, examine, or question as a matter of discernment. Only God can judge with full knowledge and truth (4:12). We can't even judge our own lives accurately (4:13-16). It is enough for us just to know the right thing and then actually to do it.

Western Yearly Meeting Work Teams

Jamaica	Louisiana
<p>Everyone at Swift Purscell Boys Home and Friends Education Council sends their thanks for the money you sent and for supporting the team as we went down to work on the dining hall.</p> <p>The team left for Jamaica on March 10, and returned to Indy on late March 17. Team members were: Connie Robertson, Jim Crew, John & Betty Heshelman, Steve & Candi McDonald, Brad Craycraft, Ben Hiatt, Veronica Barker, Tim Harding, Nathan Day, Katy Palmer, and DJ Carter. On Sunday we enjoyed worshipping with Highgate Friends Meeting.</p> <p>On Monday we started mixing concrete for the floor. Part of the WYM money had been sent down ahead and was used to pour footers and build the walls of the dining hall before we got there. Our part of the job was to pour the 40'x40' floor. Four Jamaicans supervised and worked with us. I truly felt that God put this team together, because we worked together like clockwork. Even those of us who thought we wouldn't be much help pouring concrete found a place where we fit perfectly. Our goal was to complete the floor in four days, but the team worked so well together we were able to finish it in 2 1/2 days!</p> <p>We spent our extra day painting the cottage at Lyndale Girls Home, so we were able to work with the boys and the girls while we were in Jamaica. On Monday and Wednesday evenings we went back to the homes and played games with the children and helped children who wanted help with their homework. On Wednesday afternoon we got a tour of the Lyndale farm they have just started. They hope to start a similar farm for Swift-Purscell soon.</p> <p>On Thursday evening Swift Purcell held a dedication of the new dining hall. They led us in prayer and in praise and worship songs and thanked each member of the team for their willingness to serve. They also had a sign on the table that said, "Thank You Western Yearly Meeting." Mr. Stewart led us on a tour of the home and we couldn't get over the positive changes that he has been able to put in place since 2001.</p> <p>Thanks, again, to all who sent money for materials and who supported the team.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Submitted by Candi McDonald, Clerk WYM Board on Outreach (Westfield Friends)</i></p>	<p>Friends Disaster Service (FDS) has reimbursed two groups who went to Lafitte, Louisiana. Their expenses on the road were paid by WYM Friends Disaster. This amount was for \$3,495.11. While they were in Lafitte, Friends Disaster Service from Ohio paid for their meals.</p> <p>The time was spent building new homes and rehabbing damaged ones. The homes in this area were flooded by hurricane Rita. This hurricane occurred after Katrina.</p> <p>Friends Disaster Service Eastern Region has established a headquarters in the civic center at LaFitte. They have been there for several months and anticipate being there for several more. There will be times available for different groups to work. FDS of WYM will be glad to pay the travel expenses of any group going down.</p> <p>The facilities are very functional. They are able to sleep about forty people on bunk beds. The kitchen is in good shape. Wilmington Friends has provided a shower travel which they made. It has four showers and 2 sinks. This is used for the men and the ladies have separate showers provided by the civic center.</p> <p>Additional information on this may be found in the Jan./Feb. 2007 edition of <i>Quaker Life</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Submitted by Lane Simms, President WYM Friends Disaster Service (Carmel Friends)</i></p>

Together Encouraging All Meetings (TEAM) Prayer Reports

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

April 1 - Fairfield

- Resources for our building fund
- Loving-kindness and wisdom as we live out a progressive Quaker faith
- Appreciation for new attendees, and prayers of thanksgiving for our older members, especially those who struggle with poor health

April 8 - Farmers Institute

April 15 - 57th Street

April 22 - First Friends, Indianapolis

April 29 - First Friends, Kokomo

Special prayer requests for publication in the Western Work may be submitted by the meeting to the office prior to the printing deadline.

Upcoming TEAM Schedule for May

May 6 - Georgetown

May 20 - Gray

May 13 - Gravelly Run

May 27 - Hadley

WYM Administrative Council Report

Executive Committee

- A two year contract renewal for Steve & Marlene Pedigo as WYM Co-Superintendents was approved.
- It was approved to form a "Task Force on Struggling Meetings" in response to a letter from Shiloh Friends expressing their inability to pay WYM assessments. It will consist of five members, one from the Executive Committee, one from CM&E, one from MD&N, the WYM Presiding Clerk, and one of the Co-Superintendents. This task force will function to provide focus, information and recommendations to the Executive Committee on small meetings.
- A clearness committee was approved to meet with a WYM recorded minister concerning a minute sent to the Executive Committee.
- Sundesmos Budget was approved for \$32,000. WYM will plan to place six interns in ministry this summer across WYM.

Reports

- A Power Point presentation and bulletin insert are available for the 2007 Kaimosi Hospital Special Outreach project.
- Sylvia Graves, FUM General Secretary, and Marlene Pedigo shared about the recent FUM General Board Meeting in Kenya.
- FUM Triennial will be held on July 9-13, 2008 at the High Point Friends Church, North Carolina Yearly Meeting.
- Contact Candi McDonald (317) 773-9034 or smcdonald@iquest.net if you would like to hear stories or see pictures from Jamaica.

Property Trustees

- Approval was given to dispose of the Walnut Chapel real estate as way opens.

Program Committee

- WYM 150th Annual Session will be held on August 2-5, 2007 in Plainfield with the theme, "One Body, In Christ" (Rom. 12:4-5).
- Dave Kingery, Mid-America Yearly Meeting, will be the Thursday evening Quaker lecturer.
- The Quaker Haven BBQ and a multi-generational worship is being planned by the WYM Youth Cabinet for Friday evening.
- Saturday afternoon workshops will be followed by a USFW Kenyan tea with John Muhajji, Director of FUM African Ministries, speaking for the evening mission service.
- Jay Marshall, ESR Dean, will share during Sunday morning worship followed by Dave Phillips, Wabash Friends Pastor, for the afternoon Celebration of Ministry.
- Phil King will provide the morning Bible studies.

A special thank you is extended to New London Friends who shared an excellent lunch and gave a presentation of the history of their meeting and Northern Area.

Statistics

Deaths

Julia Doughty (Mooresville) b. 2-19-1916 d. 1-7-2007

Mary Francis Freelove (Mooresville) b. 8-27-1920 d. 3-23-2007

Helen Keller b. 4-25-10 d. 3-19-2007 (Mooresville)

Frances L. Stubbs (Westfield Friends, prior member of Hinkle Creek) b. 1-10-1926 d. 3-3-2007

Charles A. Whicker (Hadley) b. 6-30-1920 d. 3-18-2007

Marriage

Stacey Simpson & Luke Pauley 11-11-2006

Births

Shyla Joanne Heimansohn (Mitch & Jessica Heimansohn) b. 4-12-2006 (Danville)

Jaylin Holly Hauger (Jenna Hauger) b. 5-27-2006 (Danville)

Selah Eliana Thornburg (Benjamin & Cathy Thornburg) b. 8-23-2006 (Danville)

Grace Nicole Strahl (Dustin & Kristi Strahl) b. 8-26-2006 (Danville)

Katlynn Marie Jackson (Jason & Beth Jackson) b. 12-5-2006 (Danville)

Sundesmos & Youth Cabinet Events

Sundesmos Summer Internships

Once again we will mobilize WYM young adults for ministry in Western Yearly Meeting this summer. Six interns will be placed in ministry as counselors at Quaker Haven Camp, in local meeting ministry, Vacation Bible School, and Western Yearly Meeting programs. This year's program will begin with an introduction to WYM Boards on May 19!

Youth Cabinet Road Show

Join the WYM Youth Cabinet on April 14, 5:00 p.m., for the "Road Show" worship service at Newberry Friends in Southern Area.

Quaker Haven Summer Camp Dates

ALERT! Make plans now for the children in your life to attend Quaker Haven Camp this summer. To avoid a \$50 late fee, all registrations must be mailed with a \$50 deposit to **Quaker Haven Camp** by **May 28, 2007!** Your remaining balance is due on the first day of your camp. Scholarship applications are available from the office by request. They are to be submitted by 5/1/07. If you are available to be a counselor at the senior high camps, please contact Katy Palmer immediately!

QUAKER HAVEN CAMP DATES

June 10-15	Pioneer Camp (Grades 5 & 6)
June 15-17	Beginner Camp (Grades K-1 with a parent/guardian)
June 17-20	George Fox Camp (Grades 3 & 4)
June 24-29	Senior High I (Grades 9-12)
July 1-6	Junior High (Grades 7 & 8)
July 15-20	Senior High II (Grades 9-12)

Training for Small Group & Spiritual Formation

Western Yearly Meeting Friends are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Richard Foster speak at the regional Renovare Conference this fall, September 14-15, 2007 at the First Nazarene Church, Indianapolis, IN. The cost is \$50.00 per person or \$80.00 for couples. There is a free pre-conference event, "Building Spiritual Friendships," on Saturday, May 5, 9-3, at the BridgeWay Community Church, 12945 Parkside Drive, in Fishers. If you register for the fall Renovare Conference at this time, you will get a discount on the price. To find out more about Renovare, check out their website at www.renovare.org.

Upcoming Opportunities

USFW Spring Conference

The Spring Conference for the United Society of Friends Women will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at the Sugar Plain Friends Church, Thorntown, Indiana. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. The special speaker is Candi McDonald (Westfield Friends) who will share about their recent work team to Jamaica. The offering will support the renovation of the dorm at the Lyndale Girls Home. Please call Joanne Carter with your reservations by April 16.

Noblesville Spring Musicales

WYM Friends are invited to the Noblesville Friends Meeting's 7th Annual Spring Musicales which will be on Sunday, May 6, at 3 pm. This special event will include a variety of music with Joe & Tom Roberts on organ and piano, plus three vocalists.

Bilingual Training, "The Basics of Consecutive and Simultaneous Interpretation"

Friends World Committee for Consultation is offering the conference, "The Basics of Consecutive and Simultaneous Interpretation" on May 20-25, 2007 at Earlham College. This training session offers bilingual Friends who see interpretation among Friends as a ministry, to serve by learning the skills needed for good interpretation. If you are interested, please apply by April 6, 2007. An application may be found on their website, www.fvccamericas.org.

Quaker Hill Conference Center

David Edinger wants to remind WYM Friends to visit their website for details on upcoming events at Quaker Hill: www.qhcc.org,

USFWI Triennial Session

The USFWI Triennial will be held on July 19-22, 2007 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis. This year's theme is "Woven Into a Tapestry of Love" [Colossians 2:2]. You can check out the website to register: www.usfwi.org.

Pulpit Supply

Are you looking for someone to fill the pulpit this summer while your pastor is on vacation? Please be sure to contact Steve Pedigo for a list of recorded Friends ministers who are available.

Upcoming Events

April, 2007

- 5 Friends Disaster Service Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Carmel Friends
- 7 Kokomo First Friends Chicken & Noodle Dinner, 4-7 pm
- 11 North Central Area Pastors' Meeting, 9 a.m.
Training & Recording Committee, 12 noon
- 12 West Central Pastors' Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 13-14 Fairfield Friends Fish Fry and Bake Sale
- 14 WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show, Newberry Friends, 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Walter & Helen Thomas 60th Wedding Anniversary, 2-5 p.m., Russiaville United Methodist Church
- 17 Central Area Pastors Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
Program Committee, 2 p.m, WYM Kelley Conference Room
- 20 Northern Area Pastors' Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Russiaville Friends Parsonage
- 21 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m., WYM Kelley Conference Room
- 24 USFW Spring Conference, 9:30 a.m., Sugar Plain Friends Church
- 26 Western Pastors' Meeting, 9:00 a.m., (CDT) Ridge Farm Friends Church
- 28 Georgetown Friends Womens Retreat

May, 2007

- 1 WYM Quaker Haven Camp Scholarships Applications are due!
- 5 Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting of Friends, 10 a.m., 57th Street Friends
- 6 Noblesville Friends Spring Musicale, 3 p.m.
- 19 WYM Board Meetings, 9:00 a.m.
- 28 Quaker Haven Camp REGISTRATIONS DUE!

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.

WESTERN WORK

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4/23/07, 9:00 a.m.**

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