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Thursday evening

YM2002-1 Worship, Epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting

At our thirty-ninth session of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting held from Sixth Month 13 to 16, 2002, at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, we began with worship. We have heard the epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting. Our Clerk, Don Nagler, reminds us that we gather for the purpose of finding God's will for us.

YM2002-2 Welcome to guests

We welcome the following guests: Sue Axtell from Earlham School of Religion; Ken Jacobsen from Olney Friends School and Stillwater MM, Ohio YM (Cons.); Susan Lee Barton, Midwest Field Secretary of Friends World Committee for Consultation, from Clear Creek MM, Ohio Valley YM; Scilla Wahrhaftig from the Quaker United Nations Office and Pittsburgh MM; Deborah Fisch, Coordinator of the Traveling Ministries Program of Friends General Conference, and Paulina MM, Iowa YM (Cons.); Bob Barnes from Right Sharing of World Resources and Alternatives to Violence, and Grass Valley MM, Pacific YM.

YM2002-3 First-time attenders

We welcome the following first-time attenders from LEYM meetings: Shelby Conrad and Jeannette Birkhoff (North Columbus MM), Nancy James (Pittsburgh MM), and Mathilda Navias and Dan Bell (Broadmead MM).

YM2002-4 Roll Call

Those attending from our twenty constituent monthly meetings, two preparative meetings (not counting those of Broadmead), and six worship groups have responded to the roll call. Everyone is listed under his or her monthly meeting. Those who attend a preparative meeting or worship group are listed twice. The first number represents adults; the second is the number of children and youth attending.

Meetings

Akron: 3,0	Kent: 4,0
Ann Arbor: 13, 0	Mid-Ohio Valley: 0, 0
Athens: 8,7	Monongalia: 0, 0
Birmingham: 5, 2	North Columbus: 4, 0
Broadmead: 12, 2	Oberlin: 3, 0
Cleveland: 11, 10	Pine River: 2, 0
Delaware: 0, 0	Pittsburgh: 9, 1
Detroit: 1 0	Red Cedar: 3, 1
Grand Rapids: 4, 2	Wooster: 3, 0
Granville: 6, 7	
Kalamazoo: 3, 0	

Worship Groups

Indiana PM (Pittsburgh): 0, 0	Erie WG (Pittsburgh): 0, 0
Holland PM (Grand Rapids): 0,	Fremont WG (Grand Rapids): 0, 0
Albion WG (Red Cedar): 0, 0	Manitou WG (Grand Rapids): 0, 0
Chelsea WG (Ann Arbor): 2, 0	Rock Road WG (Wooster): 0, 0

YM2002-5 Appointment of Naming Committee

We approve the following Friends to serve as a Naming Committee: Janet Smith, Susan Jeffers, and Star Mary Castro. We ask them to bring forth names of two Friends to serve on the Nominating Committee for three-year

terms, plus one person to fill out the final years of another term. We also ask them to select their own convener from among themselves and to name the clerk of the Nominating Committee.

YM2002-6 Appointment of Epistle Committee

We approve the following Friends to serve on the Epistle Committee: Sally Weaver Sommer, Margaret Kanost, and John Howell.

YM2002-7 Letters of Introduction

We are reminded that Friends who have traveled to other meetings in the past year under a letter of introduction from LEYM should return their letter to the Clerk, so that the endorsements can be read to the Yearly Meeting. So far none have been returned.

YM2002-8 Announcements from Program Committee

We have heard announcements from the Program Committee.

YM2002-9 LEYM *Bulletin* editor report

We have heard the report of the LEYM *Bulletin* Editor, which is attached. We thank Eric Starbuck for his devoted work on our behalf. The LEYM web page is a good way for people who don't know us to find Friends. Folks are invited to help Eric discern how to improve our web page. The LEYM Membership Directory has been particularly useful, and we thank Susan Jeffers and Eric for their considerable efforts in producing it.

Friday morning

YM2002-10 Treasurer's report

We have heard a report from our Treasurer, who notes that it is not final because our fiscal year ends Sixth Month 30. As part of the intentional spend-down of our previous surplus, we overspent the general fund by about \$3,000 this year. Two meetings (Delaware and Red Cedar) have not paid any contribution to LEYM yet this year. Not all meetings are contributing the suggested amount of \$20 for those that count everyone or \$22 for those that count only adults. We are reminded of some details of four of the funds mentioned in the Treasurer's report. The FWCC Triennial Fund accrues for three years in order to cover expenses of our representatives to that event. The Granville Friends Youth Fund is an endowment, of which we spend only the interest. The Youth Activity Fund was used this year for three scholarships to Friends Music Camp and to support the youth and teen retreats. The Spiritual Formation Group has its own budget and accounts to cover its fall and spring retreats and a few administrative expenses. Friends thank our Treasurer for her careful work.

YM2002-11 Budget, Covering expenses of LEYM representatives

The Finance and Budget Committee Report has been received and is attached. The budget is increased in part to cover a special \$5,000 contribution to FGC's Nurturing Quakerism Campaign, spread over ten years. This will require increasing monthly meeting contributions to \$26 per year for each adult member, for a total of a mere fifty cents a week. Our Policies and Procedures offers to pay travel expenses of LEYM representatives to FGC and other Quaker organizations -- if needed. But FGC Program Committee meetings are usually not covered by either LEYM or FGC. We are asked to consider the deeper question of a more equitable sharing of our personal and corporate financial resources. We approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to consider a way to deal with the issue of enabling representatives, regardless of economic ability, to serve. We approve Sally Weaver Sommer, Connie Bimber, Suzanne Howell, and one or two others to be named by the Clerk, to serve on this ad hoc committee and report back later in these sessions.

YM2002-12 Changes to Policies and Procedures

Even after the revisions to the LEYM Policies and Procedures approved at our last Representative Meeting, Friends have found a few additional small changes that are needed to bring the document into line with our current practice. Today Friends approve these minor changes to Section I Introduction, 5. LEYM *Bulletin*; Section IV: Organization, A. Officers, 5. LEYM *Bulletin* Editor; and E. Standing Committees, 8. Publications Committee. Friends now approve the entire document as it has been amended over the past several sessions of Representative Meeting and Yearly Meeting, and direct that it be posted on the LEYM web page. We

appreciate the work of all those who have worked on this over the years, especially Janet Smith and Marty Grundy, among others.

Friday afternoon

YM2002-13 Epistle from Ireland Yearly Meeting

We have heard the epistle from Ireland Yearly Meeting.

YM2002-14 History and Archives Committee report

We have heard a brief report from the History and Archives Committee, which will be attached later. Most of the Committee's work has been taken over by the Publications Committee. History and Archives asks each monthly meeting to send written memories of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting and/or Association to the incoming clerk of the Committee.

YM2002-15 Publications Committee report

We have received a report from the Publications Committee, which is attached. We approve as an experiment this coming year to post on the LEYM web page and send by e-mail to all meeting clerks information and registration materials for the fall youth retreat, Spiritual Formation groups, and the FWCC Lower Great Lakes Regional Gathering. We are very grateful for all the work of the Publications Committee.

YM2002-16 Letter of Introduction, New first-time attender

We welcome visitor Martha Turner and have received a letter of introduction for her from South Bend MM (Ill. YM). We also welcome Joanne Neuroth of Red Cedar MM, attending LEYM for the first time.

YM2002-17 Advancement and Outreach Committee report

We have heard a report from Advancement and Outreach Committee, which has accomplished a great deal recently. It is attached. Meetings may want to borrow and copy materials developed by others within LEYM in order to save the cost of purchasing higher priced items from, for example, FGC.

YM2002-18 Ohio Council of Churches

As mentioned at Representative Meeting, LEYM has been invited to join the Ohio Council of Churches. Questions were raised in regard to the bulk of our membership residing outside of Ohio, and to the possibility that gays and lesbians may be excluded from the Council's work for social justice. We are informed that in central Ohio the major issues that the Council has been working against are casino gambling and the death penalty. Friends are not in unity with moving toward affiliation at this time and look forward to specific information on the issue of inclusion or exclusion of gays and lesbians. We ask our Clerk to inform the one inviting us to consider affiliation of the reasons that we are unable to move forward on this now.

YM2002-19 Spiritual Formation Program-West report

We have heard a report from the Spiritual Formation Program-west, which will be attached. We also heard an oral report from the Spiritual Formation Program-east, which had its opening and closing retreats at the Friends Center at Olney. Folks from Pittsburgh MM attended these, along with Friends from three other yearly meetings. The same leaders (Marty Grundy and Connie McPeak) facilitated the retreats for both programs.

YM2002-20 Report on the youth program

We have heard a summary of the youth program, which has appeared in the winter 2002 LEYM *Bulletin*. There was a fall weekend retreat on simplicity and service at Greenfire, a winter retreat at Cleveland MM on Quaker witness in the world, and one in April at Olney Friends School on "Old MacDonald had some ecology issues." The teens anticipate going to Kentucky this summer, and to western Michigan sometime in the coming year. If you know of youth in your meeting who are not receiving information about the program, please inform Kri Anderson. We thank Kri for her good work with our youth.

YM2002-21 GPQM report

We have heard a report from Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting, which was hosted most recently by Grand

Rapids MM. The summer meeting for the past four or so years has been at Quaker Park in Battle Creek, which was the scene of considerable underground railroad activity. The Quarterly Meeting started as an informal fellowship but now serves Friends School in Detroit, the AFSC Ann Arbor office, and the Michigan Friends Center as their umbrella organization. But people seem to prefer to come and socialize rather than to conduct business. The Quarterly Meeting is having difficulty finding people willing to serve. On a more encouraging note, the spring program featured a report on the affiliation between Friends School in Detroit and a school in Afghanistan. The Michigan Friends Center is scheduling a number of interesting weekend programs for the coming year.

YM2002-22 Report on Friends School in Detroit

We have heard an animated and enthusiastic report on Friends School in Detroit, which will be attached. The School began in 1963 when African Americans in Detroit asked Friends there and in Ann Arbor for help in establishing a good school in downtown Detroit. This year the students are involved in affiliation with a school in Afghanistan, which has sensitized them to help people in Detroit from the Middle East deal with some of the misunderstanding and hostility directed at them since 9/11. The School is still facing financial difficulties, but intends to open in September. Several staff members had to be let go in order to balance the budget for the coming year. There is a new head of school, Dwight Wilson, and an anticipated enrollment of about 150. The ongoing Quaker Values Committee is helping staff and parents understand important aspects of Quakerism. The greater Detroit community is supporting the School. Friends are encouraged to send financial contributions.

YM2002-23 Report from the children and youth program

We have heard a report of the children and youth program in progress at these yearly meeting sessions. There are 7 preschool children, 9 elementary aged, 6 middle school, and 9 high school students, for a total of 31 young people and 11 adult volunteers. Saturday evening's intergenerational activity in Ramseyer will be an ice cream social with youth crafts and performances; donations will benefit Friends School in Detroit. We appreciate the good work of all these Friends.

YM2002-24 Program Committee report

The Program Committee reports that much of its work is done in September, so folks with ideas and suggestions should inform members of the Committee in a timely manner.

Saturday Morning

YM2002-25 Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting

We have heard the epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting held earlier this spring. We are grateful for 350 years of faithful witness to the Quaker vision of Gospel Order. We are touched by the many examples of British Friends' work for social justice in their communities.

YM2002-26 Report of the Naming Committee

The Naming Committee recommends Olwen Pritchard and David Stilwell (David as clerk) for full three-year terms on the Nominating Committee, and Lila Cornell to fill out the remainder of a two-year term. All three hope that the Nominating Committee can do more of its work outside yearly meeting sessions in the coming year. We approve the appointment of these Friends, but remind ourselves that we need to be careful not to ask individuals to take on multiple tasks that may make it difficult to accomplish the work of the Yearly Meeting, and also that we try to spread the work and its ownership as broadly as possible among Friends.

YM2002-27 Approval to establish a committee of concern on Earth Care for a trial period

We have heard minute RM02-22 from Representative Meeting recommending the establishment of a committee of concern on Earth Care for a three-year trial period. David Lore, Dick Hogan, Al Conner, and Bill Bliss are its core, and it is open to everyone. They intend to establish an e-mail network. Friends approve the proposal for this committee of concern.

YM2002-28 Ministry and Oversight Committee report

We have heard a report from Ministry and Oversight Committee. The meeting responses to the LEYM queries of the last three years are available in a binder during yearly meeting. At other times the clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee will e-mail copies upon request. This year Ministry and Oversight and Peace committees cooperated in generating the following queries for meetings to consider this coming year.

1. How do I live "in the virtue of that life and power that [takes] away the occasion of all wars"?
2. How do I and my meeting community witness to the peace testimony and work to build institutions of peace?
3. Do I consider that paying for war is a form of participation in war? What are our alternatives to paying for war?
4. How do I maintain my testimony to peace when a mood of war and violence prevails in the land?

A three to four page study guide will be sent that includes some alternate queries, a selection of advices, and some pithy quotations that may help meetings give deeper consideration to the queries. Meetings are requested to return their responses by 12/31. Friends thank these two committees for their work; we express our gratitude to God for the wonderful way that they were enabled to come into unity.

Ministry and Oversight has also listened to accounts of the spiritual life in some of our meetings, and will consider how to make better use of the narrative State of the Meeting reports.

YM2002-29 Report from one of our representatives to FGC

We have heard a report from one of our representatives to Friends General Conference (FGC) who also serves on the FGC Religious Education Committee. The report is attached. It is good to hear of the fine work of the Religious Education Committee and how Leonora Cayard tries to be a conduit for information to FGC and from the RE Committee back to our local meetings.

YM2002-30 Appointment of representatives to FGC consultation on eldering

The Traveling Ministries Program of Friends General Conference is hosting a consultation, to be held 11/15-17/2002, to consider discernment and support of leadings and gifts of ministry and eldering. We approve the appointment of Connie McPeak and Merry Stanford as our representatives, and Joanne Neuroth as an alternate.

YM2002-31 Report on FCNL

We have heard a brief report of some of the issues being worked on by the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Since last Ninth Month it has focused on peaceful prevention of deadly conflict. A capital campaign has been launched to renovate the FCNL office, located in two nineteenth-century townhouses. The work will be done in environmentally sound ways. Meg Hummon and others are available to visit meetings to encourage participation in the campaign. We note with appreciation Meg's solid work as past clerk of FCNL.

YM2002-32 Report from the Quaker United Nations office

We have heard a report from the Quaker United Nations office (QUNO), which does the bulk of its work of effective diplomacy in the living room of Quaker House in New York City. In quiet conversation, very diverse people can speak with each other off the record to find ways forward on complex and divisive issues. QUNO works closely with other Friends organizations both here and abroad trying to prevent violent conflict, along with a number of other issues. Quaker House is engaged in an endowment campaign, "Free at Fifty," and encourages the support of Friends.

YM2002-33 Report from one of our representatives to FWCC

We have heard a report from one of our five representatives to Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Section of the Americas, which will be attached. The summary of the March Annual Meeting will be in our Annual Records. Those who have not read Mary Lord's powerful address are invited to do so on the FWCC website at www.quaker.org/fwcc/Americas/. There will be a Conference on Friends' Responses to the Growing Danger of Wars and Terrorism at Guilford College 1/17-20/2003, to which we are invited to send two representatives. The Lower Great Lakes Regional Gathering will be held at Xenia, Ohio, 9/21/2002, on the

theme "Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord." We are informed that Margaret Fraser is named incoming executive secretary, and Louise Salinas associate secretary, of the Section of the Americas.

Saturday Afternoon

YM2002-34 Welcome of additional visitors

We welcome more visitors: Jack Davis from Friends General Conference and Fall Creek MM (OVYM); David Culp on the FCNL staff in Washington DC; and Greg Coleridge, staff in the AFSC Akron office.

YM2002-35 Report from AFSC

We have heard an oral report from the American Friends Service Committee. Its emergency material assistance program has considered carefully what it should do in Afghanistan and has decided to rebuild schools. The PAZ Colombia project includes a set of materials on the emerging disaster in that country. A number of activities have been stepped up since 9/11, and many of them have accompanying educational materials. AFSC is nearing the end of a lengthy process of self-analysis and prioritizing. Work is ongoing to develop a 3-5 year plan for each of six major initiatives. Paul Lacey, of Clear Creek MM (Ohio Valley YM), is the new clerk of AFSC.

YM2002-36 Report on last fall's youth retreat

We have had a brief report on last fall's youth retreat, which increased its participation to 23 young people aged 6 to 13. A co-convener is still needed for the 10/4-6 retreat at Temple Hills this coming fall. Registration materials will be sent via e-mail to meeting clerks. Friends are asked to encourage elementary and middle school children in their meetings to attend.

YM2002-37 Addition to Policies and Procedures

The ad hoc committee reports guidelines for financing travel and related expenses when needed by LEYM representatives to other Quaker organizations and committees. These will be printed in the Fall LEYM *Bulletin*.

Friends approve the report, with the addition of a deadline two weeks before the close of pre-registration for those requesting financial assistance to attend LEYM. We ask that this policy be added to the LEYM Policies and Procedures, Section III. 3.

YM2002-38 Approval of LEYM endorsing Christian Peacemaker Teams

We have heard a thorough report from Peace Committee, which is attached. Friends approve the recommendation that LEYM endorse Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). Friends decided, however, to stay with our current LEYM Policies and Procedures, which says that we do not fund organizations through the yearly meeting; therefore, we do not approve the Peace Committee recommendation to make a token contribution of \$50 to CPT. We strongly approve the recommendation to encourage monthly meetings and individuals to generously support CPT financially and spiritually.

YM2002-39 Approval to support the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund

Peace Committee recommends support of the latest version of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund (HR 1186). Friends approve the related minute, noting that this is an update of our action taken in 1983; it will be printed in the Fall LEYM *Bulletin*.

Friends also approve a slightly modified form of this minute to be sent as a letter to the eight Senators representing the states in which there are LEYM meetings. We also ask that the minute be posted on our web page and that copies be sent to monthly meeting clerks in the hope that our constituent meetings will send it to their local members of Congress.

YM2002-40 Timing of Yearly Meeting

We have considered the difficulty that having yearly meeting relatively early in June, as happened this year, prevents many families in Michigan and Pennsylvania from attending. We need the participation of these people. Friends approve gathering on the third Thursday next year, 6/19, assuming that Bluffton College is

available then.

YM2002-41 Schedule for annual sessions

This year's sessions have been more relaxed, with additional time for business sessions and for people to converse. This has been made possible by cutting out some activities and adding committee time Thursday afternoon. Further discussions of the issue of lengthening the time of yearly meeting sessions and of the suggestion to move the venue farther east are tabled until another time.

YM2002-42 Authorization for the use of some of the current surplus

Friends approve that the Treasurer, Finance and Budget Committee, and Presiding Clerk may use some of the surplus if there are additional expenses, especially in regard to travel funds.

YM2002-43 Budget approval

There was some discomfort with approving the budget, given the possibility that the travel funds may be inadequate and necessitate drawing down the surplus. We agree to accept the report of the Finance and Budget Committee with an asterisk to remind ourselves that there may be a cost over run on travel, which will come out of our surplus. We are also reminded that some meetings have not paid their full contribution this year. Friends are pointedly reminded to submit lists of all expenses connected with representing the Yearly Meeting in other Quaker organizations and committees, whether or not they need any reimbursement, so that our Treasurer can get a better sense of what it actually costs to have representatives going to these meetings.

YM2002-44 Report on Friends Committee on Unity with Nature

We have heard an oral report from Friends Committee on Unity with Nature (FCUN), now in its fifteenth year. Dick Hogan met with the middle school youth today. FCUN has a number of working groups on a variety of issues such as a sustainable development project in Costa Rica, the spiritual nurturance group, Greenfire, and work as a non-governmental organization (NGO) at the United Nations. Quaker Ecologic Witness (QEW) has spun off to work with FCNL. FCUN has sent a questionnaire to monthly meetings, and requests its return by 9/1. A series of work camps and workdays has been planned at Greenfire this summer in preparation for a larger project on new types of construction. Our new committee of concern on Earth Care will work closely with FCUN, QEW, and Greenfire.

YM2002-45 Preliminary report from Nominating Committee, New committee formed

We have heard briefly from Nominating Committee in regard to the need for additional volunteers for specific service opportunities within the Yearly Meeting. The Committee recommends combining the History and Archives and Publications committees to form a single Publications and Archives Committee. Friends approve this, noting it will require yet another change in the LEYM Policies and Procedures.

Sunday Morning

YM2002-46 Memorials

We have remembered Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Friends who have died in the past year. "I am part of all I have met." We are blessed to have had these Friends walk with us. May our steps be an inspiration to those who follow us.

YM2002-47 Nominating Committee report, Changes to Policies & Procedures

We have heard the report of the Nominating Committee. There are still a few vacancies to be filled. Friends accept the report and express appreciation for the work of the Committee. Friends approve changing the wording of the LEYM Policies and Procedures to reflect that both FGC and FWCC inform us how many representatives we are to send them.

YM2002-48 Invitation to Midwest Regional Gathering of FWCC

Susan Lee Barton, FWCC Midwest field secretary, notes that our own Lower Great Lakes Regional Gathering on 9/21 conflicts with several events within LEYM. Therefore, she invites Friends to attend the Midwest Regional Gathering in Westfield, IN, on 9/7/2002.

YM2002-49 Epistle

We have heard the report of the Epistle Committee and thank these Friends for their good work in articulating our experience together these past few days. We accept the epistle as written, to be sent over our Clerk's signature to Friends in other yearly meetings around the world.

YM2002-50 Children's epistles

Our children joined us, bringing their infectious joy and energy. Many wore this year's tee shirts decorated with colorful footprints. There were seven pre-school children this year. We have heard a brief report of their busy time and viewed a colorful poster illustrating their activities. There were nine elementary school-aged children, and they read their epistle to us. The middle school group interviewed adult members of the YM to see how we "walk the walk." They read their epistle describing what they have learned and done. The high school group read an epistle written as a take-off on Genesis 1 and other familiar texts. We are informed that \$495.55 was raised last night for the Friends School in Detroit. These epistles will be sent with the adult epistle to other yearly meetings in this country and around the world.

YM2002-51 Close

There being no further business, yearly meeting adjourns, proposing to meet again in Bluffton on 6/19/2003, God willing. Representative Meeting is scheduled for 3/1/2003, at a site to be determined.

Marty Grundy, Recording Clerk, Cleveland Friends Meeting

Committee Reports

The LEYM *Bulletin* and Associated Efforts

The Post Office has made doing the *Bulletin* a little harder than before. Our standard mail (bulk) permit is in Delaware, Ohio. The last two editors mailed from there. When I took the *Bulletin* on almost 2 years ago, I tried to switch it to Akron. There's a nine-page form and an independent audit required.

I appealed to Don Nagler, who has had trouble finding an auditor willing to do it for free. Or cheap.

So, Post Office regulations require that, if we want to mail standard rate (about 20 cents less per piece than regular mail), we have some hoops to jump through.

- 1) We must pay \$125 per year to both Delaware and any subsidiary mailing location.
- 2) We must mail from Delaware at least once every two years.

This year, I mailed the Fall *Bulletin* from Delaware, thanks to the kind assistance of David Lore. We don't need to do it again until 2003.

However, it's costing an extra \$125 a year. Anybody know an auditor who wants to do pro bono work?

This has caused us to wonder a little about other possibilities. Susan Jeffers had the idea of posting the *Bulletin* online. I tried it with the Winter and Spring 2002 *Bulletins*. You can go to www.quaker.org/leym/, go to the Documents & Committees page, and click *Winter2002* or *Spring2002*.

Someday, perhaps, some members can unsubscribe from the paper copy and get it online. That will take many years to make much difference, but--

Paper	Online
\$600 Printing (each time)	Free
5 days at the printer	1/2 hour to post
10-12 hours layout	10-12 hours layout
\$200 Mailing	Free
10 hours sort to mail	None
30-40 days to deliver	30 seconds to download
Paper to recycle	Electrons
Clip and Mail responses	Click and E-mail

From my point of view, Online is far superior. If we can get it ALL online, the Post Office problem would go away. So would about \$2500 of the Publications budget. Even if we decide to get a www.ley.org slot of our own, it would only cost maybe \$250 a year. And we could feel ecologically superior to others, using less paper. Most important to me, two days mail sorting would be gone.

A couple of meetings have contacted me, wanting to put their own web pages on ours. Since we don't own the space we use, I felt uneasy about sharing it out. Instead, I recommended they contact Russell Nelson, who runs www.quaker.org for their own space. He provides our page free of charge. (He could realistically charge \$30 or more per month.) Wooster has managed to post there this spring, thanks to the efforts of Richard Renner.

Other things have happened this year.

The Web Page was redesigned. It includes a Meetings page with map and hyperlink to a page for each meeting, with address, clerk, phone, e-mail, and web site, if they have one. Also included are an address by Don Nagler, a reaction to the terrorism of September 11, a calendar, and links to Marty Grundy's YM 2001 plenary address, a photo album (courtesy of Bill Hummon, processed by me), and histories of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting.

I tried to hype it in this year's *Bulletins* to a near-total dearth of response. From which I conclude it is adequate, not worth complaining about, but few are using it. However, I have faith in cybermaniacs; this is the wave of the future, and I will attempt to support it. More to the point, a web page I did for Akron Friends Meeting about 5 years ago now accounts for more Meeting inquiries than all other sources combined.

Susan Jeffers and I have been working fairly closely. I redesigned the database she uses to track addresses and print labels this summer, after the *Annual Records* was done and to the proofreaders. Susan then improved it considerably on her own.

This made it easier to create the *Membership Directory*. However, the updates forced her to spend many evenings entering and correcting data. I volunteered to print and bind. After about 30 hours, I gave up and took it to a copy center to finish. I sincerely hope you appreciate that booklet. It cost far too many work hours to be dumped in a "don't look at" stack.

The *Annual Records 2001* took shape last summer as well. People cooperated quite well this year; nearly every meeting responded with its State of the Meeting and Statistics. One thing I am extremely grateful for: Rosemary Coffey is a professional proofreader. She and Leonora Cayard went over it several times, then took it to the printer. I am VERY happy to have escaped that proofreading task.

I have also decided to relocate. The new place is still uncertain, because I haven't come up with a good job offer yet. I hope to stay in the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting area, because I enjoy doing this work. I'll let you know what happens.

All in all, it's been an interesting year. I overcame some difficulties. I learned not to volunteer for certain tasks. I learned that I do this kind of thing to help a good community, not for peace or good works. I learned more about mailing, web pages, publishing software, and databases. I've gotten familiar with the Internet employment ads in several cities. I also learned that the Yearly Meeting is lucky to have the services of Rosemary Coffey, Leonora Cayard, and Susan Jeffers.

Eric Starbuck, editor

Treasurer

FUNDS

	Opening Balance	Current Income	Expenses	Balance
General Fund	9,200.46	15,468.28	18,150.29	6,518.45
Annual Fund	9,480.86	12,645.50	10,395.35	11,731.01
Triennial Travel	2,930.95	1,240.00	--	4,170.95
Granville FrndsYF	5,510.60	222.11	222.11	5,510.60
Youth Act. Fund	293.15	2,050.52	2,185.76	157.91
Spiritual Formation	<u>582.07</u>	<u>3,451.25</u>	<u>3,327.76</u>	<u>712.56</u>
	28,005.09	35,077.66	34,281.27	28,801.48

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING MINUTES
6/13-16/2002

BANK ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	Opening Balance	Current Income	Debit	Balance
Checking	12,252.68	39,022.47	32,019.16	19,255.99
Shorebank-Mar	5,050.66	153.38	3,204.04	2,000.00
Shorebank-Sept	5,191.15	100.72	3,256.98	2,034.89
Southshore Bank	<u>5,510.60</u>	<u>222.11</u>	<u>222.11</u>	<u>5,510.60</u>
Totals	28,005.09	39,498.68	38,702.29	28,801.48

INCOME

General Fund

Income

Meeting Donations

Akron	352.00	
Ann Arbor	2,412.00	
Athens	900.00	
Birmingham	572.00	
Broadmead	750.00	
Cleveland	1,740.00	
Delaware	--	
Detroit	300.00	
Grand Rapids	262.50	
Granville	530.00	
Kalamazoo	924.00	
Kent	464.00	
Mid-Ohio Valley	150.00	
Monongalia	250.00	
N. Columbus	600.00	
Oberlin	340.00	
Pine River	270.00	
Pittsburgh	3,874.00	
Red Cedar	--	
Wooster	<u>496.00</u>	
Total Meeting Donations		15,186.50

Misc.

Sales & Fees

Interest

Checking 27.68

CDs 254.10

Interest Total 281.78

Total 15,468.28

GENERAL FUND

Expenses	Budget	Actual	Percent
Travel	5,000.00	4,004.17	80
Office	310.00	311.33	100
Publications	4,400.00	4,382.09	100
FGC	4,430.00	4,430.00	100
Friends School in Detroit	2,215.00	2,215.00	100
Records Project	210.00	121.20	58
Advancement	130.00	131.50	100
Clerk's Fund	310.00	--	0
FWCC Travel	1,240.00	1,240.00	100
Youth Activities Fund	800.00	800.00	100
Olney Friends School	<u>515.00</u>	<u>515.00</u>	<u>100</u>
Total	19,560.00	18,150.29	93

ANNUAL MEETING

Balance June 30, 2001	9,480.86
Expense	10,395.35
Income	<u>12,615.50</u>
Balance June 30, 2002	11,731.01

FWCC TRIENNIAL TRAVEL FUND

Balance June 30, 2001	2,930.95
Expense	--
Income - Transfer	<u>1,240.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2002	4,170.95

GRANVILLE FRIENDS YOUTH FUND

Balance July 1, 2000	5,510.60
Interest income	222.11
Transfer - Outgo	<u>222.11</u>
Balance June 30, 2002	5,510.60

YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND

Balance July 1, 2001	293.15
Income - transfer	800.00
Income - interest	222.11
Income - Youth Retreat	<u>1,028.11</u>
Total Income This Year	2,050.52
Expense - Grants	1,000.00
Expense - Youth Retreat	<u>1,185.76</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,185.76</u>
Balance June 30, 2002	157.91

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

Balance July 1, 2001	589.07
Income	3,451.25
Expense	3,327.76
Balance June 30, 2002	712.56

ANNUAL MEETING 2001

Income

Housing, commuter fees, meals	8,993.00
Registration	3,051.00
Donations	<u>43.50</u>
Total Income	12,087.50

Expenses

Housing, commuter fees, meals	9,000.00
Program discounts	605.50
Scholarships	507.25
Swimming	167.00
Beverages	100.00
Copies	75.60
Undercharges	40.00
Bank Charge	6.00
Keynote Speaker	200.00
Youth Program: crafts, etc.	<u>835.39</u>
Total Expenses	11,536.74
Surplus 2001	550.76
Deficit 2000	(109.00)
Balance June 30, 2002	441.76

NOTE: Because of when our Annual Meeting is held, the finances span two fiscal years. This part of the Treasurer's Report puts the financial pieces of 2001 Annual Meeting together.

Connie Bimber, Treasurer

Finance & Budget

Proposed to LEYM, 6/14/02

Last Year's Budget (July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002)

Travel	\$ 5,000.00
Office	\$ 310.00
Publications	\$ 4,400.00
FGC	\$ 4,430.00
Friends School in Detroit	\$ 2,215.00
Records Project	\$ 210.00
Advancement	\$ 130.00
Clerk's Fund	\$ 310.00
FWCC Travel	\$ 1,240.00
Youth Activities Fund	\$ 800.00
Olney Friends School	<u>\$ 515.00</u>
Total	\$ 19,560.00

You have seen our Finance Committee report in the *Spring Bulletin*, 3/2/2002. However, the arithmetic was wrong. \$1,030 added to this year's budget of \$19,560 is \$20,590, not \$26,090. Please make this correction in your copy. The increase in several items was considered carefully and was the Committee's decision. These totaled about 5%.

Increases Recommended

FGC	\$70.00
FGC (\$5000 over 10 yrs)	\$500.00
Friends School in Detroit	\$285.00
Clerk's Fund	\$190.00
Youth Activities Fund	\$400.00
Olney Friends School	\$85.00
Total	\$1,530.00

The Representatives Assembly listened to FGC's program and the needs of its Nurturing Campaign and agreed to ask the Yearly Meeting to add a pledge of \$5,000, payable at \$500 per year. So the Finance Committee asks you to approve this General Fund budget for 2002-2003 as shown here, totaling \$21,090.

Budget 2002-03

	2001-2002	Increase	2002-2003
Expense			
Travel	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Office	310.00	310.00	
Publications	4,400.00	4,400.00	
FGC	4,430.00	70.00	4,500.00
FGC (\$5000 over 10 yrs)	500.00	500.00	
Friends School in Detroit	2,215.00	285.00	2,500.00
Records Project	210.00	210.00	
Advancement	130.00	130.00	
Clerk's Fund	310.00	190.00	500.00
FWCC Travel	1,240.00	1,240.00	
Youth Activities Fund	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
Olney Friends School	515.00	85.00	600.00
Totals	19,560.00	1,530.00	21,090.00

Donation per adult: 26.00

This results in a fair share of \$26 per year from each adult member. We urge your cooperation in fulfilling this amount; the per-member share of only 50 cents per week for LEYM includes the special assessment for FGC's campaign.

Carrying out the work you propose by LEYM will require enthusiastic promotion of this year's giving. Many have not donated sufficiently to maintain LEYM's obligations. If you can help more, please do!

Joe Davis, clerk

History & Archives

The History and Archives Committee completed its task of developing and producing the *Annual Records* in booklet format and turned over the production of future volumes to the newly appointed Publications and Archives Committee. The committee also sent as many historical records as we could find to our designated depository, the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, and is encouraging all monthly meetings to deposit their records at the Friends Historical Library.

At the annual meeting in June 2001, the History and Archives Committee was asked to collect more information about the history of LEYM. The clerk of the committee sent out a letter "to all LEYM Friends" inviting them to contribute personal memories about LEA/YM. A collection of our individual memories would not only help to tell the story of LEYM but would also be a record of God's leadings among us and how we tried to follow these leadings. One wonderful result of this invitation is a one-page handwritten letter from Elise Boulding, sharing her reminiscences. We hope that there will be more contributions to this effort.

Leonora Cayard, clerk

Publications

Present: Leonora Cayard, Rosemary Coffey (clerk), Susan Jeffers, Joe Mills, Eric Starbuck

1. **The Annual Records Booklet.** After reviewing the *Annual Records* booklet for 2001, which we saw as an improvement over the initial booklet for 2000, we proposed a few changes for the current year in the ordering of items, but without altering the content over-all. We would like to remind monthly meetings that we would be glad to include brief obituaries of their members who have passed away since last summer if they will send them to the Editor immediately. We note also that we can publish State of the Meeting reports and Statistical Reports only if the Editor receives them by the end of next week, and ask Friends here present to check with their Clerks when they return home to be sure they have been sent either to the Recording Clerk of LEYM or directly to Eric Starbuck. If all goes smoothly, we hope to publish the *Annual Records 2002* booklet by the end of July.

2. **The Membership Directory.** The new *Directory* has four sections: the first lists members and attenders by monthly meeting; the second is an alphabetic listing of all members of LEYM; the third is a separate listing of children and youth by birth order from newborn to 1983; and the fourth has some last-minute additions. This is a work in progress, and we welcome comments for improvement. For example, we note penitently that the *Directory* would be a lot easier to read if the binding were along the left side rather than the top and encourage Friends to take their copies to a local copy shop and have them rebound accordingly; the same clasp can be cut and re-used. All Meetings and LEYM Committee clerks should have copies; if you don't have one and think you should, please see Eric Starbuck, who brought some with him. A new edition will probably not be produced before 2004; in the meantime, monthly meetings are asked to send changes and updates to Susan Jeffers by e-mail, if at all possible, so that she can paste them into her database without re-typing.

3. **The Publications Schedule.** We propose to retain this year's schedule whereby the *Annual Records* came out in late July/early August in place of the Summer issue of the *Bulletin*, while the Fall issue appeared in October, the Winter issue in January, and the Spring issue in April. With regard to the timely distribution of registration material for the youth retreat, the Spiritual Formation groups, and the Lower Great Lakes Regional Gathering, we make the following proposal:

- a. that the people in charge of those events e-mail their registration forms and/or announcements directly to the LEYM Meeting Clerks as soon as possible, requesting that they be published in the Meeting newsletters or copied and made available to members and attenders; to that end Eric Starbuck will provide a complete group list of e-mail addresses of Meeting Clerks or contact persons, so only one e-mail, with the information pasted into it and attached, need be sent.
- b. in addition, Rosemary Coffey will send a reminder to all Clerks and contact persons to look for the forms and pass them on to their newsletter editors.

We believe that this procedure will promptly and efficiently get the forms into the hands of those interested in attending these Fall events.

4. **Future Communication in LEYM.** Susan Jeffers and Eric Starbuck continue to urge our use of the LEYM web page established at <http://www.quaker.org/leym/>. Eric in particular would be grateful for feedback from anybody viewing that page regarding needed improvements to make it more useful.

Rosemary Coffey

Advancement & Outreach

Betty Ford has been collecting examples of outreach and visitor materials from LEYM meetings. We reviewed the materials for ideas that we can share with meetings in need. One concern that has emerged is that some meetings cannot afford to buy materials to distribute and, therefore, need to design their own.

We reviewed a new Inreach/Outreach packet from FGC. Copies are available on the FGC table.

The committee discussed our ongoing responsibility for the LEYM web page. We have some ideas for additions to the web page and we plan to continue coordinating with Eric Starbuck re the contents of the site.

We discussed a recent Policies and Procedures change in A&O's description to reflect our outreach mission. We support the change as it has been drafted, and we are grateful to Marty Grundy for catching the omission

before publication.

We heard a presentation from Deborah Fisch on FGC's Traveling Ministries committee. We wanted to hear more about their work so that we could identify any overlap in their work and our ongoing intervisitation projects. Also, we asked what ideas, if any, they had for our outreach mission on the yearly meeting level.

We plan to publish three articles on outreach topics in the next two *Bulletins*. We also hope to make these articles and past outreach articles available on our website.

Our committee members continue to visit other meetings within and outside LEYM. We are pooling our experiences and trying to glean suggestions and guidelines that might help LEYM meetings advance.

John Savage and Erika Smith, Co-clerks

Spiritual Formation Group

Friends from Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Red Cedar and Broadmead meetings participated in the Spiritual Formation program this past year. A retreat at Emrich Conference Center, Brighton, MI, in September attracted 20 Friends to work with Marty Grundy and Connie McPeak (Cleveland Meeting) on defining our intention to connect with God and on selecting a spiritual practice to help move us forward toward our intention to be more aware of God's presence. Small groups continued through the year, sharing their experiences with God and discussing readings of Quaker literature. 21 Friends from our different meetings gathered again for the Spring Retreat at Michigan Friends Center in May, under the guidance again of Marty Grundy and Connie McPeak. Here, we reassessed what had moved us toward God and considered our next steps.

Not all participants have followed a spiritual discipline to the degree that they would have liked, but we have been aware of spiritual growth that has resulted in our midst. We have encouraged people to join and participate at their own comfort level. An oversight committee, consisting of Weaver Bloomfield, Valerie Groszmann, Janet Smith, Merry Stanford and Thomas Taylor, has planned the retreats and helped move the program along.

Valerie Groszmann

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

Green Pasture QM met five times last year, including the usual Fall (Sept 15, 2001) and Spring (May 18, 2002) meetings for business plus a Winter gathering on Feb 23 at Grand Rapids on "Circle of Peace" and the Summer worship on Aug 5 in Quaker Park, Battle Creek. We also held a Specially Called Meeting for Business with attention to the financial crisis at Friends School in Detroit on December 1, 2001. The Quarter approved a one-time contribution to FSD of \$3000 as a small gesture of support in a time of major financial distress -- a need which Friends' contributions alone will not be able to fill. A number of Friends are working valiantly to get the school started on a firmer basis in Fall 2002 and to begin to repay the loans taken out in order to complete the 2001-02 school year.

At our Spring meeting we had further discussion about the state of GPQM, examining the continuing low level of participation in most GPQM events. This problem was given ample illustration at the Spring meeting by the fact that an expert Naming Committee was unable to find anyone willing to serve on the QM Nominating Committee. The discussion was concluded with approval of the following minute:

Our Quarterly Meeting gives us a feeling of connection to each other and to those who have gone before us with their visions of building a community of faith. Because of these connections, we are not isolated. Among the suggestions to help bring us together and strengthen the Quarterly Meeting community were the following:

1. Ask each MM to send representatives to assure more responsible attendance;
2. Start a Newsletter, summarizing activities within the meetings of the QM so we come to know each other;
3. Devise a set of queries for meetings to respond to each year;
4. Ask our meetings to respond to [a special] set of queries about QM so we may hear from those Friends who don't attend as well as those who do;

5. Urge each attender to invite a Friend to come to QM.

In July 2002, Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor) handed the responsibilities of QM clerk over to Nancy Nagler (Pine River), to whom all future correspondence for the QM should be addressed.

Thomas Taylor, retiring clerk

Friends School in Detroit

The school year for Friends School in Detroit (FSD) had just begun when the horrible events of September 11, 2001, took place. As throughout the world, the shock and horror of these events have had an exacting toll on the community. During the prior school year, efforts had begun to connect FSD with a school southeast of Kabul, Afghanistan, in an effort to build goodwill links between children of the schools and to foster the commitment to the principles of nonviolence and peaceful resolution of conflict. Julie Poll, a teacher at FSD, has been instrumental in the building of this link. At the close of the prior school year, three phases of the linkage had been started: A fundraising effort began to help raise the funds needed to build a water well, Afghan students visited FSD, and Ms. Poll had a reciprocal visit at the Afghan school. This project spurred Wayne State University faculty involvement, resulting in equipment and resources being provided for the school. The Afghan school opened last March without much basic equipment. Currently, the school has 14 teachers and over 600 students, including both boys and girls. (The long-term plans include building a separate school for the girls.) It has multiple financial and support needs. There is hope that the relationship will grow to include intervisitations by families between the schools.

Subsequent to the events of September 11th, FSD has made concerted efforts at outreach to the Arab community of Detroit. These efforts include intervisitation with various Arab community organizations, a statement of support for our Arab friends, and an education effort to further understanding of Islam.

The 2001-2002 school year also started with the Board of Trustees having to deal with a number of serious problems which concerned the health and future of the FSD community. FSD has had to struggle with financial viability since its inception in 1963. Through the years the school community has been thankful for the contributions of benefactors and support organizations. This year, however, began with a large financial deficit and an outlook of possible larger deficits in the future if something was not done to correct this situation in the current school year. To address this need, the Board undertook the remedies of obtaining short-term financing, to handle the annual fund deficit for the current year, and long-term financing, in the form of a mortgage on school property, to handle needs that will present themselves as a new balanced budget and school administration are put into place. These efforts were hampered by the fallout from the events of September 11th.

In April of 2002, the Board announced the hiring of a new head of school, Dwight Wilson. Mr. Wilson, a Friend from Philadelphia, has an extensive background in the running and development of Friends schools. The board has given Mr. Wilson a challenge that will not be easy to meet, but there is a solid foundation to build upon.

The financial and other issues facing the Board this year have resulted in false rumors of the demise of the school or predictions of a dire future. The Board would like to emphasize that it is committed to opening the doors of Friends School in Detroit with an enrollment of 150 students and a balanced budget. To reach this goal the Board had to make changes in a number of areas. To reach a balanced budget with this lower number of students required the lay-off of 5 teachers and staff members. This staffing change has required a reshuffling to ensure proper coverage of all curriculum efforts. In the area of financial aid, the Board has put into place a couple of options allowing families in need to apply to external organizations that provide financial aid. These options relieve part of the burden on the annual operating funds and allow funds to be directed to other budgetary items.

Development of annual giving programs and a capital fund campaign were put into full gear throughout the year. As with any school, we find that the total cost of educating a student exceeds the revenue provided by tuition and fees.

Throughout its history, FSD has produced students with an excellent education and a good foundation for future learning. We find that our graduates are leaders in their various learning endeavors. Our current students excel in art, science and a variety of other subject areas. We also find that "Quaker Values" have an

instrumental role in shaping their lives. Reports from other schools point out how our students live the values that they learn at FSD.

This community at Friends School in Detroit is a living, breathing entity that grows with each contribution of its members. The future will be a hard endeavor, but one which the Board of Trustees are committed to in Detroit.

Marvin Barnes
Ellen Barnes

\$625.63 was raised for Friends School in Detroit at LEYM this year.

Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference

I have been a member of the Religious Education Committee ever since 1999, when I was given the privilege of representing LEYM on the FGC Central Committee. The Religious Education Committee seeks to nurture Quaker religious development on the monthly, quarterly and yearly meeting levels. Its members evaluate, write and edit religious education material for adults and children. They plan and conduct workshops and institutes to help Friends explore new ideas, activities and materials in religious education. The committee also distributes information and ideas by print and electronic means.

A recent effort of the committee is to create an up-to-date database of all FGC monthly meetings, their current clerks and their contact persons for religious education. This information will help the committee to communicate with individual educators to assess needs and develop materials to meet these needs. One need that we are aware of is for a CD with appropriate catchy songs for young children to help teachers and kids in First Day School to sing together. An exciting CD with popular Friendly musicians is in development.

Friends General Conference has made a solemn commitment to eradicate racism among FGC Friends and to help our constituent meetings to be welcoming, safe places for people of all backgrounds. A new standing committee, the Committee for Ministry on Racism, provides spiritual guidance and resources in this commitment. I urge LEYM to invite someone from this committee to participate in our Yearly Meeting program next year.

As its share in this ministry, the Religious Education Committee is planning a consultation to examine existing curriculum materials and develop new ones focused on increasing diversity among us. We are also overseeing the creation of a new book on the relationship between white Friends and Friends of Color that includes data on many individual Friends and documents the many instances of white superiority and racism in the Religious Society of Friends.

I see my participation in the Religious Education Committee of FGC as a two-way street: I can be a conduit of information from our monthly meetings and from LEYM to Friends General Conference, and also in the opposite direction. I hope LEYM Friends will allow me to be useful in both of these functions, and I urge all Friends who have questions or suggestions about religious education for adults or children to see if I can find helpful ideas or materials for them.

Leonora Cayard

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Report to LEYM Annual Meeting

I'm one of four representatives to FWCC, Section of the Americas.

1. A summary report of this year's FWCC gathering in Philadelphia in March will be in our *Annual Records* booklet, and copies are on the FWCC display table. Mary Lord's address at that session may be found on the FWCC website.
2. An outgrowth of that session is the special "Conference on Friends' Responses to the Growing Danger of Wars and Terrorism," Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, January 17-20, 2003. We hope that this yearly meeting will be able to send two delegates.
3. This fall there will be a regional FWCC gathering in Xenia, Ohio, on Saturday, September 21, with Regina Haag as speaker. A regional gathering is for the several yearly meetings in the Lower Great Lakes area,

including Canada Yearly Meeting. We are aware this conflicts with Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting and with Pittsburgh Meeting's retreat. There will be another regional gathering in Indiana. See Susan Lee Barton for details.

4. We are very pleased that Susan Lee Barton, the FWCC staff member for the Lower Great Lakes region, will lead us in a workshop Saturday afternoon.

5. Special news is that Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, has a newly selected Executive Secretary. It is Margaret Fraser, a British Friend, who has been Dean of Pendle Hill and also attended Earlham School of Religion. The new Associate Secretary is Louise Salinas. Our own Rosemary Coffey was clerk of the Search Committee.

Report on Section of the Americas Annual Meeting, March 2002

In March 2002, all branches of Friends gathered in Philadelphia to consider "The Meaning of the Peace Testimony for Quakers Today." The gathering had a small representation of Friends from Central and South America in keeping with an established rotating pattern suggested by the Latin American Friends to free up available funds for purposes other than travel to Annual Meeting sessions. Nevertheless, translation into Spanish -- or English -- was provided at all sessions.

Morning worship before breakfast took various forms, as each day Friends led those present in their particular form of worship.

The subject of Mary Lord's keynote address was: Can Love Really Overcome Violence and Hate? Reflections on Friends Peace Testimony. Mary Lord spoke from her long-time experience with FCNL and her more recent work as Coordinator of the AFSC No More Victims Campaign. She is now the new Interim Director of AFSC's Peace Building Unit. Having had these leadership positions, Mary Lord was able to share from her personal experiences and leadings in presenting her message. She spoke from a strong clear leading as she gave her message -- that we "are on the eve of a new and terrible global war" and that we need to be prepared for the difficult role of being "Quakers in wartime." It is both the political leadership of the US and the opponents in the Afghanistan war who are expanding the battle to include many other countries. The new US policy expands the use of nuclear weapons to the extent that the hands of the "Doomsday Clock" will be moved two minutes closer to midnight. There were alternatives to the path described above that were not taken by the US leadership: the road of international law; use of the International Criminal Court; ratification of international agreements that would stop the financing of terrorist groups; and strengthening the verification procedures on biological and chemical weapons. However, the United States did not take these steps, but chose the path of military action and magnification of the word "terrorism" to the extent that despots and dictators are using it as a cover for limiting human rights and committing atrocities.

But the path of war does not work, and those who think so are the naive ones -- not those who believe in pacifism. Mary Lord used the words of the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk to show that those who live by greed and violence will find that violence turned toward themselves (Habakkuk 2:1-8). Moreover, when Jesus rejected the temptations offered him by Satan in the desert by saying, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him," the essence of the peace testimony was expressed. In the Sermon on the Mount we are told to love our enemies ... and to love one another.

With these messages in mind, what can we Friends do today? We can make sure that our young adults are counseled about conscientious objection. Like Gandhi, Solidarity, and the Danish Resistance, we can begin the work of non-violent resistance. We can ask for the prayers and support of Friends around the world and people of color in our own country -- some of whom have been living through violent struggles and have messages to offer us. And we can work with our partners in peace -- the Brethren and Mennonites -- in articulating a new vision.

During the business sessions there was at first a move to lay aside participation on Peace Teams, a group that had become inactive in recent years, but from the floor a new concern was expressed that led to a concluding minute: "FWCC Section of the Americas will call a special conference as soon as possible for Friends' response to the growing dangers of global war and terrorism, following in the tradition of the four previous conferences sponsored in the past 70 years. We empower the Peace Issues Working Group working at these sessions to act on behalf of the Section to consult and collaborate with traditional peace churches and peace branches of other faiths on common action."

The Lower Great Lakes Region, of which LEYM is a part, now has a part-time FWCC staff member, Susan Lee Barton, who is based in Richmond, Indiana. She came to our regional gathering in October 2001 in Ohio, and she will be with us this June at Yearly Meeting. She is available to visit monthly or quarterly meetings. Susan can be reached at PO Box 2471, Richmond, IN 47375, 765-939-1449, or susanleeb@fwcc.quaker.org.

Margaret Kanost

Peace

Minutes June 13 - 15, 2002

Present: at one or more of the 4 PC meeting times: David Bassett (Clerk), Jeannette Birkhoff (recording), Shelby Conrad, Lila Cornell, Janet Dando, Richard Hogan, Meg Hummon, Margaret Kanost, Gerry McNabb, Nathan Riley, Scilla Wahrhaftig

1. After a period of silence, we had a brief round of introductions and brief reports of activities and concerns in each person's home area.
2. We considered some comments from Don Nagler regarding
 - issues and statements which are brought to the plenary Business Meeting;
 - some thoughts concerning extending the scope of the LEYM Peace Committee's outreach and impact, with some reference made to the Iowa Peace Network.
3. We approved an idea, suggested by Shelby Conrad, of creating an e-mail LEYM Peace Network, open to those who might wish to participate, to facilitate sharing of information relating to items of potential PC interest. (We agreed that we would be selective in our submissions, to avoid "information overload.")
- *4. Margaret Kanost, LEYM delegate to Friends World Committee for Consultation, informed us of the FWCC-sponsored "Conference on Friends' Responses to the Growing Danger of Wars and Terrorism," to be held at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina, Jan 17-20, 2003. Peace Committee recommends that LEYM try to find funds to send a named representative to this Conference, with the LEYM Clerk to consult with appropriate committees in regard to naming this representative.
- *5. Peace Committee considered the request from Jim Satterwhite that LEYM support Christian Peacemaker Teams. (Jim Satterwhite is a member of Bluffton Meeting and will become the Clerk of Peace Committee for the 2002-2003 year. He has previously served on a number of CPT missions and is presently serving with CPT in Hebron.) CPT was formed in 1984, with leadership by Mennonites, Brethren, and Quakers (especially those in Friends United Meeting). There is the hope of finding increased support from FGC Yearly Meetings.

Peace Committee developed the following minute, and hopes that the Yearly Meeting will be able to support it: "LEYM notes the courageous work of volunteers for Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) in areas of violent conflict. (1) LEYM endorses these efforts of CPT; (2) we are making a modest financial contribution to CPT; and (3) we strongly commend CPT for financial and spiritual support from our Monthly Meetings and from individuals."

6. Between 3:00 and 5:30 pm Thursday, we met jointly with members of the Ministry and Oversight Committee (Thomas Taylor, Clerk) to consider four peace queries (which had been brought forward from our two committees at Representative Meeting), and a supplemental Study Guide. After a period of careful and open discussion, we united on the wording of four queries (which will be included in the Ministry and Oversight Committee report), and on the addition to the Study Guide of some historic Quaker statements on conscience and on conscientious objection to the payment of military taxes.
- *7. The Peace Committee gave further consideration (carried forward from the March meeting) to a minute in support of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Act (HR 1186). (LEYM had indicated support of an earlier version of this Bill in 1983.) An effort, begun by Steve Olszewsky of Austin, Texas, Monthly Meeting, to gain widespread Quaker support for this legislation from FGC Monthly and Yearly Meetings has generated considerable support. The PC endorses a modified version of the original minute (originally approved by the Atlanta, GA, Monthly Meeting in Sept. 2001); requests LEYM's consideration of the minute (copies will be distributed); and hopes that LEYM would again support this minute and this legislation, which aims to extend the principle of conscientious objection to military service (COMS) to

conscientious objection to military taxation (COMT).

8. On Friday morning, we heard a very interesting and informative report on Quaker work in the UN, particularly in the QUNO-New York office, from Scilla Wahrhaftig, member of Pittsburgh Meeting, and, for an 8-month period, staff member at QUNO- NY. She has been focusing her work under the heading "Terrorism-Global Problem in Need of Global Solutions; the UN's Alternative to the War on Terror." (A summary of this work is available on the QUNO web page, at www.QUNO.org). (Scilla also held a workshop Saturday afternoon, on QUNO's work.)
9. Regarding the issue of racism and discrimination, mention was made of a useful video titled *The Color of Fear* (information concerning this is available from David Yamamoto, Ann Arbor). There is a useful book on racism titled *When Race Breaks Out; Conversations about Race and Racism in College Classrooms* (Lang, 2001), written by Helen Fox, member of Ann Arbor Meeting.
10. In regard to developments in India and Pakistan, information was shared on Badshah Khan, a Muslim advocate of nonviolence in India and Pakistan. (A biography of his life is available from the FGC Bookstore). We also shared information concerning Right Sharing of World Resources and its work in India.
11. Peace Committee considered very briefly the following additional issues and areas of concern, and we circulated to committee members information regarding most of them: the Administration's policies concerning Iraq; increasing encroachments on civil rights in the US; Israel/Palestine issues; developments in Colombia; humanitarian aid for civilians in Afghanistan; nuclear weapons issues.
12. Finally, mention was made of the suit brought by 31 members of Congress against the Bush Administration for withdrawing from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, the lead plaintiff, said that the President does not have the authority to unilaterally withdraw from a treaty, and should first seek the consent of the Congress.

The Administration is planning to move ahead immediately with building a so-called "missile defense system" based in Alaska, which has great risk of re-igniting an arms race, and will be markedly expensive.

* items to be brought to the LEYM Meeting for Business, for consideration for possible action.

David Bassett

Nominating

Presiding Clerk	Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead) 2nd yr
Assistant Clerk	Don Nagler (Pine River) 4th yr
Recording Clerk	Martha Grundy (Cleveland) 3rd yr
Treasurer	Connie Bimber (Oberlin) 2nd yr (6+2=8)
<i>Bulletin</i> Editor	Eric Starbuck (Akron) 2nd yr
Mailing Labels	Susan Jeffers (Ann Arbor) 2nd yr (6+2=8)
Program - 3 yr	C03: Dale Pratt-Harrington (Athens) 3rd yr 03: Nancy Nagler (Pine River) 3rd yr 04: Marge Liske (Kent) 2nd yr 04: ?? 05: Adrian Barnes (Detroit) 1st yr 05: Susan Jeffers (Ann Arbor) 1st yr
Advancement & Outreach - 3 yr	03: Erika Smith (Ann Arbor) 3rd yr 03: Marvin Barnes (Birmingham) 3rd yr 04: Betty Ford (Grand Rapids) 2nd yr C04: Deb Kociszewski (Broadmead) 4th yr 05: Kelly Helms (Ann Arbor) 1st yr 05: Mathilda Navias (Broadmead) 1st yr
Arrangements & Site - 3 yr	03: Claire Davis (Broadmead) 5th yr 03: Judy Greenberg (Broadmead) 2nd yr

	04: Regula Kummer (Brdmead/Toledo) 2nd yr
	05: Elena Tuhy (Granville) 1st yr
	05: ??
	05: ??
Finance & Budget - 3 yr	03: Charles Drayer (Broadmead) 3rd yr
	03: Zig Dermer (Pittsburgh) 2nd yr
	C04: Joe Davis (Broadmead) 5th yr
	05: Linda Mills (Kalamazoo) 2nd yr (1+3=4)
Ministry & Oversight - 3 yr plus 1 per MM	C03: Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor) 3rd yr
Oberlin: Richard Taylor	03: Janet Smith (Broadmead/Toledo) 2nd yr
Kent: Fred Feitler	04: David Stillwell (Kent) 5th yr
Pittsburgh: Dolores Avner	04: Merry Stanford (Red Cedar) 2nd yr
Ann Arbor: Becky Morehouse	05: Steve Morehouse (Ann Arbor) 1st yr
	05: Star Mary Castro (Athens) 1st yr
Nominating - 3 yr members/clerk appointed by Naming Comm.	03: Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor) 1st yr
	03: David Lore (Granville) 2nd yr
	04: Mike Hinshaw (Wooster) 4th yr
	04: Lila Cornell (Pittsburgh) 1st yr
	C05: David Stilwell (Kent) 5th yr
	05: Olwen Pritchard (Broadmead)
Peace - 3 yr plus 1 per MM	03: Peter Crowley (Cleveland) 3rd yr
	03: Janet Dando (Akron) 3rd yr
	04: Lila Cornell (Pittsburgh) 2nd yr
	C05: David Bassett (Ann Arbor) 7th yr
	05: Gerry McNabb (Oberlin) 1st yr
Publications & Archives - 3 yr	03: Eric Starbuck (Akron) 3rd yr
	03: Leonora Cayard (Pittsburgh) 3rd yr
	C04: Rosemary Coffey (Pittsburgh) 3rd yr
	04: Joseph Mills (Kalamazoo) 3rd yr
	05: ??
	05: ??
Youth & Children - 3 yr	C003: Donna Hawkins (Granville)
Youth & Children - 3 yr	C003: Joyce Callahan (Cleveland)
Pre-School Leader	03: Peter Crowley/Conleth Crotser (Cleveland)
Pre-School Asst	04: Seth/Sally Keyes (Cleveland)
Early Elem Leader	03: Carla Pratt-Harrington (Athens)
Early Elem Asst	04: ??
Upper Elem Leader	03: Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor)
Upper Elem Asst	04: Steve Connor (Ann Arbor)
Middle School Leader	03: Pat Cambell (Ann Arbor)
Middle School Asst	04: Olwen Pritchard (Broadmead)
High School Leader	03: Mark Post (Grand Rapids)
High School Asst	04: Jon Sommer (Broadmead)
Fall Retreat Clerk	03: Vanessa Fuson (Granville)
Fall Retreat Asst	04: ??
Youth Members of Y&C	Abbey Pratt-Harrington (Athens)
	Bekah Sommer (Broadmead)
AFSC Rep - 3 yr 4 reps	03: Mike Hinshaw (Wooster) 1st yr
	04: Dolores Avner (Pittsburgh) 5th yr
	04: James Satterwhite (Broadmead) 4th yr

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FCNL - 3 yr	05: Richard Taylor (Oberlin) 3rd yr 03: Michael Fuson (Granville) 6th yr 03: Gerry McNabb (Oberlin) 3rd yr 04: Steve Dando (Akron) 2nd yr 04: Marge Koester (Akron) 2nd yr 05: Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor) 4th yr 05: ??
FCUN - 1 yr	Alan Connor (Ann Arbor)
FGC - 3 yr 4 reps	03: Ginger Swank (Granville) 2nd yr 04: Leonora Cayard (Pittsburgh) 4th yr C05: Star Mary Castro (Athens) 3rd yr 05: Kri Anderston (Ann Arbor) 2nd yr Kate Eaton (N Columbus) 5th yr
FLGC - 1 yr	
FWCC - 3 yr 4 reps, serve for calendar year! Note: Spanish speakers sought	12/03: Richard Lee (Red Cedar) 6th yr+tri 12/04: Zig Dermer (Pittsburgh) 2nd yr C12/04: Beth Blackbird (Pine River) 5th yr+tri AC12/05: Margaret Kanost (B'ham) 4th yr
YFNA - 1 yr	Kri Anderson (Ann Arbor) 2nd yr
LEYM Bookstore	Valerie Groszmann (Kalamazoo) 2nd yr
Olney Friends School - 1 yr	Bill Brown (Mid-Ohio Valley) 4th yr
William Penn House - 1 yr	Marge Koester (Akron) 2nd yr
Ohio YM (Conservative)	??
Canadian YM	??
EFI Eastern Region	??
Wilmington YM	??