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Western Work

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Superintendent Bible Study, James 5:1-6

James turns his attention to the right sharing of resources. He begins the section with a statement of judgment, “The weeping and howling are not signs of repentance but expressions of remorse in the face of judgment.” [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary] This is a warning to those who selfishly use their God-given resources rather than approach their resources as a ministry to others. Stewardship includes sharing financial, relational, and material resources. In 2 Corinthians we are reminded of how God’s economy works. God loves a cheerful giver, “...God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” [2 Cor. 9:8, KJV] God gives us sufficiency in all things so we can use these things to serve others. We get in order to give!

***WYM Queries:** Do you make diligent effort to acquaint yourselves and those under your care with the spiritual needs of the world? Do you support by prayer and systemic giving those who are laboring to extend Christ’s kingdom? Do you use your spiritual gifts in serving humanity as God grants you light to see such service?*

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

150th Annual Sessions
August 2-5, 2007

We hope you will join us this summer for a time of worship, fellowship, and discernment of God’s will for Western Yearly Meeting as we center upon what it means to be “One Body, In Christ” [Romans 12:4-5, 10, NRSV].

Families are welcomed to Western Yearly Meeting! A variety of programs have been planned for registered children, youth and young adults. Please be sure to bring the whole family!

Thursday, August 2, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Registration
8:30 a.m. – New Attender Orientation
9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute
10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study
Phil King
11:15 a.m. – Discussion Groups
12:00 noon – Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Memorial Service
Chris Lindley
2:30 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
5:00 p.m. – Dinner & Pastors’ Dinner at Gray’s Cafeteria, Mooresville
7:00 p.m. – Quaker Lecture
Dave Kingrey, Director
Institute for Ministry
Mid-America Yearly Meeting

Friday, August 3, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study
Phil King
10:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
12:00 noon – Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
3:00 p.m. – Break
3:15 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
5:00 p.m. – Quaker Haven B-B-Q
Earlham Banquet
7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship
WYM Youth Cabinet

Saturday, August 4, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study
Phil King
10:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
12:00 noon – Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Workshops
3:15 p.m. – Workshops
5:00 p.m. – USFW Tea
Quaker Men’s Banquet
7:00 p.m. – Mission Service
John Muhanji, Director
FUM African Ministries

Sunday, August 5, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Meeting for Worship
Jay Marshall, Earlham School of Religion
12:00 noon – Lunch

Together Encouraging All Meetings (TEAM) Prayer Reports

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

May 6 - Georgetown

- Grow as faithful givers
- Seek God in devotions and Bible studies
- Youth have grown in numbers and spirit but to continue growth and leadership
- That the Quaker Men will again unite to minister through music
- Development of strong leaders from the growing members

May 13 – Gravelly Run

- Pray for the church building and members.

May 20 – Gray

- Spiritual impact on community
- Health of members
- Obedience to God
- Open Doors Ministry

May 27 – Hadley

- Our elderly members who have health issues
- Spiritual growth

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 June

June 3 - Hazel Dell
June 10 – Hemlock

June 17 – Hinkle Creek
June 24 – Hopewell

Executive Committee Report

As Clerk of Executive Committee, I have been asked to clear up some confusion in the March *Western Work*. The following items were brought to Administrative Council and approved by Administrative Council.

- A two year contract renewal for Steve and Marlene Pedigo as Co-Superintendents
- Sundesmos Budget was approved for \$32,000.00. WYM will place six interns into ministry this summer across WYM.

The following items were reported to Administrative Council as information items:

- It was approved by Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee, one from CM&E, one from MD&N, 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.
- It was approved by Executive Committee to form a clearness committee to meet with Phil Gulley, a recorded minister of WYM.

The Executive Committee Report was approved in its entirety by Western Yearly Meeting Administrative Council.

Steve McDonald, WYM Executive Committee Clerk

WYM Workshops

Plan to join us for training this year at the WYM Saturday afternoon workshops, August 4.

1:30 p.m. Workshops

1. *The Missing Generation* - Katy Palmer
2. *Clerking* - Ellen Hodge
3. *How Western Yearly Meeting Works* - Dan Carter
4. *Outreach* - David Bucura
5. *Sacramental Worship* - Stan Banker

3:15 p.m. Workshops

1. *CE Program Sharing* - Katy Palmer
2. *Quaker Business Meeting, Discernment for the Church* - Marlene Pedigo
3. *Church Budgets* - Paul Smith
4. *Outreach* -
5. *"An Inconvenient Truth"* - Al Gore's Documentary

Statistics

Deaths

Grace Bibler, [Chicago] d. 4.23.2007

A Memorial Service will be held June 3, 2007, 1:00 p.m., at the Chicago Monthly Meeting following morning worship at 10:00 a.m. and a carry-in meal.

Margaret Lamb, [Indianapolis First] b. 8.2.1903 d. 4.25.2007

A Memorial Service will be held on May 2, 2007 at Indianapolis First Friends at 1:15 p.m.

Christian Education Events

Sundesmos Summer Internships

Once again we will mobilize WYM young adults for ministry in Western Yearly Meeting this summer. This year's interns are: Paul West (Kokomo First Friends), Melissa Hagmaier (Courtland Avenue); Jessica Thornburg (Danville); Matt McPherson (Danville); Mariya Jones (Plainfield), and Hannah Gallez (Ridge Farm). 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 May 20, 10:30 a.m., for the "Road Show" worship service at First Friends Kokomo in Northern 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. 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)

Quaker Haven Work Opportunities

Are you looking for a worthwhile work project? During Saturdays in May make plans to help Quaker Haven Camp prepare for camp to open this summer! They will provide you with lunch---and you know how well Dan cooks!

Quaker Haven is looking for help constructing picnic tables. Let them know if your church can donate the wood, bolts and time to help them complete this project.

Quaker Haven Camp is searching for a nurse for the summer camping season. Lodging and meals will be provided in exchange for serving as camp nurse for all or any part of the camp season. LPN/RN certification is preferred but EMT or similar certification would be accepted. For more information, contact Brandon Dennis at info@quakerhaven.com or (574) 834-4193.

Strategies for Renewal and Spiritual Growth

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. See the attached Renovare Registration. To find out more about Renovare, check out their website at www.renovare.org.

Upcoming Opportunities

Noblesville Spring Musicale

WYM Friends are invited to the Noblesville Friends Meeting's 7th Annual Spring Musicale 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.fwccamericas.org.

USFWI Triennial Session

The United Society of Friends Women International (USFWI) will meet in its Triennial Sessions July 19-22, 2007 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme for the conference is "Woven Into a Tapestry of Love" taken from Colossians 2:2 [*The Message*]. Speakers for the conference will explore various threads that create a tapestry of love. Gladys Kang'ahi and Mary Glen Hadley, both USFWI Board members, will lead the first session experiencing prayer as a foundational thread in creating a tapestry of love. Judy Dennis will focus on the thread of encouragement. Judy is a counselor who has specialized in working with trauma victims. Esther Mombo, the Academic Dean at St. Paul's Theological College in Kenya, will add the thread of unity. Maxine Nash, a Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) member, recently based in Iraq, will speak on the thread of understanding. The banquet speaker will be Shelley Newby who will pull together the tapestry of love. She followed her vision to walk for peace from New Castle, Indiana to Washington, D.C. We enjoy fellowship together on Saturday afternoon as we share in a Kenya tea and Saturday evening a Crafts Fair will be held with vendors from around the world displaying, demonstrating or selling their crafts. You can register on line at: www.adamsmark.com. *Mary Glen Hadley*

Upcoming Events

May, 2007

- 1 **WYM Quaker Haven Camp Scholarships Applications are due!**
- 5 **Georgetown Friends Women Retreat, 9:00 a.m.**
Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting of Friends, 10 a.m., 57th Street Friends
- 6 **Noblesville Friends Spring Musicale, 3 p.m.**
- 8 **North Central Area Pastors' Meeting, 9:00 a.m.**
- 12 **Training & Recording Committee, 9:00 a.m., WYM Kelley Conference Room**
- 14 **WYM Historical Celebration Meeting, 1:00 a.m., Carmel Friends Church**
Struggling Meetings Task Group, 2:00 p.m., WYM Office
- 15 **Pastors' Planning Meeting, 10:00 a.m., WYM Office**
- 16 **Western Area Pastors' Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Vermilion Grove Friends**
- 17 **WYM Financial Trustees Meeting, 9:15 a.m.**
- 18 **Northern Area Pastors' Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**
- 19 **WYM Board Meetings, 9:00 a.m.**
- 20 **Youth Cabinet Roadshow at First Friends Kokomo, 10:30 a.m.**
- 23 **Sundesmos Mentor Meeting, 11:00 a.m.**
Sundesmos Mentor & Intern Luncheon, 12:00 noon.
- 28 **Quaker Haven Camp REGISTRATIONS DUE**

June, 2007

- 2 **WYM Finance Board, 9:00 a.m., WYM Office Conference Room**
Plainfield Friends National Road Yard Sale, 8-4, proceeds go to mission
- 9 **Indianapolis First Friends Rummage Sale**
- 10-15 **Pioneer Quaker Haven Camp**
- 15-17 **Beginner Quaker Haven Camp**
- 17-20 **George Fox Quaker Haven Camp**
- 16 **Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Kelley Conference Room**
- 20 **Sundesmos Mentor & Intern Luncheon, 12:00 noon**
- 24-29 **Senior High I, 9th Grade to 2007 Graduate**

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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MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT

NEWSLETTER:

5/21/07, 9:00 a.m.

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