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## OVYM Annual Sessions July 31 - August 4, 2002 *Healing the Earth*

Please plan to join us at our 2002 annual sessions. Our theme, *Healing the Earth*, challenges us to explore the ways we as Friends are called to contribute to answers.

Our Plenary speakers include Kathy Guthrie from the Friends Committee on National Legislation Washington office, and Jennifer Bing-Canar for the Chicago American Friends Service Committee office to share their experiences and perceptions of our theme. Kathy is the Field Program Secretary for FCNL. She works with many coalitions and Friends groups both in DC and around the country. Jennifer works with the AFSC on issues related to the Middle East - both Iraq and Israel/Palestine.

Workshops to be offered include:

**Experiences with the School of the Americas protests -- Hazel Tulecke and Bill Houston**  
Members of Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting, Hazel and Bill have recently been released from prison following their participation in the protests last year against the School of the Americas in Georgia.

**FCNL's view from Capitol Hill -- Kathy Guthrie (see above)**

**Energy Work -- John Calvi**  
Learn a simple energy work form to offer the gift of deep relaxation.

Great for meetings and support groups. John Calvi is a Quaker healer with 20 years experience working

with sexual abuse survivors, people with AIDS, and tortured refugees.

**The Goodness Workshop -- John Calvi**

A sense of our goodness is a bridge to deeper spiritual life, greater service, and enjoying the ride. Come learn the construction and obstructions to our goodness. John Calvi is a certified massage therapist specializing in trauma, helping people to avoid burnout for 20 years.

**The History and Purposes of the Discipline / Faith and Practice -- Marian Alter**

We will use the pamphlet *Friendly Faith and Practice Study Guide* as a basis for discussion. If you plan to attend bring a copy of the *OVYM Discipline* although some copies will be available. Marian Alter, a member of Dayton MM and a convinced Friend of many years. I participated in the writing of *Pacific Yearly Meeting's first Book of Discipline* in 1957 and also in the revision of *OVYM's Discipline* of 1987.

**Reading Scripture with Early Friends --Michael Birkel**

I think of the Bible as a party that has been going on for a couple of thousand years. All are invited, but who goes to party if you don't know anyone else there? Going to a party with a friend or two that you know is less

**More program details and registration materials are inside this issue of the *Quaker Quill*.**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 16-23 OVYM teen service trip to Port Huron
- June 20-23 Friends' Association for Higher Education Conference, "Educating for Peace and Social Justice." Wilmington College. Call (937)382-6661, x264 for details.
- June 29 - July 6 FGC Gathering, "To Be Gathered Still." Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- July 7 - Aug 4 Friends Music Camp. Barnesville, OH
- July 31 - Aug 4 OVYM annual sessions. Earlham College, Richmond, IN
- Aug 10 Victorian Ice Cream Social. Lauramoore Home, Richmond, IN
- Sept 19-22 Friends General Conference conference on "Nurturing the Meeting Community." Rosholt, WI
- Sept 21 FWCC Regional Gathering. Xenia Friends Meeting, Xenia, OH
- Oct 19-20 OVYM joint quarterly meeting. Happy Hollow Camp, IN
- Jan 17-20, 2003 FWCC Section of the Americas, "Peace Witness in a Time of Crisis: A Friends Consultation." Guilford College, Greensboro, NC

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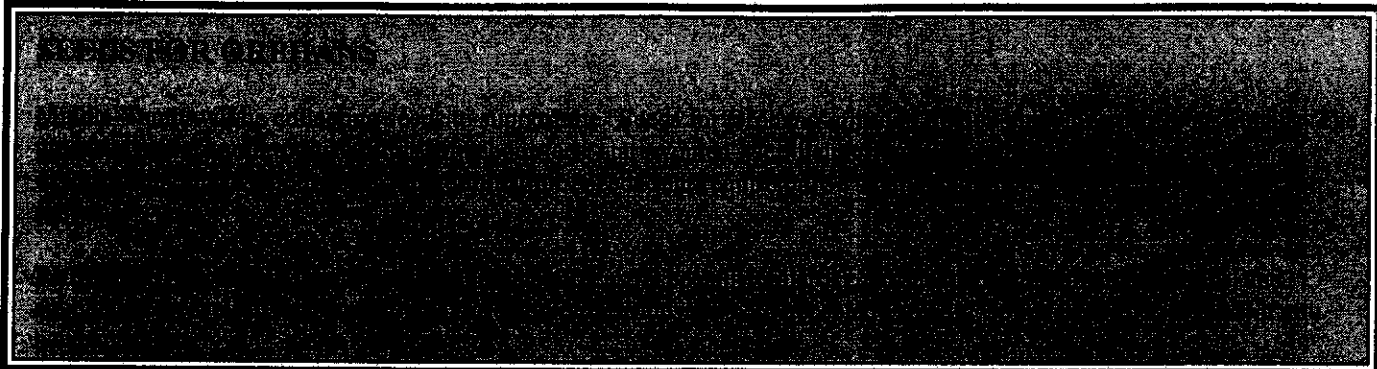
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intimidating; then you get to meet their friends. Going to the Bible in the company of early Friends can open us to a new experience of Scripture. In this workshop we'll look at some early Quaker writings, exploring how early Friends read the Bible meditatively, to bring them into a sense of the presence of God.

**Rediscovering the Spirit in Nature -- Bill Cahalan**

The relentless unraveling of the fabric of the Creation, being caused by our global industrial economy, is seen by some Friends as the central religious challenge of the 21st century. An important response to this challenge is the rediscovery of all Earth's life as informed by the Spirit. This workshop will offer ways of listening for and responding to such a presence in nature. These ways may deepen worshipful everyday living, helping to inspire and ground us as we search for sustainable ways of life.

Bill Cahalan is Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting representative to Friends Committee on Unity with Nature and attends Community Friends Meeting in Cincinnati. He is an ecopsychologist who has led spirit and nature retreats since 1983.

**The Art of Healing -- Susan Scott, Ann Delaney**

We will do hands-on activities and art exercising to heal our souls. You do not need to be an artist to attend. Susan Scott and Ann Delaney have taught art together for over twenty years at Connersville High School and often integrate peace work into their classes. Susan is a specialist in two-dimensional art and Ann works in ceramics.

There will be full programs for the teens and children with an invitation to young adults to come together. There will be the usual, well-known variety show, bookstore, worship sharing, hymn singing, and interest groups.

**Are you a YAQ?  
Do you know a YAQ?**

A YAQ is a young adult quaker. This year we'll be having a special YAQ session Friday evening, Aug. 2 - Sunday Aug. 4 at our yearly meeting. Advancement and Nurture is helping to organize this. We need the following things:

- 1) From monthly meetings and individuals -- send \$ donations to help pay the cost of YAQs' attendance and spread the word!!! There will be a YAQ presence. Talk to others about this!
- 2) From YAQs -- don't wait until the last minute. If you want to attend without cost, we need to know ASAP! Contact Ben Griffith at [Beng347@aol.com](mailto:Beng347@aol.com) or call 502-875-2297 with any requests for any further information. YAQs will plan their own activities.

## Update from the Discipline Revision Committee

Lisa Cayard, Assistant Clerk

The Discipline Revision Committee is hard at work writing the section on Close Relationships (a.k.a. Family Life) for a revised OVYM Faith and Practice. The committee members are very grateful for the many thoughtful and spirit-led contributions that monthly meetings have sent in on this topic. The committee has also read the disciplines from many other yearly meetings, gleaning well-written statements that express our own beliefs and practices.

A format for the revised document has been taking shape, which consists of a brief statement of our leadings on various aspects of close relationships (such as parenting, living alone, sexuality, marriage/covenant relationships, ending close relationships, aging, death and bereavement) followed by a few meaningful quotations on each subject from Friends through history that speak to our condition. The committee welcomes and encourages additional thoughts and contributions from monthly meetings on this topic or on the topic of Environmental Concerns, which will be the next section to be written. The committee hopes to bring a draft of the section on Close Relationships to the yearly meeting sessions in order to receive feedback and further guidance in their work.

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### Faith in Action

*Deborah Jordan, one of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting's representatives to American Friends Service Committee*

For a large and sometimes unwieldy organization, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) effectively put faith into action while others were still struggling to make sense of September 11th. As an AFSC corporation member for the past 1½ years, I have become more familiar with the scope of this complex (as of last August, about 450 staff, 46 U.S. offices, 33 international offices, and 250 different programs) entity.

This past fall, I felt the power of AFSC's presence and leadership. When I attended the annual Westheimer Peace Symposium in October, one speaker (all were journalists) admitted his skepticism at any call for a loving response to terrorism. He was not alone. Yet, I think AFSC demonstrated such a response, and I felt heartened.

With its No More Victims campaign, including full-page ads in various newspapers and material aid for New Yorkers and Afghanis, AFSC offered a nonviolent witness to the tragic events of September and its aftermath. Besides their own joint Quaker response statements, their website ([www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)) included Representative Barbara Lee's historic statement of conscience when she voted against the otherwise unanimous resolution to authorize President Bush to use "all necessary and appropriate force" against anyone associated with the terrorist attacks. Her statement also seemed symbolic of the organization. Barbara Lee felt led to make her statement that was very much in the manner of Friends. While 15% of the staff are officially Quaker, Mary Ellen McNish, the general secretary of AFSC, asserts that the rest of the staff, from various faith backgrounds, feels called to work for AFSC and very committed to its mission.

Not all has revolved around September 11th. This was a year of redefining and focusing the goals of the organization. After a series of five regional visioning meetings with the Board and corporation, these goals have been condensed to six key ones to guide future programming decisions. At the annual corporation meeting in November, we were also introduced to the new clerk of the Board, Paul Lacey, Earlham Professor Emeritus and a member of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting. Other programs, such as the Campaign of Conscience for the Iraqi People, Paz!Peace for Columbia, and our Dayton area office's work to abolish the death penalty, to name only a few, continue. We will have staff present from AFSC at our yearly meeting in August to share more.

I just read recently that the word "friend" comes from an Old English word meaning love. Aren't we fortunate to have a service organization representing us that is not afraid to put "friend" into action.

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*Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts, I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

*Amos 5: 22-24*

## Teen Secretary Report

— Dorothy Day

The OVYM teen group had a joint retreat with the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting teen group at Olney Friends School in April. Six OVYM teens and about fourteen LEYM teens attended. The time was mixed between the two groups getting to know each other and volunteering on the Olney farm and gardens. I am grateful for the lavish way in which we were fed meals there and the fun Kri Anderson, LEYM teen leader and I had working together. We are looking for more opportunities to work more together.

This entire year was made different by each of the teen retreats being joint with another group. In January we followed up last year's tradition by spending the Martin Luther King weekend together with the Richmond

Young Friends Group at West Richmond Friends Meeting. As Richmond Friends change leaders, I will investigate whether this will be a continuing tradition or not.

In February we had a joint retreat with the teen group of Wilmington Friends Meeting which is a part of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

I am now working on pulling together a June service trip to work with Habitat for Humanity in Port Huron, Michigan, June 16-23. The folks in Port Huron are eager to work with us and have found housing and other facilities. **We are still looking for adult leaders to help with the group. Anyone willing to help should contact Jim Morgan (812) 332-8709.**

## QUARTERLY MEETING NEWS

### Whitewater

— Eileen Pierce, Recording Clerk

#### Fall Creek Monthly Meeting Fourth month (April) 20, 2002

The twenty nine (29) Friends attending shared a "carry-in" lunch and fellowship at the Meeting-house. Meetings represented were Bloomington, Clear Creek, Fall Creek, North Meadow, Lafayette, Maple Grove and Evansville.

The afternoon program consisted of a video tape presentation on Global Climate Change, a presentation by Deb Garretson of the Sierra Club titled "Thought for Food: The Creation At This Day Doth Loudly Groan!" and a presentation by Lonnie Valentine, Assoc. Prof. Peace & Justice Studies at Earlham School of Religion on "Conscientious Objectors, etc."

### Miami

— Tom Hill, Recording Clerk

#### Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting May 19, 2002

About 40 Friends gathered in Yellow Springs on May 19th. Following Meeting for Worship and a carry-in lunch, the program consisted of the reading and discussion of State of Society reports from the various monthly meetings.

In business matters, the Quarterly Meeting approved a revised version of the sustainability minute brought to the Quarter by Community Monthly Meeting. The minute will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for consideration at the upcoming annual sessions.

# Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting - 181st sessions, August 1-5, 2002

## Healing the World

Note that all times are Indiana time (EST), one hour earlier than in Ohio (EDT).

Adults Wilkinson Thtr., unless noted	Teens Bundy, unless noted	Middle Youth (MY) Bundy, unless noted	Children Comstock Rm., unless noted
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### Wednesday - Registration 12 - 9 pm

Site Manager: Phyllis Martin

2:30-5:00 Worship & Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	2:30 - 5:00 Games and activities	2:30 - 5 Get Acquainted/ Games (3-4 Staff Orientation)	2:15 - 5 Program - get acquainted activities; set up the classroom
6:15 - 6:45 Singing 6:30 - 7 Parent Orientation - Children, Comstock Rm.	6:15 - 6:45 Teen meeting: Review schedule	6:15 - 7 Brainstorming & Business	6:30 - 7 Children & Sponsor Orientation - meet the teachers; discuss plans
8:15 - 9 Parent Orientation - MY, Bundy Hall Lounge	8:00-9:00 Teen Get Acquainted Activities	8:15 - 9 Parent /Sponsor /MY meeting with leaders	
9:15 - 10 Parent Orientation - Teens, Warren Hall	9:15 - 10 Parent /Sponsor /Teen Meeting with Leaders	9-10 Leader/workshop prep	
9-11 Interest Grps. / Worship 10-12 Social time-Coffee Shop	10 - 11 Teen Time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms
11 - Quiet time in dorms			

### Thursday - Registration 8 - 10 am; 12:30 - 1:30 pm; 5:45 - 6:45 pm (all times are Indiana time)

Site Manager: Phyllis Martin

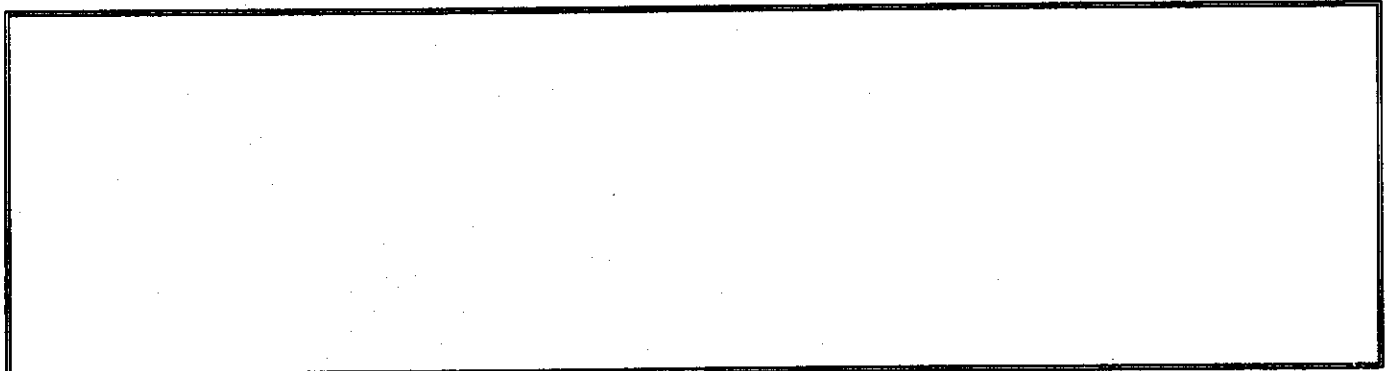
8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing 10 - 12:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	8:30 - 5:15 Canoe Trip - Whitewater River  Picnic Lunch	8:45 - 5:00 Canoe Trip  Picnic Lunch	8:30 - 12 Program 8:45 - 9:30 Worship Sharing 9:30 - 12 Program
1:45 - 3:15 Workshops † 3:30 - 5 Business			1:30 - 5 Swimming trip - Hueston Woods
6:15 - 6:45 Singing 7 - 8:30 Plenary Speaker*	6:30 - 9 Activities	6:30 - 9 Movie & discussion	6:45 - 8:45 Program
9 - 10 Evening Worship Sharing 9 - 11 Interest Groups			
10-12 Social time-Coffee Shop	10 - 11 Teen Time in the dorm	10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms
11 - Quiet time in dorms			

\*Plenary Speaker -- Kathy Guthrie

† Workshops: Thur

1. Biblical Literacy -- Michael Birkel
2. Environmental Issues -- Bill Cahalan
3. John Calvi
4. Use of Faith & Practice -- Marian Alter

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## Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting – July 31 - August 4, 2002

**Accommodations** at Earlham College will be in air-conditioned and un-air-conditioned dormitories.

- Linens (sheets, pillow and pillowcase, towel but no blanket) are included in the room charge.
- No dogs are allowed on the Earlham campus.
- You may want to bring a fan, a reading light and a sweater for air-conditioned spaces. For fun you may bring a swimsuit, musical instrument, and a copy of *Rise Up Singing*.

**Meals** will be available on campus starting with dinner on Wednesday and ending with lunch on Sunday. We must submit the meal count the day before, so pre-registration will be extremely helpful. Meals may be purchased through the OVYM registration desk in the Runyan Center Lobby if you have not pre-registered, however the cost will be slightly higher than for those who register in advance.

**Wellness Center and Pool:** We will be able to use The Wellness Center during regular hours (6 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday – Friday; and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday). We have also arranged to use the pool from 3:30 - 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday and from 4 – 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Check-in** will be held in the Runyan Center lobby starting at 12 noon Indiana time (1 p.m. EDT) on Wednesday, July 31. Check-in and on-site registration will **not** be available after 9 p.m. If you plan to arrive after registration hours, you may make arrangements with the registrar to pick up your room key and registration materials at the main Runyan desk as long as you have prepaid.

### REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Fees and payment:** Full-time fees for adults are \$140 (\$10 less than last year!). This includes a \$10 registration fee. Part-time attendees must also pay this \$10 fee if you will be at the sessions for more than 2 hours, even if you do not stay overnight or eat meals on campus. This fee covers some of the miscellaneous expenses of Yearly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting pays all costs for children and teens who attend.

You may *mail* or *e-mail* your registration. If you email your registration, send the information from the form that is pertinent, and the registrar will confirm receipt by email.

You may include partial or total payment with your mailed registration. If you have not made a deposit and have not checked in by the time of the first meal you indicated you would eat, we will be unable to ensure meals for you after that. We pay for all the meals we order whether or not Friends eat them, and must order in advance.

**Please register by July 15** for Yearly Meeting if at all possible. While it will be possible to register later, including on-site, pre-registration assists us in our planning. Feel free to call the registrar (Footie Lund, (513) 731-5145) to find out about *room availability* if you want to register after the deadline. Early registration improves your chances of getting the type of room you want. *Meal* counts must be submitted to Earlham in advance, so please register even if you do not plan to stay on campus

**Families:** The Yearly Meeting encourages families to participate in the sessions by paying all costs for children and teens who attend. However, be sure to register all persons who will be attending, including children and babies for whom there is no charge to you. The Yearly Meeting pays about \$60 for each child 0 – 5, about \$120 for each child 6 – 12 and about \$130 for each teen who attends full-time.

**Please note that Permission Forms for middle youth and teens must be MAILED to the registrar. If we do not have an original signed permission form on file, the young person will NOT be allowed to check-in. Faxes are not adequate!**

**Teen Program** participants are those aged 14 by June 1, 2002 through graduating from high school in 2002. 14 year olds may choose either the Middle Youth group OR the Teen group.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** All teens (ages 14-19) will be housed in Bundy with their parent(s) or sponsor. **If the teen's parent(s) will not be staying in the dorm with them, another person who is staying in that dorm must be designated as the teen's dorm sponsor. Parents or sponsors must agree to the following responsibilities:**

1. Attend the parent/sponsor orientation meeting at 9:15 Wednesday evening.
2. Parents/sponsors are responsible for Teens after 11:00 PM.
3. Make sure the 11:00 PM quiet time is honored, and that youth stay in the dorm after this time.
4. Teen parents/sponsors are responsible for monitoring the teens on your hall one night during yearly meeting after lights out, to make sure they stay quiet and in their own rooms. (Parents/sponsors will each take one night.).

**Middle Youth Program** participants are those aged 11 through 14. 11 year olds may opt to be in either the Children's Program or the Middle Youth Program. 14 year olds may opt for either the Middle Youth or Teen Program.

**All Middle Youth and Teens must have a permission slip on file to participate in these programs. Please be sure to send the attached forms to the registrar with the rest of your reservation. Be sure to send a separate form for each participant.**

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## TEEN & MIDDLE YOUTH REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

When will you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_ How long can you stay? \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Youth Program

Teen Program - Each teen must have a parent or sponsor staying in the teen dorm.

TEEN PARENT /SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT and MEDICAL RELEASE:

I give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Teen or Middle Youth program at the OVYM sessions held at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana from July 31 through noon on August 4, 2002. I hereby release the OVYM and its staff and volunteers from any liability for any injury or illness my son/daughter may experience during the Yearly Meeting. I authorize the staff or volunteers of OVYM, or the above-named sponsor, to consent to any emergency care that may be needed in my absence, following recommendations of qualified health care providers. In the event that my son/daughter needs special medications and is unable to administer them, I give permission for an adult to administer the medications. I will be responsible for costs incurred for any medical treatment.

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail by July 15 to Footie Lund, 6523 Iris Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45213.



**WORSHIP SHARING PREFERENCE:**

*Name(s)*

Morning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evening \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKSHOP PREFERENCES:**

*Name(s)*

Thurs: *History and Purposes of the Discipline / Faith and Practice,*  
 Marian Alter

*Reading Scripture with Early Friends, Michael Birkel*

*Rediscovering the Spirit in Nature, Bill Cahalan*

*Energy Work with John Calvi*

Friday: *Goodness Workshop with John Calvi*

*FCNL's view from Capitol Hill, Kathy Guthrie*

*The Art of Healing - Susan Scott and Ann Delaney*

*School of the Americas protests, Hazel & Bill Tulecke*

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**CHARGES**

**FULL-TIME ATTENDERS:**

Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$140 = \_\_\_\_\_

**PART-TIME ATTENDERS and full-time attendees staying off campus:** Indicate which meals you will eat at Earlham and when you will need a room. Enter the number of meals for the entire party in each square, adults (who pay) and children separately, i.e. 2A/2C.

	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Breakfast					
Lunch					
Dinner					
Room					

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.50 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee (per adult)

**TOTAL Part-time fees**

Extra contribution to OVYM

**TOTAL (checks payable to OVYM)**

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**Friday - Registration 8 - 10 am; 12:30 - 1:30 pm; 5:45 - 6:45 pm; 8:30 - 9:30 pm**

*Site Manager: Jim Morgan*

8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing 10 - 12:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	8:45 Teen Breakfast / Dorm 9:15 - 12:00 Program/ AFSC	<b>8:45 - 12 Program</b>	<b>8:30 - 12 Program</b>
3:30 - 4:30 Memorial Meeting - Stout Meeting House	3:30-5 Teen Activity	1:30 -3:30 Climbing Wall 3:30-4:00 program 3:30-5 Supervised play	1:30 - 4:30 Field Trip
6:15 - 6:45 Singing	Free time		
<b>7 - 8:30 Plenary Panel, Wilkinson Theater *</b>			6:45 - 8:45 arts & crafts and games, movie
9 - 10 Evening Worship Sharing 9 - 11 Interest Groups		7 - 10 Variety show prep	
10-12 Social time-Coffee Shop 11 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - 11 Teen Time in dorm	10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms

\* Plenary speaker -- Jennifer Bing/Canar

† Workshops: Friday

1. Healing & the Arts
2. John Calvi
3. FCNL -- Kathy Guthrie
4. Hazel Tulecke & Bill Houston

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**Saturday - Registration 8 - 10 am; 12:30 - 1:30 pm; 5:45 - 6:45 pm**

*Site Manager: Sunny Rhein*

8:45 - 9:45 Worship Sharing 10 - 12:30 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	8:45 Teen Breakfast / Dorm 9:15 - 12:00 Service Project Packed lunch 1-2 Service Project	<b>8:45 - 12 Program</b>	<b>8:30 - 12 Program</b> 8:45 - 9:30 Worship Sharing
1:45 - 3:15 Living Witness * 3:30 - 5:00 Simply Speaking (Adults Please come!)		1:45 - 4:15 Service Project	1:30 - 4:00 Field Trip
6:15 - 6:45 Singing	6:15 - 7:00 Variety Show practice	6:15-7:00 Variety Show practice	
<b>7 - 8:30 Variety Show - Wilkinson Theater</b>			7:30 - 8:30 Openings for ages 0-7, as needed
9 - 11 Interest Groups 10-12 Social time-Coffee Shop 11 - Quiet time in dorms		8:30 - 9:30 10 - Quiet time in dorms	10 - Quiet time in dorms

\* Living Witness - Camilla Flinterman

**Sunday**

*Site Manager: Susan Lee Barton*

9:15 - 11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	9:00 - 10:15 Closing & Epistle	9:00 - 10:15 Program, Epistle writing	9:00 - 10:15 Work on Epistles and clean up
	10:15 - 11:00 attend Business Meeting and		read Epistles
	11:15 - 12:15 Worship - Stout Meeting House		

## MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

### Campus Meeting

— Terry Miller, correspondent

Campus Friends have drafted a letter regarding the events of September 11 and sent it to area newspapers, including the Wilmington News-Journal, the Sabina Advertiser, the Highland County Press, and the Star Republican. The letter reaffirms the historic Quaker testimony "utterly (denying) all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretense whatsoever; this is our testimony to the world." The letter states that as Friends, "we remain convinced that military action is counter-productive and eventually negates most peace building initiatives. Terrorism is an outgrowth of poor education and the hopelessness that faces millions of people from birth. Bombings, killings, and detentions will do nothing to reduce poverty or improve housing, education or health care among the world's poor."

In other news, at the behest of the Inner Search committee, Canby Jones has managed to track down George Fox's "Catechisme" from the Haverford College Quaker library. Phil Holmes is retyping the document and modernizing some of the original language of the document for further study by Campus Friends and for wider dissemination.

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### Dayton Meeting

— David Wood, correspondent

One of these years Dayton Friends hopes to host a quarterly meeting in our own meetinghouse, but it was not to be this year. Dayton Friends hosted Miami Quarterly Meeting in February at the Beavercreek Grange Hall. We were pleased to welcome Friends from all over the quarter and to discuss a video on the Quaker peace testimony during the second world war, brought by Oxford Meeting.

Second hour discussions have been more regular this year, with sessions on the Friends peace testimony and on the Biblical basis for concern for the environment.

Members of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee are active in the "Dayton Dialog on Race Relations."

Our junior meeting is planning a picnic during the summer for the entire meeting. Older Friends see this as an opportunity to recognize the advancement and achievements of our young people, who are rapidly growing up.

Englewood Friends Meeting, with whom we share a service project and mid-week times of worship, invited us to join them in a family campout in early May -- a repeat of last year's campout enjoyed by many of us.

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### Eastern Hills Meeting

— Barbarie Hill, correspondent

Members of Eastern Hills Meeting participated in the "On the Same Page" project in which the entire community was encouraged to read and discuss the book, *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. The theme of race relations has particular significance for Cincinnati since the riots of April 2001. Members have also recently participated in volunteer efforts with the Free Store's Myerson distribution center and a community cleanup project.

Early May is the traditional time for a spring work day at the meetinghouse. Attendance and spirits were high as we washed windows, planted flowers, and performed other needed tasks together.

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### Fall Creek Meeting

— Maude Ward, correspondent

Fall Creek Monthly Meeting has new life with the addition of a new member and several new attenders. William Jenkins of Pendleton has joined our meeting and several new attenders have been attending Silent Worship. A new prospective member has entered her letter for membership.

Easter Breakfast for the Community was resumed. Sixteen (16) people attended.

An Easter Egg hunt was held after Silent Worship at 11:00 am.

Several members of our meeting hold positions in the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

We have had the privilege of having Advancement and Nurture visit our meeting to help us through some problems.

At our March meeting for business we approved these persons to serve in 2002: Presiding Clerk, Martha Robinson; Recording Clerk, Eileen K. Pierce; and Treasurer, Diann Herzog.

The Meeting is still studying the Book of Discipline and the Queries are read and discussed at each business meeting.

May 26th, we will be hosting an Open House to show off our renovations and acquaint the community with the happenings at Fall Creek Meeting House.

In June we will be holding a Visioning Workshop during the Adult Discussion hour.

The Meeting House is open to the Community for gatherings.

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## Lafayette Meeting

*- Tom Hull, correspondent*

We very much enjoyed having the White Water Quarterly Meeting at our Meeting House last winter. Liz O'Neil, a regular attender, showed slides and told about her experience as a RN with a medical team that moves their clinic to various locations in Honduras. Liz is fluent in Spanish, of course.

We have been pleased over the years to have, as our Meeting House caretakers, graduate students at Purdue who regularly do routine chores both indoors and in the yard. These young men are most often from either South America or Central America, and there is some degree of turnover as they achieve their Ph.D. degree in some phase of Agriculture (most usually).

As summer is here, we will probably again dispense with the Meeting for Business in July and/or August, since

most of our few members and attenders often out of town sometime during that period.

As a rule, after the rise of our Meeting for Worship someone will voluntarily offer a poem or quotation on a spiritual theme and a brief discussion will follow.

There is now a small ad hoc committee that is investigating some social and economic aspects and alternatives to the utilization of our 70ish year old Meeting House. The home of Hannah Meisner was willed to us to be used as a Meeting House, and if we sell the property all proceeds must go directly to the AFSC.

Some personal news regarding our members and attenders: Karen Atcheson and her two youngest (Annie and Paul) will be going to Oaxaca, Mexico for six months, primarily to learn Spanish. Karen's two oldest are off to college this Fall. Galen to Earlham as a history major, and Isaac to Knox (Galesburg, Illinois) to study art. Jenny O'Neil, daughter of Liz and Bob, has graduated from Earlham and is in Boston with Americorp. Our Clerk, Pete Neisel, frequently visits his father in Asheville, North Carolina. His Dad is a member of the Swannanoa Valley Meeting, and Pete enjoys attending there with him.

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## Lexington Meeting

*- Kelly Feibes, correspondent*

On January 6, 2002, we celebrated our first year in our new meetinghouse. We continue to improve the building and grounds with monthly work parties. The teen room has been a focus of attention.

We shared grief and concern as three among us have lost a parent, and another three have suffered significant health problems.

It has been a happier time for young people and families in our meeting. The third Sunday of every month is a time for special teen activities. The First Day School Committee hired someone to provide childcare for the youngest children during first-hour discussion, meeting for worship, meeting for business, and other meeting activities. This is working out very well. A group of parents formed for mutual support, and recently began a course called "Developing Capable Young People".

The annual spring retreat took place at Pine Mountain April 12-14. First-hour discussion, also known as "adult first day school", examined a wide range of topics in

recent months: "The myth of redemptive violence", "Is suffering redemptive?", Thomas Merton, Siddha yoga, Wendell Berry, Sufism, and Walter Wink.

Our Ministry and Worship Committee did an excellent and much-appreciated job of preparing our State of the Meeting report.

We were fortunate to host the Friends General Conference Religious Education Committee over the weekend of April 19-21. We enjoyed a potluck dinner, and several discussions on various aspects of religious education.

A number of community and political matters have engaged our attention. We minuted our support for the Ky. Council of Churches, in their opposition to the expansion of gambling in Kentucky. The Peace Tax Fund bill and anti-death penalty lobbying continue to involve some of our members. A weekly Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace continues, with average attendance of 10-15 people. Our drive to collect blankets for Afghan refugees was quite successful, and brought in some money as well. We also participated in a visitor exchange organized by a number of Lexington churches.

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## Louisville Meeting

— Ron Cooper, correspondent

Louisville Friends held a yard sale for Afghan relief efforts and raised \$2,000, a rousing success. The money will be used to help villagers buy seed for planting. Marge and Bob Manke and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee led the efforts of more than 20 Friends who volunteered at the yard sale.

Forty people attended a program, "Making Peace with 9-11," sponsored by our meeting and facilitated by regular attender Harry Pickens. This was a healing experience and helped the Meeting to bring its Peace Testimony to the larger community.

Friends have reopened dialogue on whether to expand our overcrowded meetinghouse or try to found another Louisville area meeting. We have been rewarded with several families and individuals that have been attending regularly in recent months.

Personal items--David Peacock will be married on June 2; Roger Geeslin and Nancy Brucchieri are recovering from surgery; Bronwyn Klaphaak's mother has died.

A potluck and ice cream social will be held June 15 to honor the four young Sudanese men, marking the first-year anniversary of our Meeting's sponsorship of them upon their arrival in Louisville. We have been blessed with the experience of getting to know these fine individuals.

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## Oxford Meeting

— Camilla Flintermann, correspondent

Several of our recent activities have involved service projects of various kinds. As we have often done, a group again went to Richmond to work in the AFSC Clothing Room at Quaker Hill, taking with us surplus clothing from an Oxford community center. We have found that local groups are glad to donate clothes left from yard sales, if we will transport them.

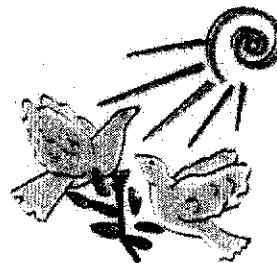
On Sunday April 28, as we gathered for our annual "Spring Fling" and potluck, we brought donations of household items and cash for "Dove House", a battered women's shelter in Hamilton. They welcome things which can help their residents set up new homes when they leave the shelter.

Finally, we gathered school supplies, new or "usable", to go to Nicaragua under the auspices of Quest for Peace, a project of the Quixote Center.

We nominated Cynthia Durgan as "an example of Christian service in church and community", and she was among young women recognized at the May Friendship Day celebration of Church Women United. Cynthia has volunteered repeatedly to staff the "No More Victims" table at the Miami U. student center, help prepare our Afghan fund-raising meal, and participated willingly in other Friendly matters. It's joy to have her with us.

On June 19th, Joe Volk of FCNL will speak in Oxford, and we are glad to be among the sponsors of his talk.

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## NEWS FROM OUTSIDE OVYM

### Peace Consultation

FWCC Section of the Americas invites Friends to participate in "Peace Witness in a Time of Crisis: A Friends Consultation," January 17-20, 2003, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

The mission of the Conference is to gather in the spirit of prayer and openness to Divine Guidance, as a family of God spanning all traditions of Friends meetings and churches, to assist Friends to carry forth the peace witness in its many forms in the face of the increasing danger of wars and terrorism. Together we will study the spiritual heritage of the Peace Testimony, identify spiritual tools for strengthening it in today's world, and prayerfully consider actions to remain faithful witnesses to Jesus' message, "blessed are the peacemakers."

#### Meaning of the Peace Testimony for Quakers Today

1. What is our understanding of the meaning of Friends' peace testimony in today's world?

or unknowingly – in the perpetuation of violence and war?

3. What activities do we carry out in the name of peace or nonviolence?
4. How may we contribute constructively to peace initiatives by other groups, such as the U.N. Decade for Peace and the World Council of Churches Decade to Overcome Violence?

Discussion responses / reports would be welcome at: Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas, 1506 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19102, [americas@fwcc.quaker.org](mailto:americas@fwcc.quaker.org)

### FWCC Regional Gathering

On Saturday, September 21, 2002 a FWCC (Friends World Committee for Consultation) Regional Gathering will be held at Xenia Friends Meeting in Xenia, Ohio.

Come enjoy fellowship and inspiration with Friends from Central Canadian, Lake Erie, Ohio, and

Wilmington Yearly Meetings, as well as other nearby Yearly Meetings as we explore "Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord." (Eph. 5:10)

Information and registration forms may be requested from Patricia Thomas 937-987-2778, [Patriciaaacthomas@in-touch.net](mailto:Patriciaaacthomas@in-touch.net) or Helen Wiegel 937-382-0019, [wiegel@i-nation.net](mailto:wiegel@i-nation.net).

### New FWCC Associate Secretary Appointed

Elizabeth Duke, General Secretary

Friends World Committee for Consultation has much pleasure in announcing the appointment of David Brindle as Associate Secretary in the World Office, London. David is currently serving as pastor of Wilmington Friends Meeting, Wilmington Yearly Meeting, USA. He will take up service later in 2002, at a date to be determined when he has concluded his obligations to his Meeting and obtained entry into the UK.

A recorded Friends minister, David Brindle is serving both as a pastor and as an adjunct faculty member in the Religion and Philosophy Department of Wilmington College. David's wife, Linda (Pickard) Brindle, is the Northeast Sales Representative of Abingdon Press.

David is a graduate of S. Meinrad College, St Meinrad, Indiana, and of Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, Indiana. He has done additional graduate study at St Meinrad School of Theology, University of Dayton and United Theological Seminary. He is co-clerk of the Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, assistant clerk of Wilmington Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and a team member of the WYM Ministers and Mates Committee.

Ecumenical ministries have been part of David's work for many years. He has experience among numerous Friends organisations in the USA. He has also worked in various pastoral and administrative positions among United Methodists and Roman Catholics. David continues his ecumenical involvement as an Oblate of St Benedict through St Meinrad Archabbey.

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## **FGC Ministry and Nurture Committee Conference**

The Ministry and Nurture Committee of Friends General Conference will present a conference on Nurturing the Meeting Community in Rosholt, Wisconsin, September 19-22, 2002. Subtitled "Attention to the Care of the Meeting," this is a conference for Friends who are called to care and counsel in their Quaker communities. Participants will enjoy a unique opportunity to explore with committee Friends how we can build and nurture the Blessed Community.

Margery Post Abbott and Bob Schmitt will offer keynote addresses on Friday and Saturday evenings. Abbott, a member of Northwest Yearly Meeting, has chosen the topic On Being Broken, Tender Meetings: Reflections on the Work of the Spirit. She will encourage Friends to find the workings of the Spirit in the rough places in their meetings. Schmitt, a member of Northern Yearly Meeting, will speak on Disciplines for a Faithful Community of Friends. He will explore how a meeting community can help Friends on their Spiritual journeys.

Brochures, with complete information on workshops as well as registration information and fees, are available from Friends General Conference. Please contact Liz Perch at FGC (1216 Arch Street, #2B, Philadelphia, PA 19107; 215 561-1700; [nurturing@fgcquaker.org](mailto:nurturing@fgcquaker.org)) Or Deborah Fisch (916 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50312; 515 277-2189; [deborahf@fgcquaker.org](mailto:deborahf@fgcquaker.org)) for more information.

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## **Friends' Association for Higher Education (FAHE)**

The annual FAHE conference will be held on the Wilmington College campus from June 20-23 this summer. The theme for this year's conference is "Educating for Peace and Social Justice" and will feature a number of keynote speakers, such as Judith Ramaley (former president of the University of Vermont) and several representatives from Quaker organizations such as FCNL, AFSC, and the Quaker United Nations Office.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mark Denniston at Wilmington College, (937)382-6661, x264.