



Tending the garden . . .

Co-Workers With God

Clerk's Message by Don Nagler, LEYM Clerk, Pine River

Let Presence come
And peace to be
And stillness, still
To touch and see
And listen to be felt
And seen and heard there;
Deep through fear and pain
Beneath, to find the end
Where loving finds and is found.

There, beneath now felt the Seed;
God's passion for the world
Breaks forth within;
Fierce to grow anew
If tended with our hands.

Deuteronomy 30:14 ... "the teaching is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so you can do it." (We must act on our Light, D.N.)

Have we formed the space, the tenderness, in our individual lives and community that can be filled by

the immanent Spirit, God, or Christ? Where, like the cells in our bodies, we are continually made new; a way of being that is necessarily always becoming?

During our times of silent worship together and alone, we intend to quiet our minds and hearts to become aware of God's, the Spirit's, presence. Letting go of the chattering, racketing of our thoughts, we give ourselves permission to go deep to our Center, passing beneath the superfluities of our lives, our addictive satisfactions, "getting ahead", our shame, our feelings of inferiority and powerlessness, fear and pain. We try to let down those barriers to our awareness and are brought often close to the loving, yet revealing, Presence, which sometimes blesses us, as we would bless an infant in our arms.

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The Big 5-0

by Eric Starbuck, LEYM Editor, Akron

I just passed a major life milestone: a 50th birthday.

Glad for some things: I've lived this long with no major health problems. I have had an easy life compared to some. I've managed a career that has been emotionally rather than monetarily fulfilling.

Yet all is not well. The past few years have been a time of reassessment. What's it all about? What am I doing wrong?

There are several things I have determined:

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We also experience God in others. Patricia Loring states, "When we are ..able to accept being accepted, able to receive the loving, listening presence of God, both embodied in others and hidden in their hearts, we experience God as love." (We witness).. "an upwelling of heart-breaking, heart-opening thankfulness and joy that such love could be, that we could be in it, that it could be in us, that we are all in it together."

In our pilgrimage of the heart we attempt to wholeheartedly participate in life's mystery and beauty and its opportunities and challenges in an effort to become who we are intended to be. We hope to be more fully aware of the living reality around us, touching our hearts and moving us to compassionate relationship to God, others, and the world.

In a workshop at the Mid-Winter Quarterly Meeting, we shared ideas and practice of "listening and holding each other in the Light, in prayer". How does it happen that we "listen to others and to God" and are "listened to by others and God" into deeper life and awareness in the milieu of loving stillness? In a way it is a metaphor of process as we look into each others' eyes to read our and other's hearts.

For Friends, it is critical that we respond to the

Light that we receive with loving action. Experiential learning of Truth is in receiving but also in "doing" and "becoming".

Transformation is the essence of Jesus' message and the work of the Spirit in our lives. We are called to action and new life in compassionate behavior. Our heart's memory of the experience of God's presence engenders a commitment to put into practice that power in caring for one another and the world. And then return again and again to that source of clarity, power, and compassion. As Thomas Kelly said, We are to "be' the message". Peace Pilgrim said that it is our little actions in response to the Light as "walking the path" which give us new glimpses of It. George Fox said, "Mind that which is eternal, which gathers your hearts together up to the Lord, and lets you see that you are written on one another's heart."

Loving relationships inevitably involve trust with a willingness to enhanced vulnerability and risk. Yet, when we can neither trust God or persons, we can neither give or receive love, cutting ourselves off from them.

Sandra Cronk said, "We are called to obedient love, even though we may not be feeling very loving. Often it is through the performance of loving acts that loving feelings can be built up in us. We may start with small, perhaps very tiny, steps."

Life is truly a miracle, fully beyond our understanding. We always are acting to greater or lesser degree "on faith", in the moment. We have to make decisions and not know about outcomes, nor truly know why or understand what we are doing. I think we have to plug along to act in the "openness of love" (another Thomas Merton phrase).

We do not fully appreciate the power we have as human beings for good or evil in relationship. Let me quote several short statements by Rachel Remen in *My Grandfather's Blessing*.

- 1) "The heart has the power to transform experience."
- 2) "Remember to bless the life around us and the life within us."
- 3) "When we recognize the spark of God in others, we can blow on it with our attention and strengthen it, no matter how deeply it has been buried or for how long."
- 4) "The denial of a common vulnerability is the ultimate barrier to compassion."
- 5) "It is up to us to help free the hidden holiness in

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everything and everyone, through our loving kindness and compassion.”

- 6) “Every act of loving kindness, no matter how great or small, repairs the world.”

Speaking and writing are ways to witness as well, of course. The poet, Rumi, has said, “Language is inward seeing.” If we discern well, we should express Truth with vigor and continuity. Have we expressed ourselves on Iraq, Israel and nuclear weapons in this way?

Martin Luther King said, “We will have to repent in this generation, not merely for the hateful words and actions of bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co-workers with God,

and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of stagnation.”

One last Thomas Merton quote: “All the good that you will do will come not from you but from the fact that you allowed yourself...to be used for God’s love... be open to the power that will work through you without your knowing it.. The greatest thing after all is to live and just serve Christ’s truth.

Our real hope.. is not in something that we think we can do, but in God who is working something good out of it in some way we cannot see. If we can do his will, we will be helping in this process. But we will not necessarily know all about it beforehand.”

Don Nagler, Clerk of LEYM

Notes from the Program Committee

Hopefully the people who attended Representative Meeting in Oberlin shared the results of the evaluation questionnaire from last year’s Yearly Meeting. One of the issues that will need to be discussed is the timing and length of the annual meeting. In the meantime the Program Committee wishes to list some highlights and requests.

Again, committees may meet Thursday afternoon as last year. Thursday dinner will occur again at the College, and we are offering lunch for those who wish it Thursday noon.

Please note and honor the times for children’s program beginning and ending – the Yearly Meeting provides a Youth Program, not child care, and teachers have other responsibilities and activities to attend to.

Because of popular demand there will be more hymn singing incorporated into the program for those who wish to do so. Please bring FGC hymnbooks, and we are asking those meetings who have a bunch of them bring some for others (but please label them so you can get them back).

Intergenerational Saturday night will be held under the tent and will be an ice cream social. This will also include the results of Youth Program Projects for sale for the benefit of Friends School in Detroit.

Please note that although the meal line is only open for the posted one half hour for the LEYM attendees, people are more than welcome to sit and eat and talk for longer periods of time in the cafeteria.

Bible Study will be offered at the usual early morning time. If people wish to offer other activities at that time, please contact Jon Sommers to arrange a place to do them and then notify me at least two weeks before YM so I can put them into the final schedule. A silent room will be available again this year (hopefully in a more comfortable ambience).

Interest groups/Spiritual Nourishment time will be available again this year. Activities can include rest, Bible reading, walks, spiritually focused groups, discussions and presentations (Jim Satterwhite is doing a presentation on Peace Teams) and the like. People can list interest groups at the registration area.

A music program time at 9:15 pm until 10:15 or so will be available each evening for those who wish a venue to perform for others at Yearly Meeting. There will be sign up sheets at the registration area. The expectation is performers will sign up for a 20-minute slot one of the evenings. We have many people in the Yearly Meeting who play instruments and/or sing or who enjoy playing and leading folk singing sing-a-longs.

Pat Campbell

I’ve got to follow them - I am their leader.

Ledru-Rollin

Testimonies, where Quaker rubber hits the road: moving from talking the talk to walking the walk

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

June 13-16 at Bluffton College

All Bluffton College charges except fees for linens are graduated: Adults (age 13 and older) pay full rates; children (ages 3-12) pay reduced rates for lodging and meals. Toddlers (age 2 and younger) are charged only for linens.

LODGING: Rooms are available in air-conditioned and handicapped accessible dormitories and in non-air-conditioned dormitories. Separate dormitory for high school boys and girls will be available.

Linen is optional. Blankets and pillows are not included. If you bring your own linen to the dorm, include towels and washcloth. We suggest that you bring coat hangers, fan, reading lamps, soap, and paper cups for your room. There is a \$1 deposit for dorm room keys. Total cost for a lost key card is \$10, so be careful.

Phone number at Marbeck Center in case of emergency: (419) 358-3216 or (419) 358-3000 after hours.

Camping is available on campus. RVs and trailers can park on the parking lot at Bren-Dell Hall but there are no hook-ups. Tenters can pitch their tents on a grassy area behind the dorm. Bathroom and showers in the dorm may be used by campers. Costs will be \$8.00 per adult per night and \$4.00 per night for children. This fee includes facility charges.

Those commuting to the meeting will be charged a \$3.00-a-day facilities fee.

MEALS: Meals are charged individually (see table). Meals start with Thursday supper and end with Sunday lunch. Vegetarian meals are available. If people have severe food allergies or diet restrictions, they probably should bring their own food and note same on their registration.

REGISTRATION FEE: Registration fees are \$31 for adults (18 and over) and \$6 for children (but no more than \$18 for all children in one family). Registration fee jumps to \$41 per adult if postmarked after May 22. Any donations in addition to basic registration fees are used for scholarships.

Lodging	Air-Cond.	No-AC	AC-Child*	No-AC Child*	Toddler
Single bed, per night, facilit.	\$22.00	\$17.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	Free
Linen charge, one-time	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50
Sleeping bag on the floor	\$21.50	\$16.50	\$11.50	\$6.50	Free

Meals	Adult	Child (3-12)	Toddler
Breakfast (Fri., Sat., Sun.)	\$4.25	\$2.50	Free
Lunch (Fri. Sat., Sun.)	\$5.50	\$3.00	Free
Supper (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	\$6.75	\$3.50	Free
One Day's Meals	\$16.50	\$9.00	Free

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN: Registrations for the Children's Program must be postmarked no later than May 10. Any children not registered by May 10 will be the complete responsibility of their parents and will not participate in the youth and children program. See registration form in the insert.

No Blankets or Pillows! Bring your own!

YOUTH PROGRAMS: There will be four age group programs: preschool (5 years and under), youth (6-10 years), middle school (11-13 years), and high school (14-18 years). The theme, "Testimonies, where Quaker rubber hits the road: moving from talking the talk to walking the walk. . ." will be incorporated in activities.

ASSISTANCE: We don't want Friends to stay away because of finances. If your own Meeting cannot help with your costs, please contact Regula Kummer, 3411 Queenswood, Toledo OH 43606, (419) 536-4302, for information on financial help. The LEYM gathering has much to offer; please don't stay away! We will have ample scholarship funds available that must not grow stale for lack of use!

BLUFFTON: Bluffton has other things to offer: a Chinese restaurant and The Grill Restaurant are on Main Street. McDonald's, Subway, KFC, Taco Bell, and

Arby's are at St. Rt. 103 and I-75. Golf and swimming are available for a fee. Don't miss the Food Store (health foods) owned by members of the Broadmead Meeting, and the EtCetera Shop, a Mennonite self-help store with exotic wares. Bluffton College has a self-guided artist tour and a beautiful nature preserve. All athletic facilities are open to us.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(and how to fill out the insert form)

Please list family name and first names and ages of all persons, oldest first. When a person's age defines "child," please be sure to apply children's rates to charges. When age falls in the toddler range, simply enter a dash in the charge space. In the LODGING section, please put a check mark under each night that you're staying. Indicate where you "stay at" as follows:

Air-Cond. Dormitory - AC
Non-A/C Dormitory - D
Camping - C

In the MEALS section, please put an "X" under the meals that you plan to eat. Put the total cost figure where indicated; use child rate where applicable. List registration fee per adult 18 years or older. Sum the entries for room, food, and registration charges in the right-hand column marked "TOTAL." Add this column to get the Grand Total. Please indicate how much you're paying with pre-registration, and how much you'll pay at registration. Please indicate special needs. If there are none indicated, we'll assume that you are not a vegetarian. If you come as a single person, we'll assign you a roommate as close to your age as we can.

The consent form on the back of the registration form must be filled out for all children attending LEYM. Mail completed registration forms to:

Regula Kummer
3411 Queenswood
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Pre-registration (postmarked by May 22, 2002) benefits you by giving you hassle-free registration at Bluffton; all your materials are pre-collected and handed to you upon arrival. You also avoid the \$10 increase in registration fee that occurs after that date. The registration table opens at 3 PM on Thursday, June 13, at Marbeck Center.

From Wooster Friends Meeting Newsletter, November 2001

Dottie Stratton has co-authored with Alinde Moore, *Resilient Widowers; Older Men Speak For Themselves*. The book is available at The University of Ashland bookstore or can be obtained on the internet at Amazon.com.

Youth and Children Program

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children attending LEYM the past few years. This is a most welcome development but one that requires certain adjustments. In order for the Youth and Children Committee to insure that enough leaders have been secured and that these leaders have sufficient time to plan appropriate activities for their group's size; we are requiring that all families with children planning to attend LEYM must post their registrations by the May 8th deadline. We will be quite firm on this. **NO late registrations, NO phone registrations, and NO on-site registrations will be accepted!** Children brought to LEYM without pre-registration will be the responsibility of the parents. (Children will need to be with the parents at all times under these circumstances, as they will not be permitted to roam the campus unaccompanied, nor will they be permitted to participate in the youth program.) Up to a third of the children attending LEYM in past years were on-site or late registrants, making it very difficult for the leaders to plan appropriately and making it equally difficult for this committee to enlist the help of leaders for the future years. Last year we instituted this strict deadline and it worked exceedingly well. We continue to recommend that if a family is unsure about whether or not they are attending, they should go ahead and register and cancel later if they determine they are not able to attend.

We endeavor to plan a rich and varied program for the youth and children attending Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. Our goal is to provide opportunities for them to share the experience of LEYM community. In order for our yearly meeting to be a positive and enjoyable experience for all, everyone involved needs to be supportive of this goal. We have experienced several problems the past few years, in addition to ones dealing with late registration. Therefore, the Youth and Children Program Committee would like both adults and children to understand a few basic things before they register.

We want parents to clearly understand that most of our leaders for the Youth and Children Program are not professionals but are volunteers working with us out of a concern for the children. We want the children to clearly understand that if they are enrolled in the youth program they are expected to participate. In addition, they are expected to show due respect for the

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Yearly Meeting Agenda

Thursday 6/13

- 12:30 – 1pm..... Lunch
- 2- dinner Committee Meetings as requested
- 3-10 pm Registration - Lounge above Kiva
- 5:30 – 6pm..... *Dinner line open for LEYM attenders at Bluffton College*
- 6:30 - 7:30pm Committee Meetings
- 7:30-9pm Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business- Introductory session*
- 9:15 – 10:30..... Music Program

Friday 6/14

- 6:30am – brkfst Various activities (Bible Study or anything else Friends want to arrange)
- 7:45 – 8:15 am..... *Breakfast line open for LEYM*
- 8:45 – 10:30 am Committees*
- 10:30 – 11:15 am Meeting for Worship*
- 11:15 - 12:30 am Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
- 12:30 – 1 pm..... *Lunch line open for LEYM*
- Lunch until 1:45 Singing in Meeting room after lunch
- 1:45 pm (Children's program starts at 1:45)
- 2 – 4..... Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
- 4:15 - dinner Spiritual Nourishment (Children' program ends at 5:15)
- 5:30 – 6:00 pm..... *Dinner line open for LEYM*
- 7:30 PM Plenary * (Children's Program ends at 9)
- Steve Morehouse *The Spiritual Journey of an Imperfect Quaker*
- 9:15 – 10:30..... Music Program

Saturday 6/15

- 7:45 – 8:15 am..... *Breakfast line open for LEYM*
- 8:30 – 9:30 am..... Meeting for Worship *
- 9:45 - 11:45 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
- 11 –1200 noon..... Committees*
- 12 - 12:30 pm..... *Lunch line open for LEYM*
- Lunch until 12:45 Singing in Meeting room for those who wish until 12:50
- 1-3 pm..... Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
- 3:30 - 5:15 pm Workshops*
- FWCC –
- FGC – Deb Fisch – Quakers in the US and Canada
- AFSC – Greg Coleridge
- FCNL –
- FCUN - Isabel and Bill Bliss
- QUNO
- 5:30 –6:00 pm..... *Dinner line open for LEYM*
- 7:30 – 9:00 Under the Tent - Ice Cream Social and Service Project money Raiser
- 9:15 – 10:30..... Music Program

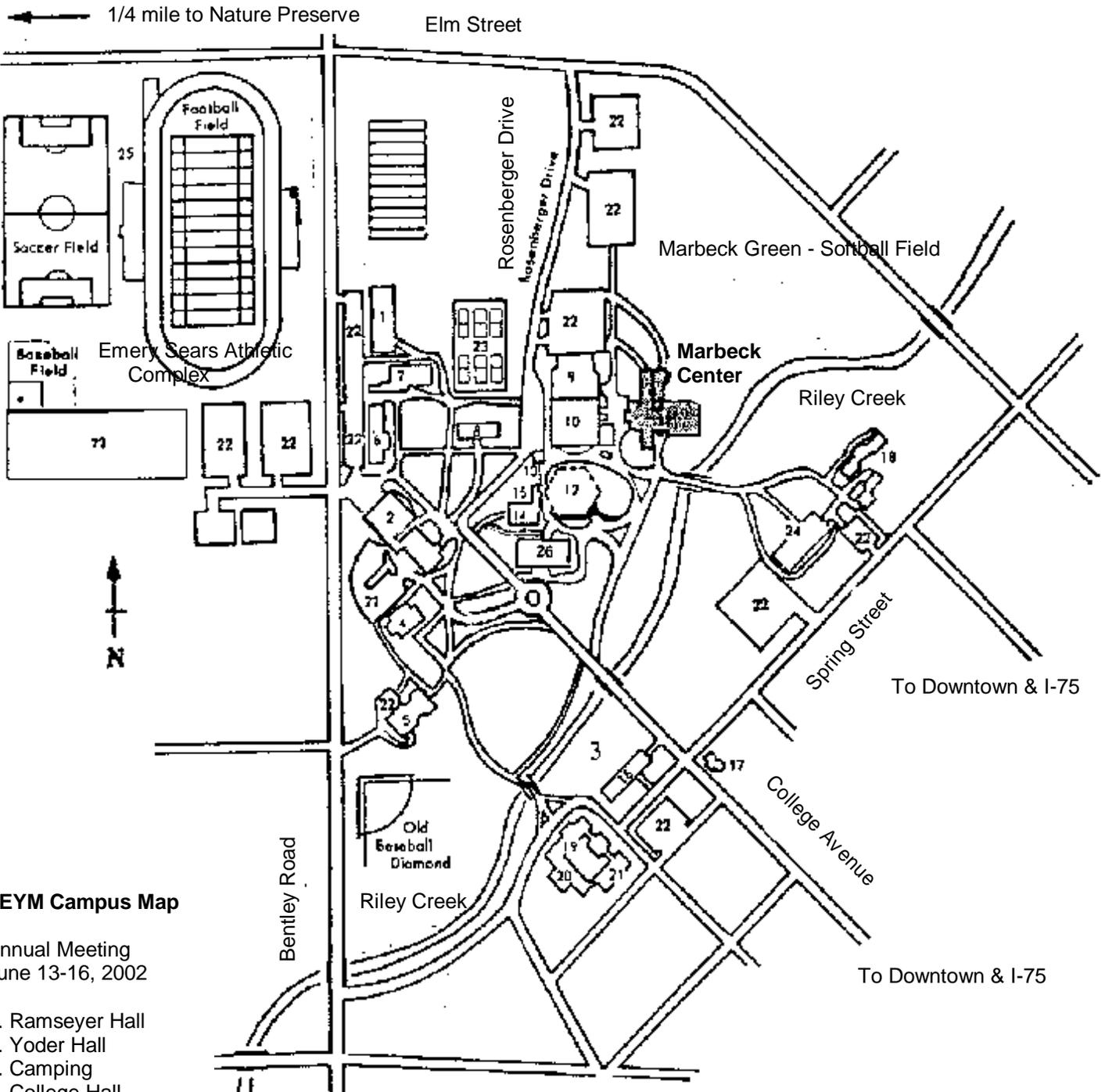
The tragedies of September 11, 2001 have changed and not changed AFSC's local, national and international work for peace, justice and humanitarian service. Hear, question, and discuss AFSC's many programs and learn ways to further connect.

Sunday 6/16

- 7:45 – 8:15 am..... *Breakfast line open for LEYM*
- 8:30 - 9:15 am..... Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business *
- 9:30 - 10 am Epistles *
- 10 – 10:30am Epistles and sharing by the Children's Program *
- 10:30-11:30am Meeting for Worship*
- 12 – 12:30 pm..... *Lunch line open for LEYM*

* Children's Program during this event

Campus Map Bluffton College



LEYM Campus Map

Annual Meeting
June 13-16, 2002

- 1. Ramseyer Hall
- 2. Yoder Hall
- 3. Camping
- 4. College Hall
- 5. Musselman Library
- 6. Hirschy Hall
- 7. Hirschy Hall Annex
- 8. Lincoln Hall/Micro Compute
- 9. Burcky Gym
- 10. Founders Hall
- 11. Marbeck Center

- 12. Shoker Science Center
- 13. Miller Greenhouse
- 14. Berky Hall
- 15. Computer Center
- 16. Bren-Dell Hall
- 17. Mara-Alva House
- 18. Riley Court and Guest

- Housing
- Lion & Lamb Peace Arts
- 19. Ropp Hall
- 20. Ropp Addition
- 21. Ropp Annex
- 22. Parking Areas
- 23. Tennis Courts

- 24. Visual Arts Center
- 25. Emery Sears Athletic Complex
- 26. Centennial Hall

Setting the Table for Yearly Meeting Sessions

As a yearly meeting, we are about God's business, and on occasion we may want to remind ourselves of our distinctive practices that aid in listening, discerning, and responding to what we are called to do. The following practices can serve to deepen our meetings for worship with attention to business.

Personal Preparation

- Come to committee and business meetings both inwardly and outwardly prepared.
- Be familiar with the business under consideration.
- Be familiar with Friends' manner of conducting business.
- Spend time in prayer and worship.
- Preparation in Committees. Remember that committee meetings are meetings for worship with attention to the business of the particular committee. Leadings are tested and concerns are seasoned in committee work or in monthly, quarterly, or regional meetings before they come to the floor of a Yearly Meeting session.
- Begin and conclude committee meetings with worship, and return to worship throughout, as led. Wait expectantly for divine guidance.
- As an issue is being considered, ask, "Is this a matter for the entire Yearly Meeting?" "Is bringing it forward an act of obedience?"

Reports

- By preparing and attending to the routine in advance, we allow more time and space for the Spirit to move among us.
- Prepare a written report or draft of the minute the Yearly Meeting is being asked to consider, including names, places, and dates, to assist the clerk and recording clerk as they prepare a minute; make this available to the clerks in advance of the session whenever possible, but certainly by the beginning of the session.
- Prepare reports of a committee's work to include the spiritual basis, telling the story of a leading and a faithful response to it.
- Include enough information in a report that a first time attender to Yearly Meeting or Representative Meeting sessions might understand what is being presented.
- Offer a spoken report out of the silence with the expectation that Friends are prepared to hear, receive, and respond from that place of deep listening.
- Be open to the opportunity to prune away the dry and lifeless, and open to the possibility of new growth, new call. As concerns are prepared for presentation to the Yearly Meeting, ask ourselves the question, "Does what is coming forward have Life?"

The Big 5-0

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I'll never be a CEO, a Congressman, or an astronaut. I can still pull all-nighters, but the price is a lot steeper. Eating, digesting, and going to the bathroom aren't as much fun anymore. God will provide, but usually late.

I'm still pondering why there is evil in the world, what peace is, and why there are no swear words about death (just religion, sex, and body waste).

I'll let you know when I have more answers.

Eric Starbuck

Coincidence - You weren't paying attention to the other half of what was going on.

John Brunner

Youth and Children Program

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adults in charge and the other children in their group. If a child chooses not to participate or exhibits disruptive or disrespectful behavior, that child will be returned to the care of their parent(s), guardian or sponsor. Children are not to be left on their own when there is no youth program. In addition, if your child has been returned to your care because of aforementioned problems, they are not to be left to roam the campus even during youth program times. We hope by stating these expectations in advance, we can avert some of the problems we have been experiencing the past few years at LEYM and set the stage for a positive experience for everyone.

LEYM Youth and Children Program Committee,
Donna Hawkins and Joyce Callahan, Co-clerks

Representative Meeting

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

Oberlin, Ohio, Third Month 2, 2002

At a gathering of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Representative Meeting at Kendal at Oberlin, Third Month 2, 2002, we began with worship and a welcome from Marcia Heckert of Kendal Corporation. We welcome the following visitors: Linda Krupp and Ricky Moore from Friends School in Detroit, Ogden Hannaford of North Side, Chicago, Meeting sojourning at Oberlin, and first-time attendee Shelby Conrad of North Columbus. After committee meetings and lunch Representative Meeting settled again into worship in which we remembered Friends who have died recently. We have heard the epistle from Norway Yearly Meeting recounting what they are learning about being in community.

RM02-1 We have heard the roll call and the following numbers are present:

Akron	3	Kalamazoo.....	3
Ann Arbor	9	Kent.....	4
Athens.....	4	Mid-Ohio Valley	0
Birmingham.....	3	Monongalia.....	0
Broadmead.....	11	North Columbus.....	3
Cleveland.....	2	Oberlin	11
Delaware.....	0	Pine River.....	3
Detroit.....	1	Pittsburgh	3
Grand Rapids.....	1	Red Cedar.....	0
Granville.....	3	Wooster.....	3

The following numbers responded from worship groups. They are counted in their overseeing monthly meeting.

Albion Worship Group	1
Chelsea Allowed Worship Group	2
Erie Worship Group.....	1
Fremont Worship Group.....	0
Holland Preparative Meeting	0
Indiana Preparative Meeting.....	0
Manitou Worship Group	0
Mansfield Area Worship Group	0
Sidney Worship Group.....	0
The total number responding to roll call is 67.	

RM02-2 History and Archives Committee reports that it has completed its task of publishing the Annual Records, and has deposited many yearly meeting records at the Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College. Friends are invited to send memories of LEYM--recent as well as older--to Leonora Cayard. The report is attached.

RM02-3 Advancement and Outreach Committee

reports that its work of intervisitation continues. They are continuing to explore ways to settle and strengthen new and small meetings. They oversee the ongoing development of the LEYM web page. The report is attached.

RM02-4 We have heard the report of the Publications Committee. Ninety copies of the LEYM Membership Directory have been printed. The Committee has evaluated the Annual Records: 400 were printed and mailed in August. Friends expressed their deep appreciation for the long hours of faithful labor on the part of Susan Jeffers and Eric Starbuck in editing and publishing the Membership Directory and Annual Records.

RM02-5 The Editor of the Bulletin and Annual Records reports that the US post office requires too much paperwork to change the bulk mailing permit from Delaware to Akron, although a temporary expedient has been arranged. The LEYM web site has been redesigned and enlarged. There is a page for each monthly meeting. Akron Meeting has found it gets more inquiries from visitors who have seen its web page than through any other form of outreach. Friends expressed their appreciation for the hard work of the Editor.

RM02-6 The Editor of the Membership Directory asks individuals and meetings inform Susan Jeffers and/or Eric Starbuck of all address changes. Next time each monthly meeting will be asked to specify which addresses need to be changed, who is to receive mailings, and so on. It would be helpful if monthly meetings ask individuals who are enthusiastic or competent computer users to be in contact with Susan Jeffers at <susan@read-the-Bible.org> to feel toward a sense of how God might lead us to use this technology.

RM02-7 We have heard the Treasurer's Report, which is attached. We are grateful to our Treasurer for her ongoing careful attention to our finances.

RM02-8 Finance and Budget Committee has developed a budget for next fiscal year that includes increases for FGC, Friends School in Detroit, Olney Friends School, clerk's fund, youth activities fund, and a commitment of \$500 per year for the next 10 years for the FGC Nurturing Quakerism Campaign. This would involve raising the recommended per member contribution to \$26. These issues will be considered at our Yearly Meeting sessions in Sixth Month. The re-

Representative Meeting Minutes

port is attached.

RM02-9 We have heard from the Nominating Committee that it appreciates receiving both the pre-registration list of those who planned to attend Representative Meeting and lists from each committee of those present in their meetings today. Thirty eight out of 67 standing committee members, and nine out of 21 representatives to other Friends' organizations have confirmed that they will continue to serve another year. Both Ministry and Oversight and Peace Committees would like to have representatives from every monthly meeting. Nominating Committee is willing to keep records of these Friends, but reminds us that it is the responsibility of the monthly meetings to name them.

RM02-10 We have heard an oral report from Ministry and Oversight Committee that it heard of the spiritual life in monthly meetings and is encouraged that some healthy new life is evidenced, especially through the use of small groups. The query for next fiscal year will be on peace. A booklet has been prepared compiling all the queries since 1985 that have been brought to the Yearly Meeting by Ministry and Oversight Committee. The Committee recommends that this be posted on the LEYM web site. The Committee also offers a "*Summary of Responses to Queries for 2001: Nurturing our Meeting Community*".

RM02-11 The Spiritual Formation Program reports it is in its fourth year. Marty Grundy and Connie McPeak have facilitated the opening and closing retreats, and first Ruth Taber, then Valerie Groszmann have organized a book table. The program consists of opening and closing weekend retreats and two local meetings a month, one to share personal spiritual journeys and the other to reflect on how a specific reading resonates with their lives. Any Friends who feel led to deepen their spiritual lives are especially urged to join at the opening retreat next fall in Brighton, Michigan.

RM02-12 We are informed of the possibility of LEYM relating to the Ohio Council of Churches. We would have observer status at first, along with seven other groups. This relation would be realized most effectively by a Friend who feels led to ecumenical work taking it on for a fairly long period of five or ten years. The relation is not creedal but refers to agreement with the purposes and work of the Council. This includes racism, social action, and both ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue. We ask the clerk to get additional information, season it, and bring it back to Yearly Meeting

in Sixth Month.

RM02-13 We have heard an enthusiastic report from one of our representatives to Central Committee of Friends General Conference (FGC). It is attached.

RM02-14 The Traveling Ministries Program of FGC is hosting a consultation in 11/2002 for two representatives from each FGC-affiliated yearly meeting, to explore how FGC and the yearly meetings might foster discerning, caring for, and eldering our local meetings in support of ministry. We approve asking Executive Committee to name two representatives to attend.

RM02-15 We have heard an oral report from Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. It held a called meeting in Twelfth Month in regard to the perilous financial condition of Friends School in Detroit. Minutes of the meeting are available. Last week Grand Rapids MM hosted about 60 folks for the mid-winter gathering of GPQM on the theme of "Circles of Peace".

RM02-16 Linda Krupp of Friends School in Detroit spoke briefly in gratitude for our spiritual and financial support. The school gives an excellent education grounded in Quaker values as well as solid academics. Admissions are up. The only difficulty is financial. Graduates of the school are noticed in local high schools as the students who move comfortably between racial groups, are active in student conflict resolution, and engage in peace actions.

RM02-17 We have heard an oral report from the Adult and Family Committee. LEYM will be held 6/13-16/2002 at Bluffton College on the theme, "Testimonies, where Quaker rubber hits the road: moving from talking the talk to walking the walk". Steve Morehouse of Ann Arbor MM will be the plenary speaker on "*The Spiritual Journey of an Imperfect Quaker*". There will be opportunities for committees to meet Thursday afternoon and have lunch and dinner on campus. Workshops will be offered by Friends organizations this year, as an experiment. The Committee recommends that if there are international visitors, the FWCC representatives or some other small group host the visitors and make the arrangement for translators, travel, etc.

RM02-18 The Youth and Children Committee finds its new staffing format very helpful. The high school group hopes to have its own session with the plenary speaker this year. The service project will be to make and sell things to raise money for Friends School in Detroit.

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RM02-19 Arrangements and Site Committee informs us that Bluffton College's fees have risen slightly. There will be considerable construction around Marbeck Center this summer.

RM02-20 Friends approved some minor changes in wording of the LEYM Policies and Procedures. We ask that the corrected Policies and Procedures be printed and made available at our upcoming yearly meeting sessions.

RM02-21 We have heard a report from the Peace Committee which had a very full meeting, considering a number of important topics which they bring to our attention. A copy will be attached. The Committee drafted a letter in regard to "US government plans to overthrow the government of Iraq", which it suggests be sent to the White House, and to Senators of our four states, and that individuals use it to send to newspapers of members of Congress. Friends expressed appreciation for the letter but also voiced reservations having to do with wording that seems to place all the blame on the US government, and that there are ambiguities in the Middle East that lead some Friends to suggest a more nuanced wording. Friends agree to forward this draft from the Peace committee to monthly meetings to enable them to season it and use it as they are led. We appreciate the work of Peace Committee in developing the letter and hope that we might return to this issue in Sixth Month.

RM02-22 We have considered the proposal, brought up at last Sixth Month, and circulated to the monthly meetings, to create a committee on Earthcare. Its purpose would be to (1) ask, "What is the Earth and its Creator asking of us?"; (2) co-create an ongoing Earthcare ministry/faith and practice to include life-long learning and education for all ages; (3) become a facilitator for these concerns and their implications for behavior for LEYM meetings and individuals; (4) enable local meetings to inform other meetings of their environmental concerns and activities; (5) exchange knowledge of environmental issues before, and decisions made by, our state and federal governments; (6) communicate with and support FCNL's Part IV "*We Seek an Earth Restored*", and to make LEYM aware of FCUN's work and concerns. We approve this and agree that it shall be considered a committee of concern for a three-year trial period. The Nominating Committee will not be asked to name anyone to this new committee, and the core participants will select the convenor. Bill Bliss has volunteered to serve in this capacity.

RM02-23 We are grateful to Oberlin Meeting and Kendal for hosting us. The food was excellent as were the accommodations. We especially appreciate the work of Connie Bimber in making the arrangements.

RM02-24 There being no further business the meeting is adjourned. Friends look forward to gathering for Yearly Meeting in Bluffton 6/13 to 6/16.

Marty Grundy, Recording Clerk

From Among Friends, March 2002, Athens Friends Meeting Quaker House near military Base Needs Our Financial Support

Quaker House, near the huge military base at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC, needs money. It has operated for 32 years as a center for peace witness and draft counseling for dissident GI's, as well as a Friends Meeting. It is in the heart of Jesse Helms country. The year after it opened, it was mysteriously burned down. It has always been under FBA and Army Intelligence surveillance. This winter, facing a deficit, its board took a leap of faith and hired Chuck Fager as director. Chuck is a well-known Quaker investigative reporter. He has organized national peace conferences, built peace web sites and edited books for Quaker peace work. Along with continuing the Fayetteville counseling program for GI's considering leaving military service, Chuck hopes to build a supportive peace network with people in the region of other faiths. With them he is planning to work for an end to the anti terrorist war, to build toward genuine international security and to challenge the current restrictions on civil liberties. Could our meetings send Quaker House a contribution of \$75-\$100 in recognition of its strategic location and its new potential for making a difference? Would individual Members be willing to support this venture? Please contact Chuck Fager, Director, Quaker House, 223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28300.

by Dave and Helen Horn

Reports: Advancement, Finance, History, FGC

Advancement and Outreach Committee Report, 3/2/2002

The members of Advancement and Outreach Committee shared our experiences of visiting other meetings since June 2001. We were glad to have several Friends sit in on our meeting and share their experiences as well.

We will resume our practice of publishing articles in the Bulletin. Marvin Barnes (Birmingham MM) will write our next article and it will include suggestions of ways that meetings can reach out to Muslim groups.

Betty Ford (Grand Rapids MM) is planning to pursue a leading to contact each meeting in LEYM to record what outreach strategies each has employed.

We know that small meetings and worship groups would like to have more visitors. Advancement and Outreach Committee continues to work on arranging visits, possibly assigning committee members in a rotation.

Advancement and Outreach Committee plans to work with the Publications Committee to determine what help we can offer with the LEYM website, www.quaker.org/leym/

Erika T. Smith and John Savage, co-clerks

Finance and Budget Committee Report 3/2/2002

Present: Connie Bimber (Treasurer), Joe Davis, Zig Dermer, Linda Mills, and Don Nagler (clerk of LEYM)

1. Worked up a budget for 2002/03 adding \$1030 to this year's budget of \$19, 560 for a total of \$26.090. Increases are recommended in:

FGC.....	70
Friends School in Detroit.....	285
Clerk's Fund.....	190
Youth Activities Fund	400
Olney Friends School.....	85

and a commitment to FGC's Nurturing Quakerism Campaign over a 10-year period of \$5,000, or \$500 a year.

2. The per member quotient thus increases to approximately \$26 per member per year. We are much concerned that this year's contributions are not reaching the \$22 previously encouraged.

3. Discussed yearly meeting content, cost, attendance, and length.

4. Discussed Friends Schools in Detroit and Olney.

Joe Davis, clerk

Report from LEYM History and Archives Committee to Representative Meeting March 2, 2002

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 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 Lake Erie Association / Yearly Meeting. 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

Friends General Conference Representative

Thank you for the opportunity to be one of our yearly meeting's representatives to the Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee. I am much interested in group decision making, and at the meetings I attend I am learning more about Friends' process, clerking, and seasoning. Working on the Long Range Conference Planning committee suits me fine; I like to step back a bit and see a larger picture. The annual summer Gathering of Friends is under the care of the above mentioned LRCP. And it is only one of the good programs and projects of FGC.

Star Mary Castro

Ministry & Oversight Report

Lake Erie YM Ministry & Oversight Committee

Kendal-at-Oberlin

Saturday, March 2, 2002 - 10:00 am to noon

Minutes

M&O Members Present: Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor, clerk), Richard Taylor (Oberlin), Janet Smith (Broadmead), Valerie Groszmann (Kalamazoo), Fred Feitler (Kent), Miyo Bassett (Ann Arbor), Ellen Barnes (Birmingham), Dolores Avner (Pittsburgh)

Visitors Present: Marty Grundy (Cleveland), Janet Ferguson (Oberlin, Recorder), Ruth Schwaegerle (Oberlin).

Prevented: David Stilwell (Kent), Merry Stanford (Red Cedar), Ann Sprague (Detroit), Suzanne Howell (Athens), LeRoy Curtis (Wooster). Marie Cotton (Broadmead) has asked to be released from the Committee; her participation has been appreciated.

1. Minutes of June 14-15, 2001 (printed in Annual Records 2001, P. 47) were reviewed. No additions or corrections were offered.

2. The Agenda for this meeting was approved. We thank Janet Ferguson for serving as recorder.

3. Check in. Friends introduced themselves and reported briefly about the spiritual life of their meetings as follows:

Broadmead MM: (Janet Smith) The Toledo Group has attracted increasingly smaller numbers to meeting for worship, so that now, there are not enough Friends to fill out a meeting structure. Thus, we have become a Worship Group rather than a Preparative Meeting. We are now working on a service project. We are focusing on listening, writing, and our spiritual journeys. We experience close spirituality when the meeting is together. For other area meetings, such as Bluffton, the focus is more on sharing social concerns and service activities.

Kent MM: (Fred Feitler) We held a successful Fall retreat where we discussed Jerry Frost's Plenary Address at FGC in 2000. Our discussions are informative and lively--as a community of seekers. We are concerned about the lack of diversity and well-articulated theological beliefs in our meeting. Is the latter a strength or a weakness? Does having no creed mean having no theology? In March we plan to discuss *Peace Be With you* by Sandra Cronk, a wonderful treatment of our peace testimony as coming from the teachings of

Jesus and the Old Testament.

Oberlin MM (Dick Taylor, Janet Ferguson, Ruth Schwaegerle) We have now three meetings each week: Sunday meeting for worship in the Environmental Center at 10:30 am, Midweek meeting at 4:15 pm Thursday in the Whittier Lounge, Kendal at Oberlin. We established recently also a Sunday, 9:30 am meeting in the Whittier Lounge. This new meeting was created at the suggestion of Milli Protzman and the Health Center staff to assist in the worship needs of Health Center residents. This meeting was officially allowed as an experiment by the November monthly meeting on the evening Milli died. Our meeting and community has also been enriched by memorial meetings. Non-Friends can be inspired by having the experience of worship under direction of the Spirit.

We also have a group meeting for spiritual nurture, reading Pat Loring's *Listening Spirituality*. Students have expressed a general feeling of happiness that there is always a Sunday meeting for worship you can go to. We have a modest increase of mature students who are enjoying their last semester.

Pittsburgh MM (Dolores Avner) had been away from meeting for a while and returned to find the meeting bursting with ideas. Fifty individuals have joined small groups which have generated wonderful energy and newfound friendships. Some groups have also discussed the Friends Journal article, "*No creed is not the same as no theology*." Another small group has developed in Indiana (PA) Preparative Meeting. Lake Erie YM is "practically unknown" to the Pittsburgh meeting, and so Don and Nancy Nagler are soon to serve for five days as Friends in Residence. A Spiritual Healing Group, meeting once a month, has been going 3 years. This has been a rich, rich experience, important to the spiritual growth of several participants.

Birmingham MM (Ellen Barnes) has the impression that meeting is growing, although she has seen no numbers. Four new babies help produce the feeling of the wonder of young life growing. Meeting activities include reading and discussing such books as *Without Apology* (Chuck Fager) and "*Quakerism 101*". Having the Friends School in Detroit nearby helps focus meeting activities to serve those needs as well as those of the meeting. Present service projects include a soup kitchen, and developing ideas of how children can participate. At our Annual Retreat, we discussed LEYM Queries. This helps bring the meeting together. Normally, we have our retreat in Springdale Park each

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summer. This year, the park was closed, so we met in a different park. This change made it necessary to call everyone, resulting in the highest attendance ever! A "disaster" became a marvelous event, building meeting community.

Ann Arbor MM (Miyo Bassett) Ours is a large meeting, and so we arrange a number of choices so individual needs are served in smaller groups. Sundays at 9:00 am, early meeting provides a more silent opportunity for 10-20 Friends to worship together, taking some pressure off the large 11:00 am meeting for worship. From 10:00-11:00 am, each Sunday, there is a choice of: discussion group (sometimes with visiting resource people), Bible study, worship sharing, singing, etc.

The young people have their own group and business meeting, reading the minutes of their meeting at adult meeting.

Care of the meeting community includes a phone tree, friends visiting those in need and helping in other practical ways including holding each other in their thoughts and prayers.

(Tom Taylor, adding to the above) Ann Arbor Meeting has arranged neighborhood "Thought Lucks" (eating and thinking together over a particular topic - usually the LEYM Queries.) These can be complex to organize. This past October--after 9/11--Ministry & Counsel felt they had insufficient energy to make these arrangements. Instead, one evening event was called in December. Of course, not all members attended this, but it was a good cross section of the Meeting - with more attenders present than go to Meetings for Business.

Kalamazoo MM (Valerie Groszmann) The Meeting has a "nice number" of families, with some children. They have studied "*Quakerism 101*", with a good mix of new attenders and more seasoned members. On Sunday, the first hour is Meeting for Worship; the second hour is discussion. We have focused on articles from Friends Journal, including Jerry Frost's, "*George Fox on Pendle Hill*". Some "firsts" include increased interaction with LEYM, including the children attending the LEYM Fall Youth Retreat (5 children from 2 families). Six Friends attended the Spiritual Formation Fall retreats and have formed into two groups for sharing, reading and discussion, including study of *A Certain Kind of Perfection* (Marge Abbott) and *Resistance to God*. The Meeting's focus on the LEYM queries has led the Meeting to use queries more regularly

to examine how we are doing. The focus of other Meeting discussion is on Quakerism, taking a deeper look at the testimonies, and the Inner Light.

In August, 2001, Kalamazoo Meeting went en masse to the annual Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting worship and picnic in Quaker Park, Battle Creek, where there is a memorial on the site of an old Friends meeting house.

Cleveland MM (Marty Grundy) The Ministry & Oversight Committee was laid down last June and three smaller committees have been proposed as a way of serving the needs in the meeting: Spiritual Nurture, Pastoral Care and Spiritual Programming. Two recent deaths in the Meeting have helped Friends focus on what is important.

Two small groups which have been meeting for several years on either side of the city help give depth to the meeting. One of them feels the need to become more thoroughly grounded in the Quaker history, faith, and practice, so has recently changed its format and invited any others to join an 8-session "*Introduction to Quakerism*".

When the MM takes up a query, responses are given during meeting for worship with attention to business, and a minute is drafted. This is considered, amended, and approved in business meeting the following month.

4. Spiritual Formation (Janet Smith, Thomas Taylor and others) The Fall retreat at Emrich Conference Center (Brighton, MI) was skillfully led by Connie McPeak and Marty Grundy and was attended by Friends from Kalamazoo (see report above), Broadmead, Red Cedar and Ann Arbor. For Toledo (Broadmead) Friends, it has been healing to discuss together how God works in our lives. The Ann Arbor group started with only three participants at the retreat. They were led to reach out to the Ann Arbor Meeting community to encourage others to join. The three offered to the Meeting a "Sunday Evening Group" series. Eleven other Friends were attracted by the fliers and all but one have continued to participate. The planned set of meetings concluded in December and the group decided to continue with once a month reading and discussion and once a month small group sharing about how God's Spirit is working in our lives.

5. Discussion of Document: "*Summary of Responses to Queries for 2001*"

Thanks to Dick, Dolores, Miyo and Janet who re-

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sponded to the clerk's request to read the meeting responses and to share their discernment with him. Thanks also to Thomas, who prepared a draft summary for us to consider.

A lively discussion ensued concerning the process meetings use to consider the queries and to arrive at a response. Although meetings had been asked "to develop a summary or minute that gathers responses arising in worship sharing into a communal response", several reports consisted of a list of individual responses. Would it help to ask for "the sense of the meeting"? Have we been providing queries that are beyond the scope of what a meeting group can do? Should there be just one query rather than a multi-faceted series? Some meetings found that their time is better spent in listening to each other rather than finding unity in the wording of a group response. Personal queries may require personal, individual responses, which are often framed to "discomfort us".

For some, this whole process may feel like an obligation rather than an opportunity. Meetings have often struggled with the query, but almost always have discovered it to be a worthwhile experience. Perhaps when we consider queries on the peace testimony more corporate answers will be forthcoming. We were reminded of the linkage between the advices and the queries, the former setting a standard and the latter asking us to consider how we are doing. To learn more about queries, perhaps we might consider a query on queries.

It is important for friends to see themselves as part of a community that comes together on leadings of the meeting, but these issues are also about the individual journey. Some hoped we wouldn't become too prescriptive in requiring that meetings follow a particular form, but rather accept with gratitude what is offered.

We accept the summary of reports as presented and ask that it be sent to meetings with the suggestion that it be printed in their newsletter or distributed in hard copy. We also ask that it be included in the *LEYM Annual Report* for 2002 and perhaps the *LEYM Bulletin* as well.

6. Query for 2002

The clerk suggested in a letter (16 November, 2001) that this year's query might be about peace. The possibility is also being discussed by the Peace Committee at this meeting. We agree that the query for

this year ought to be short and should be along the lines of the following:

1. How do I live "in the virtue of that life and power that [takes] away the occasion of all wars?"
2. How does our meeting witness to the testimony that "we utterly deny all outward wars and fightings?"

It was suggested that we need to be mindful of the spiritual roots of these queries, the life of Christ and links to Old Testament. Friends began with what Christ taught about our lives. This was the essence of what Friends were and their current understanding. The queries encourage us to ask: "So, how are we doing?"

We agreed to make a short (one sheet) Study Guide or collection of background material to aid meetings in thinking about this year's queries and identify their historic significance. This might include some advices, a short bibliography on peace and war.

A couple of suggestions were made, for starters:

The Friends' Peace Testimony (Leonard Kenworthy)

Peace Be With You: a Study of the Spiritual Basis of the Friends Peace Testimony (Sandra Cronk - Pendle Hill Pamphlet).

Toward the end of our meeting Meg Hummon joined us from the Peace Committee to report that they agreed that the queries for 2002 might consist of the Philadelphia YM Queries on Peace (PYM Faith & Practice, 1997) as well as the following:

Do I consider that paying for war is a form of participating in war?

How do I maintain my testimony to Peace when a mood of war prevails in the land?

In order to maintain our agreed principle of keeping the query very short, these items might be included in the Study Guide for Friends to consider as they speak to the two principal queries. The clerk agreed to collect suggestions for the Study Guide and share these with both Peace and M&O committees, asking for their feedback well in advance of our annual YM sessions in June so these materials may take final shape at that meeting [with the approval of both committees] and be sent to meetings in July.

7. *Booklet of LEYM Queries* (Copies distributed to M&O on 16 Nov and available to attenders at this meeting.)

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Peace Committee Report

LEYM Peace Committee minutes
from its meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2002, at
Oberlin, Ohio (10:10AM to 12:20 PM)

1. Present (Monthly Meeting in parentheses):
David Bassett (Ann Arbor) (clerk), Pat Birmingham
(Oberlin), Isabel Bliss (Ann Arbor), Jack Brown
(Oberlin), Katie Brown (Oberlin), Shelby Conrad (N.
Columbus), Janet Dando (Akron) (recording), Steve
Dando (Akron), Meg Hummon (Athens), Margaret Ka-
nost (Birmingham), Karl Liske (Kent), Gerry McNabb
(Oberlin), Jim Satterwhite (Broadmead). Also present:
Lynda Krupp (parent & Board member, Friends School
in Detroit)

2. Friends Committee on National Legislation
(FCNL) is asking Friends to show support for Repre-
sentative Dennis Kucinich's (10th CD, Ohio) proposal
for the establishment of a Cabinet-level Department of
Peace. We might also send to Repr. Kucinich letters of
commendation for his recent speech regarding the cur-
rent administration's lack of concern for civil rights.

3. The Committee adopted a statement to suggest
a Quakerly response to the possibility of war with Iraq.
Friends may use this statement to:

a. write a letter to the editor in their own commu-
nities;

b. (if the Business Meeting approves the state-
ment*) have the LEYM clerk send it to Senators in the
four LEYM states, and to the President; (* the Busi-
ness Meeting did not reach unity concerning this state-
ment, so it was not approved by the Business Meeting);

c. encourage individual Friends to write to their
own Congressperson on this topic.

4. The Committee suggests that the Ministry and
Oversight Committee pursue the idea of having this
year's queries focus on the peace testimony. We suggest
adding the following queries:

a. "Do I consider that paying for war is a form of
participation in war?"

b. "How do I maintain my Testimony to Peace at a
time when a mood of war prevails in the land?"

**From Pittsburgh Friends Meeting Newsletter No-
vember 2001**

Pittsburgh and Indiana, PA member Jim Cahalan [has
published] *Edward Abbey, A Life*, his new biography of
the western Pennsylvania native and internationally
acclaimed nature writer and environmentalist.

5. The Committee discussed the draft of a state-
ment in support of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax
Fund Bill (HR 1186). We decided to continue the dis-
cussion at Yearly Meeting in June, especially during
the Peace Committee meeting time on Thursday, June
13 (that meeting time beginning at 4:00 PM).

6. It was suggested that the Planning Committee
invite an intern from the Quaker UN Office in New
York (and possibly from other Quaker organizations) to
Lake Erie Yearly Meeting - this year if possible, or next
year.

7. The Committee discussed House of Representa-
tives Bill 3598, the Universal Military Training and
Service Act of 2001. FCNL believes the bill is not likely
to pass; but it may be the beginning of further efforts
at such legislation. It is worth watching. In the mean-
time, Friends are encouraged to meet with young peo-
ple, to help them be aware of their peace testimony,
and help them to know about agencies that can assist
with their conscientious objection to war.

8. We took note of the many references made to
FCNL in our Committee meeting, as a source of infor-
mation and inspiration in our work.

David Bassett, Peace Committee Clerk

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Friends were grateful that this compilation of the
LEYM queries from 1985 to 2001 has been completed
and made available in useable form. As made clear in
the pamphlet's preface, this is a work in progress and
there are significant issues which have not yet been
addressed by LEYM in this query process. Peace and
the Environment can soon be added. It is possible that
in the future, we will want to add advices to the collec-
tion, although they would not have the same YM his-
toric basis as do these queries.

The clerk agreed to request that this pamphlet be
included on the LEYM Web Page.

The meeting closed in silent worship.

Thomas Taylor

Children's Place

Kids Coloring Page

I LOVE YOU

Love Sign words

(How to say "I love you" in sign language!)

from *The Kindler*, newsletter of Akron Friends Meeting, October 2001

by Rosalita Rowe



Calls For Help!

1. Help Preserve the History of Lake Erie Association/Yearly Meeting!

The *Annual Records 2001* contain a chronology of our Yearly Meeting (pp. 74-77) and Isabel Bliss's lively account of the early years until 1973. In June 2001, the History and Archives Committee was charged with collecting more personal memories of the life and work of the Yearly Meeting. Such a collection will not only document our history, but it will be a record of God's leadings through the years and how we were able to follow these leadings.

We are therefore appealing to all Friends who were or are active in the Yearly Meeting to write down their favorite memories and to contribute them to this project. We already have received a precious handwritten letter from Elise Boulding recounting some of her memories – her favorite one is about the dancing at Yearly Meeting! Please help us trace the history of our Yearly Meeting through a mosaic of memories! Bring your contributions to the Yearly Meeting in Bluffton, or send them to the clerk of the History and Archives

Committee, Leonora Cayard, 180 Norman Drive, Cranberry Twp, PA, 16066, e-mail: cayard@fyi.net.

2. Help Publications Committee Stay Up-To-Date!

There are two things that all monthly meetings and worship groups can do to make our task a little less complicated:

1. We need all meeting statistics and State of the Meeting reports in the hands of the Recording Clerk, Marty Grundy, at the time of the Yearly Meeting in Bluffton. The deadline is June 16, 2002. The LEYM representatives from each meeting should remind their clerk and recorder of this fact.

2. In order to keep the Yearly Meeting Directory up-to-date, we need to identify one or two computer enthusiasts in each meeting. We expect to develop a system by which these computer-savvy Friends can enter changes directly into the LEYM directory file.

Quaker Witness at the United Nations

"We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretence whatever; this is our testimony to the whole world."

Peace Testimony of the Society of Friends

As we face a world where war and violence are increasing daily, the messages of peace and reconciliation are needed as never before. For over 300 years Quakers, out of proportion to their tiny numbers, have acted as peacemakers in the world.

The Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) New York, and its counterpart in Geneva, have been bringing the concerns of Friends to the United Nations since its birth. Through quiet diplomacy and hosting off-the-record meetings between members of the UN community, QUNO New York is able to facilitate the gaining of new perspectives on issues of mutual concern. An invaluable resource for holding these off-the-record gatherings is a lovely brownstone house near the UN, which was given to Quakers nearly 50 years ago.

In these comfortable quarters UN diplomats and others often take the first steps towards agreement on the issues that divide them. This approach has enabled QUNO to gain respect and build trust with UN members so that Quaker concerns are heard and seriously considered. As Secretary General Kofi Annan put it in a letter to QUNO in August of this year, "Your long term commitment to the ideals of the Organization, as exemplified by the work of the two Quaker UN Offices, is a source of personal encouragement and inspiration. In the words of the late Sidney Bailey: 'Peace is a process, not an event'. With your help, and that of committed individuals such as yourselves, we will succeed in building the foundations for sustainable peace and development worldwide".

QUNO's active staff, working within a framework of the peaceful prevention of violent conflict, seeks to address issues of alternatives to military intervention, disarmament and the flow of small arms, water and environment, the problem of girl soldiers, and the economic and other root causes of violent conflict.

After September 11 it was clear that while this work must continue, QUNO also needed to address the issues arising from the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The focus for this work was the promotion of a multilateral approach through the UN and its organizations as the only hope for containing the threat of terrorism in the world.

QUNO staff, along with Secretary General Kofi

Annan, feels that "[The UN] provides the forum necessary for building a universal coalition and can ensure global legitimacy for the long-term response to terrorism." With the war on terrorism expanding, deploying troops in Afghanistan, the Philippines, Yemen, Columbia, Georgia, Tajikistan and Northern Iraq, and with the very real possibility of a full-scale invasion of Iraq by the US later this year, it is vital to have a clear understanding of what peaceful alternatives the UN can offer.

United Nations conventions and treaties already provide a legal framework for many of the steps that must be taken to eradicate terrorism. Presently it is working on a comprehensive treaty that will, "define terrorism, urge domestic legislation and the establishment of jurisdiction to ensure that member states do not grant asylum to any person involved in a terrorist act."

The International Criminal Court is very close to being a reality. The momentum is growing, and as early as April of 2002 the 60 ratifications to implement the court could be in place. This is a momentous advance in the rule of international law and, when implemented, will be a forum for trying crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide.

Finding a solution to the conflict between Israel and Palestine will have a major effect on reducing the level of violence and terrorism in the Middle East. The Secretary General has expressed his deep concern for a concerted effort by the Security Council to support the Saudi plan towards a lasting peace in the conflict between Israel and Palestine. In a recent briefing on the Middle East he said, "I truly believe that it is imperative for the Security Council and the wider international community to work in a concerted manner with the parties towards a just, lasting and comprehensive peaceful settlement of the conflict."

In the words of the Secretary General, "Terrorism threatens every society. As the world takes action against it, we have all been reminded of the need to address the conditions that permit the growth of such hatred and depravity. We must confront violence, bigotry and hatred even more resolutely. The United Nations' work must continue as we address the ills of conflict, ignorance, poverty and disease. ...If the world can persevere in creating a stronger, more just, more benevo-

Friends General Conference: To Be Gathered Still

Friends General Conference will hold the 2002 Gathering of Friends at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, June 29-July 6, 2002. The theme is "To Be Gathered Still."

"Our theme recognizes the 350th anniversary of George Fox's vision from Pendle Hill of a great people to be gathered," explains Gathering Committee co-clerk Paul Buckley, member of 57th Street Meeting in Chicago.

"Now, more than ever, we see that there are still so many who long to experience the Divine embrace," adds Peggy Spohr of Richmond, Indiana, who is also co-clerking the Gathering Committee.

The Gathering Community will be gathered in worship, from the opening meeting on Sunday morning through a closing meeting on Saturday, July 6. On Thursday evening, July 4, attenders will have an opportunity to experience some of the many forms worship can take as they participate in All-Gathering worship facilitated by Junior Gathering. A daily Bible half-hour, FLGC worship and the Silent Center will also be available.

John Punshon, noted British Friend, will offer reflections on the theme of the Gathering on Sunday evening, June 30. He will also offer a series of less formal afternoon sessions with interested Friends, reflecting on the nature and consequences of the traditional Quaker testimonies.

Monday evening, July 1, Quaker author Walter Wink will speak on *"Nonviolence for the Violent."* Friday evening will feature Mary Rose O'Reilley, author of *The Barn at the End of the World.*

lent and more genuine international community across all lines of religions and race, then terrorism will have failed."

On behalf of Quakers, QUNO will continue to support and strengthen the work of the United Nations as they try to build a commitment for a global response to terrorism. However, the task ahead will require the work of each of us, "to proclaim, in deed as well as word, that war, with the whole military system, is contrary to the Spirit of the God whose name is Love." Minute, London Yearly Meeting, 1912.

Scilla Wahrhaftig

Wednesday evening's traditional intergenerational music event will this year highlight talented Friends from our Gathering community in a "Quilt of Quaker Musicians." Susan Stark will emcee the program, and promises a variety of performers, each adding color to the quilt.

Junior Gathering Young Friends will explore in the midst of worship, games, arts, music and much more. Theme groups for children entering grades 1 to 7 will offer an alternative to age based programming.

High Schoolers may expect to experience a loving spiritual community composed of friendship and zany antics. Adult Young Friends is a community that provides an intimate space within the Gathering for post high school age Friends to live and have fun together while exploring their spirituality and roles as adult Quakers.

Music making and singing will abound. Yoga, contra dancing, folk dancing, and other movement opportunities will occur throughout the Gathering. Friends creativity will be displayed, performed and celebrated again this year in the Lemonade Art Gallery. The Gathering Store will offer a unique collection of books, First Day School Materials, tapes, Gathering and FGC merchandise, and handcrafted consignment items. Normal is located in the heart of one of the richest agricultural areas in the United States. In the center of the Illinois prairie, Normal is easily reached by interstate. Several airlines serve Bloomington-Normal's airport, 15 minutes from the ISU. The Amtrak station is only two blocks from the campus.

Friends General Conference has financial support for Gathering attenders. Scholarships and workgrants are available to help make Gathering affordable. First time attenders scholarships match grants from monthly and yearly meetings. General scholarships assist families and individuals with the expenses of room/board and registration. Workgrant opportunities include staffing the Junior Gathering program, assisting at the information desk, helping with routine tasks or taking on a specialized assignment. Additional information is available from Liz Perch, Conference Coordinator, at the address below. Friends are urged not to let cost issues keep them from considering attendance.

Detailed information about the Gathering will be available in the Advance Program. The Advance Program is mailed to all Friends on Yearly Meeting mail-

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SEDEPAC Work Camp

Youth for Peace and Sustainable Community: Semilleros de Futuros (Sowing Futures).

This project will be run in rural communities of Xilitla, in the state of San Luis Potosí in cooperation with our partner organization in Mexico, Servicio, Desarrollo y Paz, A.C. (SEDEPAC). 2002 marks the 63rd year of involvement of youth volunteers with the Mexico Summer Project. Over the years, the project has evolved such that now young volunteers come from all over the world (especially Europe, the U.S. and Latin America) to seek creative ways rooted in peace and justice to build sustainable communities in the midst of an economic and ecological crisis.

I encourage you to pass along this opportunity to youth (age 18-26) who may be interested. Take a mo-

ment to read more detailed information or apply online at www.afsc.org/upcoming/mexsumr.htm. For more information on AFSC and their programs, please visit www.afsc.org.

Please note that AFSC has limited scholarship funds available to those with financial need.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at loh@afsc.org or at mexsummer@afsc.org.

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ing lists in March and should arrive by 1 April 2002. You may also request an Advance Program by contacting Friends General Conference at 1216 Arch Street, 2B, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 561-1700 or email (gathering@fgcquaker.org).

More information about the Gathering and FGC is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/>. Access to the World Wide Web is often available at your local library.

The Gathering of Friends is a program of Friends General Conference, which provides resources to help members and attenders of constituent meetings discover how God's Spirit is leading us individually and corporately and to follow that leading.

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Friends of African Descent Gathering

My name is Vanessa Julye. I am the clerk of the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent. We are having our biennial Gathering this summer at Pendle Hill on August 8-12, 2002. I would appreciate it if you would include this information on your website. Here is the webpage that contains the Gathering information: <http://ffad.quaker.org/Gathering2002.html>

Yours in the Light,
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From North Columbus Friends Meeting Newsletter, February 2002

"...Islamic terrorists have won the battle of the year. They have not only destroyed two hated symbols of world domination by the Western powers, but in addition have caused the mobilization of armed might of the United States to smash Afghan towns and villages, killing uncounted civilians in the process. What better proof could there be of the determination of the West to oppress and degrade Islam than the campaign against the selfless warriors of Islam?"

Gerard Foley

LEYM Spiritual Formation Retreat (West)

SPRING 2002

Friends, you are invited to participate in the spring retreat of the LEYM Spiritual Formation Program. For those who attended the fall retreat, it is time to look forward and plan to be together again in May. For those who did not attend the fall retreat, you are welcome to attend this spring retreat. Individuals, pairs, and groups of spiritual friends who have been supporting each other in their spiritual journeys are invited and encouraged to participate. This will be a time of reflective, prayerful retreat, with plenty of time for rest and fun, and with a focus on deepening the experience of Spirit in our personal and communal lives.

DATE: Friday, May 10, beginning at 7 pm, through Sunday, May 12, ending after lunch.

PLACE: Michigan Friends Center, Chelsea, Michigan

FACILITATORS: Marty Grundy and Connie McPeak

COST: \$50. (If you already paid for the retreat when you registered for the fall, you owe nothing more.)

FOOD: All meals will be catered by caring, local Friends. If you have special food needs, please be prepared to supplement the vegetarian meals provided. A refrigerator is available. Friday supper will be nourishing finger foods, fruit, cookies, etc. If you need a more substantial evening meal, please arrange to have this before you arrive, as there will be an evening program. Snacks will be available.

ACCOMMODATIONS: (Michigan Friends Center does not have sleeping facilities in the main building)

Camping is free on the grounds of the Center near the main building. Hospitality will also be offered in homes in Chelsea or Ann Arbor. A primitive guest cabin (foam pad on floor - provide your own bedding) is also available. PLEASE CONTACT TOM TAYLOR BY APRIL 30 (tomnancytaylor@compuserve.com or 734-995-6803) TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CAMPING, A HOSPITALITY ASSIGNMENT, OR GUEST CABIN USE.

In addition, there are motels and B&Bs in the Chelsea area. Please make your own motel and B&B arrangements.

- Chelsea House Victorian B&B. \$124-175 per couple. Call 734-433-4663.
- Lyndon Oaks B&B, on North Territorial Road,

Chelsea. Call 734-475-7590.

- South House Chelsea B&B (in town behind the Common Grill) \$85-\$130. Call 734-475-9300.
- Comfort Inn, off I-94. \$89 per room (King or two Queen beds). Call 734-433-8000
- Holiday Inn Express, off I-94. \$89 per room. Call 734-433-1600.

REGISTRATION: PLEASE CONTACT JANET SMITH BY APRIL 30TH at jesmith@glasscity.net or 419-874-6738 or by postcard at 121 Cherry Street, Perysburg, OH 43551. Indicate name(s), accommodation choice, postal address, e-mail address, phone number, whether you are attending alone or as part of a spiritual formation group, and the time you expect to arrive.

We look forward to spending this time with you. Until then, blessings! Marty Grundy, Connie McPeak, and the Retreat Committee: Weaver Bloomfield, Valerie Groszmann, Janet Smith, Merry Stanford, and Thomas Taylor.

Spiritual Formation Spring Retreat (East)

The LEYM Spiritual Formation Retreat (East) is at Ohio Friends Center, in Barnesville, with Marty Grundy and Connie McPeak, May 24-26. Contact Bill Taber, (740) 425-1248.

Summarized from information by Bill Taber

Understanding Robert Barclay

A weekend Retreat, April 26-28, 2002 at Friends Center of Ohio Yearly Meeting

John Smith will lead the presentation about the Quaker classic "*Barclay's Apology*", the earliest theological work concerning Friends' beliefs by a convinced Friend. Robert Barclay was church-trained, and an intimate of William Penn. Dean Freiday, editor of "*Barclay's Apology in Modern English*," will aid the presentation if his health permits.

For a brochure with more information about these programs -- and a registration form, write Bill Taber, 61357 Sandy Ridge Road, Barnesville, Ohio 43713 or call 740-425-1248.

Bill Taber

Art Larrabee to Give Workshop on Conducting Meeting for Business in the Manner of Friends

The Ministry Committee of Pittsburgh Friends Meeting has arranged for Arthur Larrabee to come to Pittsburgh the weekend of May 3-5 for a workshop on "*Conducting Business in the Manner of Friends*."

Arthur has been clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and leads clerking workshops at Pendle Hill.

The schedule will be 7:30-9:30 pm Friday night; 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday; Meeting for Worship on Sunday 10:30-11:30; followed by a wrap-up 12:30-1:30 pm.

Athens Friends Meeting Spring Retreat
Saturday, April 20, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
hosted by greenfire Earth Regeneration Center

Rediscovering the Spirit in Nature

led by Bill Cahalan

The unraveling of the fabric of Creation, being caused, in part, 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 retreat will offer many ways of listening for an being inspired by such a presence in nature. These ways deepen worshipful everyday living. Leader Bill Cahalan attends Community Friends Meeting in Cincinnati. He is the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting representative to Friends Committee on Unity with Nature. He is an ecopsychologist, and has led spirit and nature retreats since 1983.

Sign up by April 14 at the Meeting House or by emailing Dick or Mary Hogan at hogangreenfire@msn.com. Register early! Space is limited to 25 registrants.

Overnight hospitality is available for Friday and/or Saturday nights with Meeting members for folks

All members of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting are cordially invited. There will be no charge for the workshop, but a contribution towards the cost of reproducing the manual needed for the workshop will be welcome. Hospitality in Friends' homes will be provided.

To make reservations, contact Dolores Avner, 1332 Cordova Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15206, 412-361-9304, deadla@aol.com, prior to April 15, if possible.

Dolores Avner

from out of town. Contact Dick or Mary at greenfire by April 13.

Retreat starts promptly at 9:30; please arrive by 9:15.

Childcare for kids from 9:00 to 5:30 in nearby New Marshfield; contact Star Mary Castro 740-797-4947 for details.

Bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Dress for the weather; we'll be outside part-time, rain or shine.

Getting there - greenfire, encompassing 75 acres of woods, hills, and meadows, is 7.3 miles west of Athens on S.R. 56, 1/8 mile past the turn off for 691, on the left. Watch for signs. Address: 2767 SR 56. Phone: 740-664-4028.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:3-12

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Representative Meeting Summary

The Representative Meeting of LEYM was held on Saturday, March 2nd, 2002 at Kendal at Oberlin. About 70 persons were hosted by Kendal and Oberlin Meeting which made careful arrangements facilitating our committee work, worship with attention to business and fellowship and sustenance (food). Many thanks to Connie Bimber and this small meeting and the staff at Kendal. Some of the features of the meeting were as follows:

1. Peace Committee report as published in this Bulletin.
2. Ministry and Oversight has developed two documents: *A Summary of Responses to Queries: 2001*, which will be in a notebook on display at the LEYM sessions or may be obtained by e-mail or post from Thomas Taylor; A booklet summarizing the "*Sets of Queries used by Meetings within Lake Erie Yearly Meeting*,"
3. LEYM has been asked to consider a relationship with the Ohio Council of Churches which will be discussed in Bluffton.
4. Two representatives are to be appointed to a consultation in Nashville, TN in 11/2002 of the Traveling Ministries Program of FGC.
5. An "Earthcare Committee of Concern" is proposed to be formed if approved in Bluffton in June.

Join us in Bluffton, June 13-16 for fellowship, celebration, meetings for worship with and without attention to business, singing, and inspiration.

Don Nagler, Presiding Clerk