



Tending the garden . . .

Called to be a Quaker Clerk's Message, by Sally Weaver Sommer

I've been thinking lately about the interplay between identity and calling. I have always thought I was a Quaker because being a Quaker gives me an identity that feels right. I resonate with Quaker beliefs, values, and process. I feel at home among Quakers. Therefore, it is right for me to be a Quaker.

But lately I've been challenged to think about my being Quaker as a calling. This challenge began when I was at my first FGC Central Committee meeting last fall. I had an overwhelming sense of the importance of the work of Friends General Conference. The work of nurturing meetings and providing resources to meetings makes it possible for many people to be Quakers who would not otherwise be. This somehow felt very significant to me.

Since then I have been led during worship to consider my being

Quaker as having implications for something greater than myself. I have begun to sense in a profound way that more is at stake here than just my personal identity. There is a larger reason for my being led to Quakerism.

In the last couple of months this sense of calling has expanded beyond the personal level. I have begun to think about my monthly meeting in a new way. The meeting is more than a collection of people who have come together because each one in the meeting has a personal desire to be there. We come together faithfully week after week for something more than the nurturing each of us receives.

This understanding brought new questions to mind. How could my being a Quaker have any ramifications beyond myself? What rea-

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Great Time at Yearly Meeting!

Dale Pratt-Harrington

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!
The 2003 session of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting is being held at Bluffton College, June 18-22, 2003.

This year's theme, *Engaging Fear with Spirit*, will be an enriching experience for us all. There will be discussions, worship sharing

time, and let us not forget, AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL!!!

We very much want families and newcomers to experience this gathering, so we have planned many family activities, as well as a

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son beyond nurturing ourselves would cause us to gather together each week? Does the answer have anything to do with being salt and light?

This is a time when evil is so apparent in the world. Our attacking Iraq is a very visible manifestation of this evil, but people around the world are suffering and dying because of evil all the time. Will evil ever be completely overcome? Perhaps not. But if each of us follows the faith we are called to, we will be salt and light, and deliverance from evil will be available to more people on this earth. As we love each other, God's love is expanded. And love does overcome evil.

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special time for the first time attenders.

So PLEASE mark your calendars for June 19-22 and join us in four days of worship and fun!

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From Tatler, Cleveland Friends Meeting, 3/2003

Good People at Lake Erie YM Representative Meeting

Marty Grundy, recording clerk, LEYM

On the first of March Cleveland Meeting hosted more than 60 Friends from Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania for Representative Meeting, the interim business session of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (between its annual sessions in June). Friday evening the Executive Committee met, which consists of the officers and clerks of the various committees. Therefore, there were a number of Friends who needed overnight hospitality with Cleveland area folks. For some the visits meant rediscovering and reconnecting with old F/friends. For others it meant an opportunity to meet Friends from afar. For all it was an opportunity to learn more about Friends and to build bridges within our yearly meeting. Jean Berggren, the Coble family, Bob Edgerton, Connie and David Green, Sally and Seth Keyes, Pat Murray, Sue Nelson, and Kate Spry opened their homes to visiting Friends. Two Friends stayed at the meeting house.

Representative Meeting involves lunch for nearly 70 people. Cleveland Friends outdid themselves with a fine menu and very delicious food made from scratch. Dish washers made sure that bowls and spoons were quickly washed and made available to later eaters. Cooks and kitchen workers included Joyce Callahan, Erin and Meaghan Diffenderfer, Connie and David Green, Sue Nelson, Nancy Reeves, and Betsy Walker. Linda Brandenburg helped with the planning, and Conleth Crotser brought some food. At least one other offered to help but was not called upon. Many thanks to all. A number of LEYM Friends expressed appreciation and complimented us for the good food and cheerful service.

On Saturday morning committees met separately; then in the afternoon Friends met as a body. Among several interesting considerations was the proposal to fund a part time youth secretary to build on the work of the fall youth retreat and the activities currently being organized by Kri Anderson for high school students. This would involve raising the suggested contribution from monthly meetings to the Yearly Meeting from this year's \$26 per adult member to about \$34 per year per adult.

There will be another LEYM query sent out in July for meetings to consider. The focus of the new

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Marching For Peace

By Shaina Cantino, Age 14, January 21, 2003

The darkening night softly swallows the city as we roll home. We're leaving Washington D.C. behind, only eight hours after arriving. It's hard to believe we just marched among 300,000 people.

After a frigid eleven-hour bus ride with seven other Athens teens and seventy adults, we reached D. C. and joined the rally against war with Iraq. It was cold, but the sky was of the richest blues and the enormous variety of people united in one notion of peace warmed us. The hundred or so Athenians were a small speck within the vast crowd. We were surrounded by clusters of self-identified Christians, Jews, Muslims, Koreans, Japanese, socialists, and Republicans, among others.

I felt a surge of energy in the atmosphere, boosted by the projected voices of the enthusiastic speakers. We weren't there to mourn governmental decisions but to stimulate the strength that we do have! "We are going to make change," was the message, pounded into the cold air by the permeating chants surrounding us.

As we began marching, the crowd tightened into a connected chain of bodies. Claustrophobia could have been an issue, but everyone seemed peculiarly familiar, like old friends. With a peaceful yet vigorous energy, we slowly eased along, guided by the people ahead of us, and by those ahead of them. The mass of like-minded humans seemed to reach on endlessly. We always remained with our group, though, flowing behind the big banner proclaiming peace from Athens, Ohio.

The drums pulsated through the air, providing a heart beat when our legs weakened. There were tones of Celtic music and Japanese drumming, but mostly

people on megaphones, yelling phrases to be repeated by the crowd and echoed back. On one side, I heard, "This is what democracy looks like!" On the other, "What do you want? PEACE! When do you want it? NOW!"

As we marched on, the architecture changed from grand white buildings to the narrow, human-scaled shops of the South Side. We ended at the Navy Yard in order to emphasize our own weapons of mass destruction. Besides that statement, though, we were addressing other issues that Americans have been crying out about for years.

Money, for instance. The U.S. is not only the nation that spends the most on its military, but it spends more than the next ten nations combined. Even so, money has recently been taken out of a fund for heating low-income housing.

Our media are not helping either. They pick through the facts, reporting only those that support their politics. Because of movies and news media, war, to many, is not about lives lost, but about winning and gaining power. War is made to seem noble.

Media coverage of this event is distorted as well. The reported number of marchers ranges from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands. These numbers matter. We who attended want the public, the government, and the media to see that there is a great body of people who don't want to destroy innocent lives. Instead of fighting for oil we should be reducing our use of it, cleaning up oil spills, eliminating our own nuclear weapons, and tending to the needs of our nation's education and health care.

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query will be integrity.

To learn more about the deliberations and activities of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, watch for the *LEYM Bulletin*, which should be mailed in about a month. There will also be copies in the meeting house.

I want to add my thanks to those voiced by many visiting Friends. I hope that the Cleveland Meeting

people who offered their homes and who worked in the kitchen gained something through their service of love. Service is an important part of personal spiritual growth as well as the necessary glue that holds a community together.

Many thanks to Marty Grundy and lots of good folks at Cleveland Friends Meeting!

[Editor]

Engaging Fear with Spirit: Lake Erie Yearly Meeting 2003

June 19-22 at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio

Give Yourself to Love

By Don Nagler

Deny yourself no longer. This *Bulletin* issue contains the application forms for the Yearly Meeting, that place where old and new Friends meet to enjoy one another and the Spirit in conversation and worship, at meal-times, at business, at Bible study, at worship-sharing, in silence and in song. It is about the themes of our lives: the relationships and experiences that move us to newness and growth.

As the song says, "Give yourself to love, if love is what you're after; open up your hearts to the tears and laughter" -- and what better place than Bluffton, again or for the first time.

Registration Information

by Elena Tuhy

Before filling out the registration form, please read the following material and the instructions included on the form, which is inserted in this bulletin; it can also be downloaded from the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting website: www.quaker.org/leym/.

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting 2003 will be held at Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio. Activities start in

the afternoon on Thursday, June 19, and run through lunchtime on Sunday, June 22. Lodging and food service are available on campus, and most fees vary depending on age. Those who stay elsewhere and commute to the meeting are charged a use-of-facility fee. See the table and the registration form for detailed costs. Checks should be made payable to LEYM and mailed to the Registrar as listed on the registration form.

REGISTRATION FEE: For registration forms postmarked by May 28, 2003, the registration fee for each adult (18 and older) is \$31, and for each child is \$6, but no more than \$18 for all children in a family. The registration fee for adults jumps to \$41 if post-marked later. Regardless of planned arrival day, all need to pay the full registration fee. Donations in addition to basic fees provide financial assistance for those who may not otherwise be able to attend.

YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION: Registration forms and consent/emergency contact forms for all children who wish to participate in the youth program must be postmarked by May 28, 2003. This is necessary so the youth committee can plan appropriately. Any child not registered by that date can still attend Yearly Meeting, but will not take part in the youth program and will be the complete responsibility of his or her parent/guardian or other responsible attending adult. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The consent/emergency contact form is located on the insert (and can be found on the website). The youth program will be divided into five age groups: preschool, lower elementary, upper elementary, middle school, and high school. The theme of the gathering, "Engaging Fear with Spirit," will be incorporated in youth activities.

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Lodging	AC	No AC	AC	No AC	Camping	Camping	Toddler
	Adult	Adult	Child	Child	Adult	Child	
Per person, per night	\$22	\$17	\$12	\$7	\$8	\$4	free
Linen (for all wkend)	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	n/a	n/a	\$5
Meals	Adult	Child	Toddler				
Breakfast (Fri, Sat, Sun)	\$4.25	\$2.50	free				
Lunch (Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun)	\$5.50	\$3.00	free				
Supper (Thurs, Fri, Sat)	\$6.75	\$3.75	free				
One day's meals	\$16.50	\$9.25	free				

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LODGING. There are three on-campus lodging options: air-conditioned dorm rooms, non-air-conditioned dorm rooms, and camping space.

Handicapped-accessible dorm rooms are available. RVs and trailers can park in the parking lot at Bren-Dell Hall, but there are no hookups; tents can be pitched on certain grassy areas. The camping fee includes the use of the bathrooms and showers in a dorm. Everyone (including toddlers) who requests linens (which include bed sheets, pillowcase, towel and washcloth) is charged a flat fee of \$5. The college will charge \$20 for lost key cards, so please be careful. There is a \$1 deposit for dorm room key cards. **Things to Bring That You Might Not Think to Bring:** Bed sheets and towels (unless paying for linen service), bathmat, blankets, pillow, coat hangers, fan, reading lamps, soap, drinking cup.

MEALS: Meals are charged individually (see table and registration form). Meals start with Thursday lunch and end with Sunday lunch. Vegetarian meals are available; please note that request on the registration form. Those with severe food allergies or diet restrictions should bring their own food and note that on their registration form.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: We want all

Friends to attend Yearly Meeting, and do not want anyone to stay away because of finances. If your monthly meeting cannot help with your costs, please contact LEYM Registrar Elena Tuhy as soon as possible: elenatuhy@juno.com or 651 Saratoga Avenue, Newark, OH 43055. If your monthly meeting is providing financial assistance, please bring the check with you at the time of registration.

REGISTERING EARLY (postmarked on or before **May 28, 2003**) benefits you by giving you a hassle-free check-in; all your materials are collected ahead of time and handed to you upon arrival. You also avoid the \$10 increase in registration fee. The benefit to the volunteer organizers of the gathering is that it helps us to plan to better meet the needs of our fellow Friends for this spiritually fun event.

The **REGISTRATION TABLE** will be located in Marbeck Center and will be staffed 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, and 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 20. The table may be staffed at other times as we are able to find coverage. Those who need to check in at other times will find the necessary contact information at the table.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, the phone number at Marbeck Center is (419) 358-3216; after hours: (419) 358-3000.

Youth and Children Program

We have had an increase in the number of children attending LEYM the past few years. This is a most welcome development. We expect our largest group to be high school aged youth! In order for the Youth and Children Committee to insure that our 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 28th deadline. We will be quite firm on this. Late registrations, phone registrations, and on-site registrations will not be accepted. 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. Our volunteer teachers plan a rich and varied program for the youth and children attending 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 look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new Quaker youth.

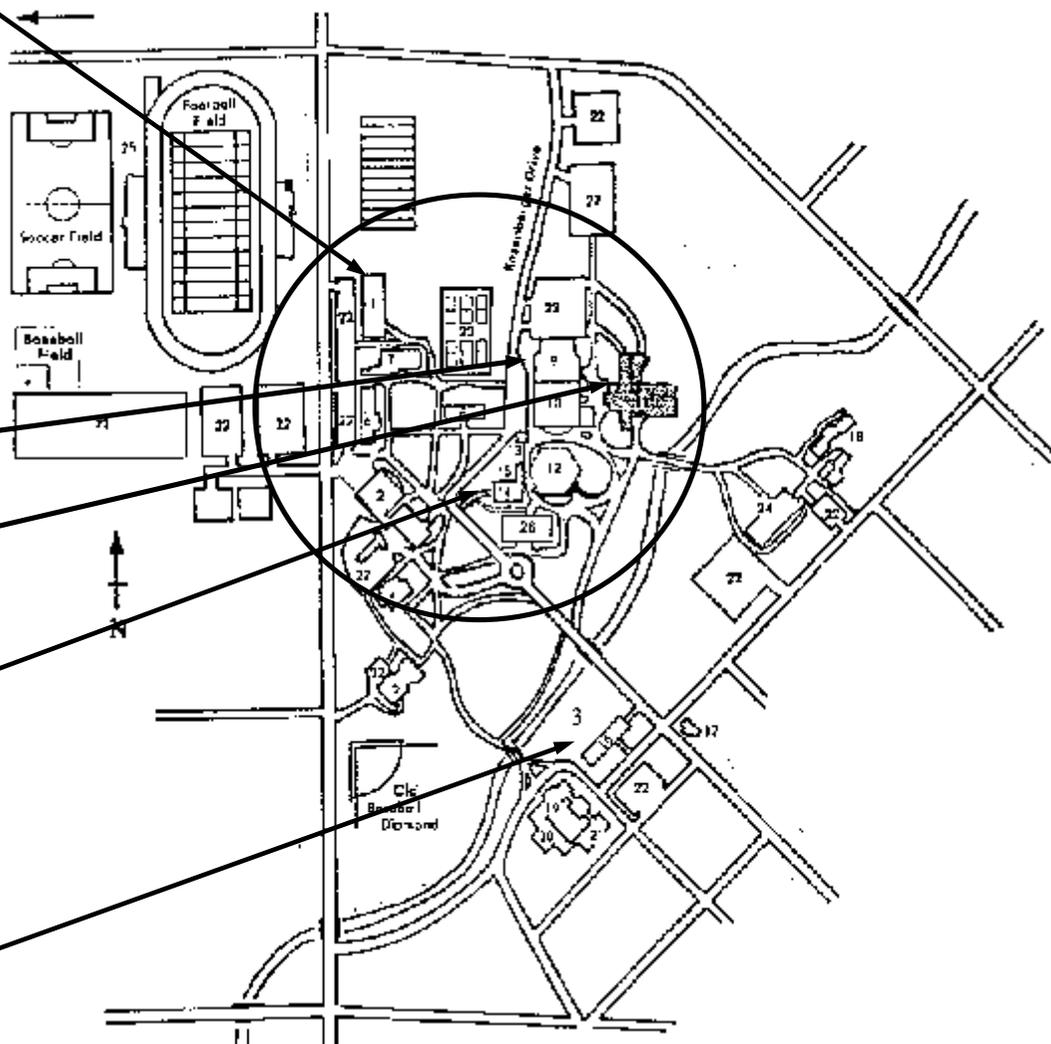
LEYM Youth and Children Program Committee, co-clerks

Joyce Callahan and Donna Hawkins

LEYM Campus Map of Bluffton College

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 Gymnasium
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

Almost everything you need is in the circle.



Simple and Beautiful Surroundings for LEYM Annual Gathering

Bluffton College, in Bluffton, Ohio, is a plain but lovely Mennonite college set in a small town with plenty of natural beauty. There are hiking trails, bicycling is encouraged, and a wooded creek meanders through campus, right by Marbeck Hall.

There are restaurants and antique stores in town, as well as a full complement of other small-town shopping conveniences. Come prepared to enjoy the scenery as well as the Quakerism!

* Children's Program During Event

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING Schedule

June 19-22, 2003 at Bluffton College

PLEASE NOTE: All times are approximate and yet to be checked with Arrangements & Site Committee.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	Thursday 6/19
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	5:30 PM	Committee Meetings; contact committee convenors for information
3:00 PM	10:00 PM	Registration - Lounge above Kiva
5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Dinner line open for LEYM
6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Committee Meetings
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Introductory meeting for first-time Yearly Meeting attenders and any who would like to help welcome them
7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business - Introductory Session*

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	Friday 6/20
6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Susan Jeffers in Marbeck A
7:45 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:45 AM	10:15 AM	Committee Meetings*
10:30 AM	11:15 AM	Meeting for Worship*
11:15 AM	12:30 PM	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch line open for LEYM
1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Singing in Meeting room after lunch
1:45 PM	5:15 PM	Children's Program Starts
2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
4:15 PM	5:30 PM	Spiritual Nourishment (Children's program ends 5:15)
5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Dinner line open for LEYM
7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Plenary Panel and Worship: <i>Engaging Fear With Spirit</i> Moderator: Dale Pratt-Harrington Panel Participants: Jim Satterwhite, Bob Roehm, Bekah Sommer, and Helen Horn

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	Saturday 6/21
6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Susan Jeffers in Marbeck A
7:45 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Meeting for Worship Sharing*
9:45 AM	11:45 AM	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Committees*
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Lunch line open for LEYM
12:30 PM	12:50 PM	Singing in Meeting room for those who wish
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
3:30 PM	5:15 PM	Workshops* 1. <i>Addiction</i> : Dale Pratt-Harrington 2. <i>Black/White/Quaker Gray: Friendship & 'Race Relations' in the Society of Friends Today</i> : Erika Smith & Susan Jeffers 3. <i>Meeting for Healing</i> : Richard Lee 4. <i>Dealing With Powerlessness in the Face of War</i> : Helen Horn
5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Dinner line open for LEYM
7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Under the Tent - Ice Cream Social and Service Project fundraiser

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	Sunday 6/22
6:30 AM	7:30 AM	Bible Study on Yearly Meeting Theme with Susan Jeffers in Marbeck A
7:45 AM	8:15 AM	Breakfast line open for LEYM
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business*
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Epistles*
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Epistles and Sharing by the Children's Program*
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Meeting for Worship*
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Lunch line open for LEYM

Representative Meeting of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, Third Month 1, 2003

Representative Meeting of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting
Cleveland, Ohio, Third Month 1, 2003

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Representative Meeting gathered in Cleveland, Ohio, on Third Month 1, 2003. We began with worship. We heard epistles from Northern Yearly Meeting and Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

RM03-1- We have responded to the roll call, and find 56 adults present for our sessions today. There is no one here from any of the worship groups.

There are no visitors.

Akron	2	Grand Rapids	0
Ann Arbor	11	Granville	3
+ 1 infant		Kalamazoo	3
Athens	4	Kent	5
Birmingham	3	Mid-Ohio Valley	0
Broadmead	8	Monongalia	0
Cleveland	3	North Columbus	2
+ 2 children and 4 adults working in the kitchen		Oberlin	3
Delaware	0	Pine River	6
Detroit	0	Pittsburgh	6
		Red Cedar	0
		Wooster	0

RM03-2- We have heard the minutes from the Executive Committee, which met last evening. They are attached.

RM03-3- We have heard from the Adult Program Committee that the theme for this year is *Engaging Fear with Spirit*. Instead of a plenary speaker there will be a panel discussion on our theme Friday evening, followed by worship sharing. Saturday morning will continue with more worship and worship sharing. Longer-time yearly meeting attenders are asked to host and welcome new attenders. We ask that these two designations (host and new attender) be included on the registration form. There will be six workshops, four of which will be on healing, addictions, Islam, and racism. Two have not yet been selected. After some discussion, and the consideration of several suggestions offered by Friends, we ask the Committee to revisit its decision to replace one hour of committee time with worship sharing.

Additional suggestions and comments can be sent to Dale Pratt-Harrington <dphdo@aol.com>.

RM03-4- The report from the Youth and Children Committee has been received and is attached. There

will be five age groups this year, with the high school group expected to be the largest. The Committee supports the concept of a part-time paid youth secretary to build on the work Kri Anderson is currently doing.

RM03-5- We have heard Kri Anderson's letter to Ann Arbor Meeting and Lake Erie Yearly Meeting regarding the planning committee for a World Gathering of Young Friends to be held in northern England in 2005. Friends appreciate the work Kri is doing and await a request from her for specific and feasible assistance. We ask the clerk to communicate with Kri.

RM03-6- We have heard from the Site Committee that Marbeck Hall has been remodeled to provide more room. The Committee has worked to revise the registration form. Elena Tuhy has volunteered to be the registrar. May 28 is the deadline for registration. In order for children to participate they must be registered by this date. Clerks who want committee space Thursday afternoon should contact Judy Greenberg in a timely fashion at <judywpg@buckeye-express.com>.

RM03-7- We have received a report from the Advancement and Outreach Committee, which is gratefully attached. Various monthly meetings and Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting have the care of worship groups, some of which have changed their status within the past year. These changes should be included in the monthly meeting state of the meeting reports. Friends are reminded to keep references to times and places of meetings for worship updated on the LEYM web page and other places.

RM03-8- Our Treasurer's report has been received, with gratitude for her careful stewardship of our finances. It is attached.

RM03-9- An oral report from Finance and Budget Committee informs us that not all monthly meetings are promptly paying their suggested contribution of \$26 per adult member. Our travel funds are already over budget (as suggested last year), because we are encouraging Friends to travel on LEYM business.

But Friends are reminded to please travel as economically as possible. The yearly meeting expects to pay all necessary travel expenses. The yearly meeting may be asked to increase the suggested donation per adult member from \$26 this year to \$28 next year to cover the higher costs of travel.

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If the yearly meeting decides we should spend \$5,000 per year for the service of a youth secretary, we would raise the suggested per adult donation an additional \$5.50. Another possibility might be to establish a fund to which individuals could contribute, perhaps with matching funds. A more specific proposal will be brought to our annual meeting. Additional comments and suggestions may be sent to Zig Dermer at <RKCZLD@aol.com>. We are informed that new so-called security measures to be instituted on a trial basis at three airports call for flagging anyone who does not pass a government background check. This is likely to incur additional travel expenses for Friends who are active in peace and justice work.

RM03-10- We have heard a letter of thanks from Erin Diffenderfer for our support of her attendance at Friends Music Camp last summer. She asks for help to attend next summer. The letter is attached.

RM03-11- We have heard an oral report from Ministry and Oversight Committee.

The Committee sent peace queries to monthly meetings last July. Seventeen meetings (out of 20) returned responses, although seven of them were late.

M&O and Peace Committee met together this morning and summarized the responses. The Committee intends to send out another query this year with a deadline of 12/31/2003. The topic will be integrity, and the wording will be worked on during yearly meeting.

Because of the pain and uneasiness around the words "overseer" and "oversight," the Committee is wrestling with its name. Suggestions include Nurture, Ministry and Counsel, Oversight, Ministers and Elders, and retaining Ministry and Oversight. This will be considered further at yearly meeting time.

RM03-12- Broadmead Monthly Meeting has approved a travel minute for James Satterwhite in support of his work with the Christian Peacemaker Teams and his leading to travel among Friends with a concern for peace in the Middle East. Representative Meeting approves the following minute:

Dear Friends,

We commend to your loving care and attention our beloved Friend, James Satterwhite. James will be traveling to various Friends Meetings and gatherings and to other groups interested in peace issues in the Middle East under a concern for current events in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

James is a member of Broadmead Monthly Meeting in western Ohio and Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. He is currently serving on the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Peace Committee and as a representative from Lake Erie Yearly Meeting to the American Friends Service Committee Corporation.

James also is a member of the reserves of the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). Since 1998 he has spent several months each summer in Hebron as part of the Hebron CPT team. His involvement in CPT comes out of a leading to participate in this witness, as does the imperative to share with others his experiences, observations, and concerns.

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting unites with and lovingly supports this leading. We believe this commitment to be a gift of the Spirit, and his witness to Friends and other interested groups a valuable source of insight on this conflict, which he articulates with thoughtfulness, perception and the clarity of experience.

We hold James and his witness in the Light.

In peace and love,

Sally Weaver Sommer

Clerk, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

We look forward to occasional reports from Jim on his own work and experiences. These might appear on our web page.

RM03-13- We have heard an oral report from the Peace Committee that met with Ministry and Oversight Committee to consider the query responses. Peace Committee approved an additional paragraph about conscientious objection to military taxation (COMT) and war tax resistance that they hope will be appended to the summary of query responses. It reads as follows: War tax resistance is a form of nonviolent civil disobedience that requires us to endure various forms of oppression that governments or other "powers" often impose on those who "engage the powers" (to use Walter Wink's term).

But working to change the nation's laws so as to grant legal recognition of the right to conscientious objection to military taxation (COMT) is a perfectly legal endeavor, aiming to extend our right of conscientious objection to military service to COMT. In meetings' responses to this query, it appears that many persons speak of general tax resistance, when in fact they are thinking of war tax resistance (an important distinction to be made). It also appears that many who think

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about the topic of COMT think that this refers only to war tax resistance. While COMT includes war tax resistance (at present "illegal"), it also includes efforts at legislative change (not illegal).

Local meetings are encouraged to use the letter against impending war drafted by the Peace Committee at Representative Meeting last year (pp. 10-11 of the *Annual Records 2002*) and sent to each monthly meeting to send to local newspapers and members of Congress.

Friends are asked to encourage Senators and Representatives to become sponsors of the bill to permit COMT.

RM03-14- The Naming Committee brings forth the name of Verne Bechill to serve a three-year term on the Nominating Committee. Friends approve with gratitude.

RM03-15- The Nominating Committee reports it worked well today. Nevertheless, Advancement and Outreach, Youth and Children, Arrangements and Site, and Publications and Archives committees need additional Friends who feel led to serve in these ways. We are encouraged to think of ways to include people from our monthly meetings who may not yet be actively involved in the yearly meeting. A form will be included in the *LEYM Bulletin* which can be used to let the Nominating Committee know of anyone's interest in serving on a specific committee.

RM03-16- Publications and Archives Committee presented its report, which is attached. The Archives part of the Committee has written a complete chronology of the yearly meeting and association. Now it is charged with getting written reminiscences of our stories. Please send them to Leonora Cayard at <cayard@fyi.net>.

RM03-17- The Earth Care Committee gave an oral report informing us of the earth democracy movement as it has been articulated by some farmers in India. The Committee is seeking additional folks who are deeply energized and committed to the fundamentally interrelated issues of justice, sustainability, and peace. The Committee has assembled some good resources to help monthly meetings become more informed and to move toward radical change in the way we live on the earth and with each other. As the Committee currently has two members, it hopes that monthly meetings will encourage people to become active in this work. We have also heard an update on Greenfire and its many exciting activities.

RM03-18- We have received a written report from one of our representatives to Friends General Conference (FGC), which will be printed in the *LEYM Bulletin*. The FGC Religious Education Committee and Pendle Hill are co-sponsoring a workshop April 4-6 on *Nurturing Young Friends: Coming of Age in the Quaker Community*.

RM03-19- Margaret Kanost and Zig Dermer expect to represent LEYM at the next Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Triennial in New Zealand next January. Monthly meetings are encouraged to explore the study booklet, *Being Faithful Witnesses: Serving God in a Changing World*, and respond to Margaret.

RM03-20- Michigan Friends Center is sponsoring a series of transformative weekend workshops and retreats this spring and next fall. Visit their web site for the full schedule.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a short period of worship.

Sally Weaver Sommer, clerk
Marty Grundy, recording clerk

Report of the Children and Youth Committee, 3/1/2003

There are five groups: preschool, early elementary, upper elementary, middle school, and high school. Our anticipated largest group (ca. 15 kids) is the High School age group.

We are aware that Nominating Committee continues to seek co-clerks for Children and Youth Committee, clerk and assistant clerk for fall youth retreat, and assistant for the high school group.

We support the concept of a part-time, paid youth secretary to build on the work Kri Anderson is currently doing.

Joyce Callahan, Donna Hawkins, co-clerks
Olwen Pritchard, Jon Sommer, and Conleth Crotser

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Treasurer's Report July 1, 2002 to February 18, 2003

Connie Bimber, Treasurer

FUND	OPENING			CURRENT
	BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 6,518.45	\$17,624.16	\$18,322.54	\$ 5,820.07
Annual Meeting	\$11,731.01	\$ 17.50	\$10,291.64	\$ 1,456.87
Triennial Travel	\$ 4,170.95	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 4,620.95
Granville Friends Y.F.	\$ 5,510.60	\$ 59.18	\$ 59.18	\$ 5,510.60
Youth Activity Fund	\$ 157.91	\$ 2,309.18	\$ 1,084.81	\$ 1,382.28
Spiritual Formation Grp	\$ 712.56	\$ 2,976.00	\$ 2,125.21	\$ 1,563.35
TOTALS	\$28,801.48	\$24,226.02	\$32,673.38	\$20,354.12

ACCOUNT	OPENING			CURRENT
	BALANCE	INCOME	DEBITS	BALANCE
Checking	\$19,255.99	\$21,660.79	\$30,174.20	\$10,742.58
Shorebank-March	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 32.96	\$ -	\$ 2,032.96
Shorebank-Sept	\$ 2,034.89	\$ 33.09	\$ -	\$ 2,067.98
Southshore Bank	\$ 5,510.60	\$ 59.18	\$ 59.18	\$ 5,510.60
TOTALS	\$28,801.48	\$21,786.02	\$30,233.38	\$20,354.12

GENERAL FUND INCOME	
MEETING DONATIONS	
Akron	\$ -
Ann Arbor	\$ 4,046.00
Athens	\$ -
Birmingham	\$ 572.00
Broadmead	\$ 750.00
Cleveland	\$ 2,000.00
Delaware	\$ 400.00
Detroit	\$ 300.00
Grand Rapids	\$ 574.50
Granville	\$ 530.00
Kalamazoo	\$ 600.00
Kent	\$ -
Mid-Ohio Valley	\$ 195.00
Monongalia	\$ 250.00
N. Columbus	\$ -
Oberlin	\$ 468.00
Pine River	\$ 468.00
Pittsburgh	\$ 4,023.02
Red Cedar	\$ 1,728.00
Wooster	\$ 540.00
Post Office Refund	\$ 86.42
Sales and Fees	
INTEREST	
Checking	\$ 27.17
CDs	\$ 66.05
TOTAL	\$17,624.16

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	PERCENT
Travel	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,677.00	94%
Office	\$ 310.00	\$ 117.40	38%
Publications	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,988.04	68%
FGC	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	100%
Friends School in Detroit	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	100%
Records Project	\$ 210.00	\$ -	0%
Swarthmore Archiving	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0%
Advancement	\$ 130.00	\$ -	0%
Clerk's Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0%
FWCC Travel	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,240.00	100%
Youth Activities Fund	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	100%
Olney Friends School	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	100%
FGC Nurturing Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100%
TOTAL	\$21,190.00	\$18,322.44	86%

ANNUAL MEETING	
Balance June 30, 2002	\$11,731.01
Expense	\$10,291.64
Income	\$ 17.50
Balance Feb 18, 2003	\$ 1,456.87
FWCC TRIENNIAL TRAVEL FUND	
Balance June 30, 2002	\$ 4,170.95
Expense	\$ 790.00
Income - transfer	\$ 1,240.00
Balance Feb 18, 2003	\$ 4,620.95

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GRANVILLE FRIENDS YOUTH FUND	
Balance June 30, 2002	\$ 5,510.60
Interest Income	\$ 59.18
Transfer - outgo	\$ 59.18
Balance Feb 18, 2003	\$ 5,510.60
Earnings from this fund are transferred to the Youth Activity Fund	

YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND	
Balance June 30, 2002	\$ 157.91
Income - transfer	\$ 1,200.00
Income - interest	\$ 59.18
Income - Youth Retreat	\$ 1,050.00
Income this year	\$ 2,309.18
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,467.09
Expense - grants	0
Expense - Youth Retreat	\$ 1,084.81
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 1,084.81
Balance Feb. 18, 2003	\$ 1,382.28

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP	
Balance June 30, 2002	\$ 712.56
Income	\$ 2,976.00
Expense	\$ 2,125.21
Balance Feb 18, 2003	\$ 1,563.35

ANNUAL MEETING 2002	
INCOME	
Housing, Meals, Etc.	\$12,389.50
EXPENSES	
Bluffton College	\$10,281.85
Reimbursements	\$ 346.50
Honorariums	\$ 250.00
Children's Program	\$ 486.25
Copies - Adult Program	\$ 9.79
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$11,374.39
SURPLUS 2002 Annual Mtg	\$ 1,015.11
Balance in Fund May 31, 02	\$ 441.76
Balance Feb. 18, 2003	\$ 1,456.87

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 the 2002 Annual Meeting together.

Advancement and Outreach Committee Report, 3/1/2003

Advancement and Outreach is blessed with wonderful committee members and thoughtful visitors whenever we meet. We continue to evolve as a committee, and seek new ways to serve Lake Erie Yearly Meeting.

Advancement and Outreach has renewed its commitment to publishing articles on outreach-related topics in each LEYM *Bulletin*. Topics are discussed and seasoned several issues at a time.

Committee members continue to visit meetings within and outside LEYM, and have assembled a variety of outreach materials published by meetings. A display of those materials will be offered at the LEYM sessions in June 2003.

Advancement and Outreach has received news of a number of status changes within LEYM meetings and worship groups. This news prompted us to review the guidelines for our committee's review of status changes. This news also reminds us to extend words of greeting and light to meetings and worship groups.

Advancement and Outreach has received and considered the statement prepared by Don Nagler and published in the Winter 2003 LEYM *Bulletin* as *Our Faith Community*. We find ourselves in unity with the statement and are comfortable with its addition to the LEYM web page.

We are grateful for the spirit and faithfulness of our committee members and visitors. We look forward to our continued work.

Deb Kociszewski, clerk

FWCC Fall Regional Gatherings

by Zig Dermer

On Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, in Waynesville, OH, the Midwest Regional Gathering will be taking place in honor of the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Quakers in that town. The theme is *Face to Face: Paths to Peace*, and there will be programs for children and youth.

The fall gathering of the Lower Great Lakes Region will PROBABLY be held in conjunction with the October 17-19 meeting of the St. Lawrence Valley Quarter of Canadian Yearly Meeting near Ottawa, Ontario. Please check with Susan Lee Barton, FWCC Midwest Field Secretary (Susanleeb@fwcc.quaker.org, or 765-939-1449) for registration information for both meetings.

Report by Connie Bimber, 3/1/03

Arrangements and Site Committee

We're excited that we're going to have more space with the new addition to Marbeck Center.

Arrangements and Site Committee is revising the registration form (hopefully for clarity!) and corresponding information in the LEYM *Bulletin*. We hope it will be clearer for responders and smoother for registrar Elena Tuhy from Granville Meeting.

Due date for registration forms is set for May 28. Children and youth particularly must be registered by this time.

We have a list of site requests from the Youth Program Committee, have discussed how to handle financial assistance requests with Finance Committee, and discussed with Nominating Committee how we might be useful to them. We also touched base with Eric Starbuck about these matters. We didn't have time to talk to the Adult Program Committee, but will be in touch with Dale Pratt-Harrington about program needs. We'd like to improve signage and information about happenings this year.

We'd like to ask committee clerks who need space on Thursday, June 19, to send time and approximate size of their committee to Judy Greenberg at <judywpg@buckeye-express.com>.

Thanks to the committee for a lot of work done and yet to do, and thanks to our site consultant, Jon Sommer.

Judy Greenberg, clerk

Religious Education

in Friends General Conference

Report to Representative Meeting of LEYM, March 1, 2003, in Cleveland

by Leonora Cayard

I would like to preface my report with a statement I heard during the 2002 Central Committee meeting of FGC.

Quaker Religious Education is not [just] teaching about Quaker history or about Quaker heroes. It is opening the door to the Spirit, the Light -- it is witnessing, ministering, modeling.

The Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference, on which I serve, provides spiritual nurture, guidance and resources for teachers of all age levels. There are a number of exciting books and curriculum materials in development, in addition to those already available from the Quaker Bookstore of FGC, www.quakerbooks.org. By the way, our Quaker Bookstore is not breaking even -- it needs more business, and all books, in print or not, are available from Quakerbooks!

Two important events for religious educators are offered by the Religious Education Committee. The first one is a weekend co-sponsored by Pendle Hill called *Nurturing Young Friends: Coming of Age in the Quaker Community*. Its leaders are our own Kri Anderson and her mother, Johanna Anderson. This will take place April 4-6, 2003, at Pendle Hill, and a few spaces may still be open. The web site www.fgcquaker.org gives access to a more detailed description and to a registration form to be filled out electronically.

The other one is the Religious Education Institute which takes place every four years. The next Institute will be offered in August 2004 and is titled *Illuminating our Divine Connections*. It will help us to deepen our own spiritual lives so that we can help our children and young people develop theirs.

I was quite impressed by the suggestion that we include our younger Friends in the committee work of the monthly and yearly meeting. Nothing can motivate a person more than being involved in the work of the Religious Society of Friends, serving the Light!

The term "young Friends," as it became clear to me, includes "Children" (from infancy through middle school), "Young Friends" (High School age) and "Young Adult Friends" (age 18 to 35). The rest of us are just "Friends."

from January/February 2003 Quaker Eco-Witness Annual Report 2002

A Gathering on Economics and Ecology at Pendle Hill

QEW and the Environmental Working Group (EWG) of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting are sponsoring a gathering at Pendle Hill June 13-15, 2003, to initiate an ongoing Consultation on Economics and Ecology within the Society of Friends. The planning group for this gathering includes Angela Berryman (AFSC Staff), Peter G. Brown (McGill School of Environment), David Damm-Luhr (Organizational Consultant), Tom Head (George Fox University), and QEW coordinators Ed Dreby and Keith Helmuth. For more information about the Gathering on Economics and Ecology at Pendle Hill, please email <qew@fcun.org>, or call Ed Dreby at 609/261-8190.

Ministry & Oversight and Peace Committee

Responses to Peace Queries

by Thomas Taylor

Summary approved by Committees on Peace and M&O -- 01 Mar 03

The following set of queries were agreed to at Annual Meeting in June 2002 and sent to all meetings in the YM with the request that a written response be returned to the clerk of M&O before the end of the year. Seventeen meetings had at least one gathering to consider and respond to the queries, several of them including accounts of actions they are taking on behalf of peace. The meetings that responded are listed at the bottom of this summary report. Our discussions were colored by intensely shared concern about the direction of our government toward war on Iraq. We were all called to be truthful; the call to action against this and all war is clear. These actions have included writing letters and calling representatives, senators, the White House and the press, organizing vigils, marches, witnessing to peace in places of conflict such as Palestine and Iraq, tax resistance, bumper stickers and buttons. North Columbus meeting has creatively placed a "peace tree" on its annual table at the Ohio State Fair, on which people were encouraged to hang letters of peace. Great response -- in the end over 300 letters had been written!

At this time when many in society show fear of "the other," reaching out to Muslim, Jewish and other religious and cultural groups is important for building bridges of peace. Friends often help to organize most of the above activities. Our impact tends to be greater than our numbers.

The queries we considered were as follows:

1. *How do I live "in the virtue of that life and power that [takes] away the occasion of all wars"?*

A consistent theme was finding and fostering peace within. To be grounded in the Spirit is a necessary first step. Prayer, spiritual discernment, worship, slowing the pace of life and being open to God's will should follow. Since the seeds of war lie in greed and acquisition of material goods beyond one's basic needs, a return to simpler living seems important. In consuming less, we will be able to provide more to others. Small daily acts of compassion help develop a culture of peace around us.

2. *How do I and my Meeting community witness to the peace testimony and work to build institutions of peace?*

Here is where the activities mentioned above come

in. Many organizations we work with and through were mentioned, such as AFSC, FCNL, Friends' schools, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Michigan Peace Team, and Women in Black. We have reached across racial lines, national boundaries and religious affiliations to reconcile differences, and support the development of all peoples. Many participate in social justice and peace organizations within their local communities. Some meetings financially support members' travel and other costs associated with peace work which "informs and provides experiences that give perspective and transform our attitudes and understandings." (Broadmead)

3. *Do I consider that paying for war is a form of participation in war? What are our alternatives to paying for war?*

We know this to be the case and so the answer is yes, but most are hard-pressed to avoid such participation. Friends are struggling with this issue and many express guilt over their compromises. *Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's* is one easy answer -- we have responsibilities to support legitimate governmental functions in a democracy. However, *Wear thy sword as long as thou canst* takes us deeper: as Friends, we are called to stand on faith -- what does our conscience, our God, require of us? We honor those who are clear that they are conscientious objectors to military taxation and must refuse to pay for war. Relatively few of us are clear on this matter, nor willing to suffer the fines and hassles that often follow war tax resistance.

In response to the second part of the query, a number of alternatives were suggested:

- . to live below a taxable income
- . to be generous with our charitable giving
- . to take a number of other legal deductions (such as State Tax Free Bond Funds or Roth IRAs)
- . to engage in socially responsible investing
- . to express our views on these issues to our friends and neighbors
- . to use our own organizing and voting power to bring into office those who support and are in harmony with what we believe.

We all support FCNL's and other peace networks' efforts at writing and passing legislation to move the government from military spending to the funding of

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Some Thoughts on Vocal Ministry

by Jerry Knutson

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human needs, supporting social justice, and living at one with the environment. These legislative efforts include working for passage of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund bill. Some suggested that the query needs to show both sides of the coin: how do we avoid paying for war, and how do we pay for lasting peace?

4. How do I maintain my testimony to peace when a mood of war and violence prevails in the land?

The mood of violence and fear is of great concern to Friends in this country. Although the U.S. is bristling with guns, they do not make us safe. We must work to change ourselves first, carrying a vision of a peaceful world. We must live this vision of peace at home, in our community and nation.

This takes us back to living simply so that others may simply live. John Woolman was right -- we need to ensure that we use only our fair share of the world's resources, and we must work to ensure that all others share equally. An important witness to the Peace Testimony is how we teach our children, including learning to mediate and deal with conflict in creative ways, and in regard to conscientious objection to war.

There are many paths to peace and all of them are peaceful. We are led in different ways to bring about a just and peaceful world. Through our meeting communities we can encourage and support one another through discernment, prayer, and practical support so that our lives and actions reveal God's love for all.

Friends in LEYM remain steadfast in our testimony to peace. General satisfaction was expressed for LEYM's timely request to meetings to discuss the peace query in this way. Several groups noted that such query reviews are an on-going function to stimulate ideas, reading and action, and take us more deeply into the spiritual basis of our Peace Testimony. The advice and excerpts which accompanied the queries helped in the process and deepened our responses.

Responding meetings: Wooster, Pittsburgh, Pine River, Oberlin, North Columbus, Monongalia, Kent, Kalamazoo, Granville, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Cleveland, Broadmead, Birmingham, Athens, Ann Arbor, Akron.

Thomas Taylor, clerk,
Ministry & Oversight Ctee, 07/00 - 06/03
David Bassett, clerk, Peace Ctee, 07/01 - 06/02
Jim Satterwhite, clerk, Peace Ctee, 07/02 - 06/03

I've reread *Four Doors to Worship* by Bill Taber and liked footnote one that talks about George Fox stating that the purpose of vocal ministry is to take hearers to the Spirit and to leave them there. Thomas Howgill did not preach because he saw that the people were already sitting under Christ their teacher. Occasionally, I have been deep in worship and I find that inappropriate vocal ministry has brought me into the mundane rather than deepening my worship experience. Now, I try to hold the speaker in the light. It may not help the speaker, but I have found that it helps me to stay centered.

Bill Taber and Ted Perry presented a weeklong course on worship in February. Bill talked about the minister's belly. Recorded ministers used this as a final test of whether they should speak. In this test, they make certain that there is a feeling of deep abiding love for the meeting that is coming from their belly. With this loving kindness, the minister could then speak.

Bill also stated, "A Meeting is gifted if some can stay in that deep worship no matter what happens. These friends just listen, absorb, and do not react."

Marcelle Martin, the teacher of the Discernment Class this term, remarked that most vocal ministry among liberal Friends is actually worship sharing. In worship sharing, the speakers say what they need to say or what they think the audience needs to hear. In Meeting for Worship, the Divine Presence speaks.

If your meeting has too much worship sharing in Meeting for Worship you might try giving the meeting more opportunities for worship sharing. Pendle Hill has done that this term and the quality of Meeting for Worship has improved.

Some vocal ministry is definitely Spirit-led and I know it, some is definitely inappropriate and there is a vast area in between where I cannot and should not discern its source. However, whenever I hear Spirit-led vocal ministry, I make certain that I elder the person on their faithfulness. Since liberal Friends no longer name elders, we are each individually responsible to nurture and encourage our vocal ministers when we know that the Spirit is speaking through them.

What's In A Name?

Susan Jeffers

LEYM, like other Friends' groups in other places, has been considering the possibility of changing the name of our YM Committee currently known as "Ministry and Oversight." The discussion of what Friends should call the committee that does what "Overseer" or "Oversight" is meant to denote has me remembering several incidents in my life as a Friend.

Most vivid is the time I was on Nominating Committee for a Friends' group, and we really were hoping a certain African-American Friend would be willing to serve on our Overseers Committee. The Friend in question gave me and my fellow Nominating Committee person (both of us white) a long look and then, as best I can recall, thanked us for thinking of him, expressed his affection for both the organization and the committee in question, and then said there was really no way he could even consider serving on a committee with such a name.

In an instant the light came on for me, so to speak. In that moment I think I actually saw and felt how it is that a word and its connotations -- emotional, spiritual, historical, and intellectual -- can be SO DIFFERENT for different people -- like living on different planets, really. Like when I got my first pair of glasses at age 7 and realized that people really weren't just making up their observations about there being stars in the night sky. Needless to say, Nominating reported back to Overseers our concern, shame, sense of urgency ... and the organization changed its committee name, to Ministry and Counsel if I recall correctly.

The other incident has to do with right naming itself. I would question how well the name Overseers or Oversight fits what such committees do or should do, even apart from their dual historical meaning [and to me the word's long history in the context of slavery is at least as relevant as its (presumably) long history in the context of Quakerism]. What does "oversight" or "overseer" connote in various contexts today? Does it bring to mind some sort of corporate board of directors or management team? A committee of therapists and physicians attending to the health of some group? A close-up or distant group of "watchers" "watching-over"? And how about the double-edged sword of "oversight" -- as in "our use of these words was just an oversight" -- so let's fix it, eh?

Finally -- and I'm sorry this is so long -- I'm reminded of the story about Chevrolet and its little car the Nova, which was so-named because of its presumed connotations of bright star, astronomical wonder, newness, that sort of thing. Great name, until they tried to

sell it in Mexico, where "no va" means it doesn't go -- what a joke! If a car manufacturer can be smart enough to realize a name has unintended bad meanings for people it cares about selling to, how much more should a religious organization be smart enough to realize AND CHANGE a name that has unintended bad consequences for a group it cares about including? [I actually don't know if Chevy marketed the Nova under a different name in Spanish-speaking places, or just withdrew it from those markets, or just said, Too bad if they don't like our name, we know what it's supposed to mean].

OK, onward through the fog, seeking the Light.

Grace and peace of the Lord to you all!

Friend America

by Ken Jacobsen, Detroit Friends Newsletter, 2/2003

friend america, who brought such hope to my hungry immigrant ances- tors, gave such shelter to my family, made such room for our search- ing minds, friend, don't fall, don't fall in love with your power as the others did, Babylon, Persia, Rome, England, France, Spain, Russia, Germany, Japan, they too felt specially favored by God, history, destiny, became the one vessel of virtue against evil, became the chosen one to rule and save the world until the wounded world rose up to break them.	friend america, please don't fall, don't fall in love with your self against the world, please do what you are called to do, bring hope give shelter make room.
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The Quake that Rocked the Midwest

by Greg Woods, Columbia Monthly Meeting, Illinois Yearly Meeting

I would like to report on a recent retreat/conference for high school age Friends called the Quake that Rocked the Midwest. The idea for this event came from my travels to other monthly meetings and yearly meetings and from conversations with Friends about youth programs in their area. Another reason is because of the small number of high schoolers at my yearly meeting.

When my sister was in high school, our yearly meeting (Illinois Yearly Meeting) and my monthly meeting had a big active high school group. However, when I started high school, I was the only high schooler attending my meeting, and at yearly meeting there were only six teens. Thankfully, our numbers have increased every year since then. Last year, we had twenty teens at yearly meeting. Of our previous two retreats, which we call "quakes," one was canceled because only two teens signed up and only six teens attended the other one.

In the first half of 2002, I went to two Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM) teen retreats, and saw that LEYM had more teens than Illinois YM but still was smaller than other yearly meetings I have visited or heard about from other young Friends.

In the summer, I approached Kri Anderson, a friend and LEYM teen coordinator, about having a dual yearly meeting quake in the Chicago area to encourage more participation from Illinois YM teens and she thought the idea was great.

Both yearly meetings greeted the idea with enthusiasm. A date was set for the 2003 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. The idea grew in September, when Kri and I were at the FGC Nurturing the Meeting Community Conference in Wisconsin. Dorothy Day, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (OVYM) teen coordinator, also attended the conference. During my time talking to Dorothy and Kri, I suggested that we invite OVYM and Northern Yearly Meeting (NYM), which borders Illinois YM, to the Quake to make it a bigger event. I felt that Midwestern teens should be able to have a large retreat, like Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has, once a year. I have always envied East Coast Quaker teens for their large concentration in one geographic area.

Kri and I started to plan the Quake. We modeled our schedule after an FGC Young Quakes schedule since we anticipated our Quake would be about the same size as a Young Quakes conference. Kri coordinated the mailing and registration process, and ar-

anged for the presenters.

The weekend was a great success! Twenty-eight teens and ten adults from all four yearly meetings came to the Evanston, Illinois, meetinghouse for the Quake, which was held January 17-20, 2003. Paul Buckley from Richmond, Indiana, presented a workshop on the Bible and science fiction, and Don Smith from Ann Arbor, Michigan, led Bible study and presented a workshop on science and faith. The group split up and spent one afternoon at the Zoo or shopping in Chicago. During the weekend, a lot of card playing and charades took place. The talent show was a fun time for the whole Quake. At the end of the weekend, we asked the large group if we should consider doing this again, and the response was overwhelmingly "YES!!!!"

Pittsburgh Friends Meeting Newsletter 12/2002

AFSC Emergency Material Assistance Program: Iraq

AFSC has a special Iraq appeal through its Emergency and Material Assistance Program. AFSC is working in cooperation with other NGOs (non-governmental organizations) including Lutheran World Relief, Mennonite Central Com., Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, and International Orthodox Charities. Some in-kind gifts are being sought, but the primary appeal is for cash donations. For details on the appeal, contact Rusty Sweitzer at 724-776-8195 or visit www.afsc.org.

By Rusty (Jean) Sweitzer

From Among Friends, Athens Friends Meeting, 1/2003

This Month's Query: Prayer and Worship with Children

How do I pray?

What is my experience of God?

How do we include children into our praying?

What does it mean to live "in the simplicity of a love which finds all things in God"?

How do we lead our children to a quiet place and teach them attentiveness to the inward life?

Submitted by Ministry and Counsel

LEYM Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting met in Cleveland, Ohio, on Second Month 28, 2003. We began with worship. We are grateful for the faithfulness that brings us together to do God's work at this time when we are aware of the fragility of human relations.

We considered if it is time for LEYM seriously to consider funding a part-time youth worker. Does Kri Anderson put in so much time that she needs some actual compensation for her time, as well as her out of pocket expenses (which are mostly paid by Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting)? Are there benefits to our youth, and to the Religious Society of Friends, from building a strong and vibrant YM youth program? We have the foundations in place with the elementary school fall retreat and the activities Kri has been organizing. What is the next step? What more are we called to do?

Friends are in unity with the importance of supporting our youth, especially in high school and just beyond. We discussed the possibility of funding a youth secretary, perhaps something similar to Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, which has invested in a part-time youth secretary. We are informed that the renewed energy put into their youth has galvanized and energized the entire yearly meeting. Among the things we need to decide are the relation with the Youth and Children Committee, how much money and time we expect at first, and how to build on what we have now. We ask Marty Grundy to meet with the Youth and Children Committee tomorrow morning to bring a rough proposal to Representative Meeting, to put something in writing for the spring LEYM *Bulletin*, and to prepare a more polished proposal for our Yearly Meeting sessions if way opens.

Our clerk expressed her considerations about how our committees function, the impact of this on our time together at yearly meeting, and how this shapes the spiritual life of our yearly meeting. One aspect involves each committee's collective memory of its work and process. In this regard, last year Bill Hummon did a lot of work for the Nominating Committee on its collective memory of who served in what capacities and for how long.

Publications and Archives Committee notes they have only four members (although there are six places); three of these are from Pittsburgh and all four have served for three years. Their issue is bringing in and teaching capable new people and gracefully releasing

those who have served considerable time. The clerk of Ministry and Oversight Committee has written to each monthly meeting clerk asking who is their representative to LEYM's Ministry and Oversight Committee. In this way that Committee is slowly enlarging. We note that the pool of Friends who attend yearly meeting and are active and available to participate in committee work seems to be slowly shrinking. Each of us needs to draw newer members of our monthly meetings into the yearly meeting, to invite them to attend LEYM with us. We discussed a variety of possible ways the Nominating Committee might encourage more Friends to serve God through the yearly meeting. We are reminded that service is an important part of one's spiritual life and growth. We ask the Nominating Committee to send to the *Bulletin* editor short descriptions of the various committees with a request that folks consider how each of us may be led to serve. We want to encourage monthly meeting clerks to keep announcing the upcoming yearly meeting sessions in order to increase interest and attendance.

We considered the length and process of our yearly meeting business sessions. Some of the unseasoned conversations could be avoided if all new items of business are seasoned first either in a yearly meeting committee or by a monthly meeting before being presented to the yearly meeting.

We closed with a short period of worship.

Sally Weaver Sommer, clerk
Marty Grundy, recording clerk

****FALL RETREAT FOR LEYM YOUTH****

Kate Spry

We will once again be having a fall retreat for interested 1st-6th graders! It is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in October, the 3rd-5th. Same location as last year, same great time. More details will be coming out during yearly meeting and over the summer.

If you are interested in more information or volunteering (it's a LOT OF FUN!!! - WE HAVE GREAT KIDS!!!), please contact Kate Spry at either:

kms@alumni.cwru.edu

or

k.spry@att.net

Publications Committee Report

LEYM Representative Meeting, March 1, 2003

Committee members present: Leonora Cayard, Rosemary Coffey (clerk), Joe Mills, Eric Starbuck

1. Web Site

We reviewed the LEYM web site -- which includes a calendar, list of LEYM Meetings, copies of the quarterly *Bulletin* (but not the *Annual Records*), and our *Policies and Procedures* -- and made several suggestions for minor improvements, which Eric Starbuck will undertake to make. In general, we found it easy to navigate and expressed our appreciation to Eric for setting it up, maintaining it, and updating it.

2. Annual Records

a. Number printed: We reduced the run from 500 copies in 2000, to 400 in 2001, and to 175 in 2002. It turned out that the last run was short, so we propose raising the number for 2003 to 250.

b. Content: We are pleased with the new chronological format, which comprises an Introduction, Representative Meeting notes, Annual Meeting notes, and Monthly Meeting information. We are aware of some formatting problems in the last issue regarding discrepancies between the Nominating Committee report and the list of committee members in the back, and the unintentional shortening of an obituary, and will take special pains to see that these mistakes are not repeated.

c. Meeting reports: Nearly all Meetings turned in their State of the Meeting reports, but many failed to submit their statistical forms in time to be included. To encourage more Meetings to participate, there will be a reminder in the Spring *Bulletin*, and Eric will send out follow-up e-mails in April and in May. At that time he will also ask for copies of any obituaries that are to be printed in the *Annual Records*.

d. Timing: All content has to be in Eric's hands by the time of Annual Meeting, except for Minutes and Reports from Annual Meeting itself; these are to reach him by June 30, the end of our fiscal year, with an extra few days allowed for the Treasurer to balance the books. We plan to mail copies of the *Annual Records* to Meetings, LEYM officers, and committee clerks by the first week in August; given the interposition of the FGC Gathering, it is not realistic to expect publication any earlier.

e. Fall activities: As we did in 2002, Eric will give an updated list of Meeting contact people to the leaders or

representatives of the Youth Retreat, the Spiritual Formation program, and the FWCC Regional Gathering, so that they can e-mail their registration forms directly to Meeting Clerks with a request that they print them in local newsletters or have multiple copies made for local distribution. Rosemary will also send reminders to Clerks to look for the forms.

3. LEYM Directory

We hear that the Directory has been well used and propose, as previously indicated, to hold off on a new version until 2004. In the meantime, we will see if it is possible to produce a page or two of updates, to be distributed at Annual Meeting. In a future edition, we will consider just listing names of members and attenders under the Meeting headings, with full contact information to be placed in the alphabetic listing only.

4. LEYM Scrapbook

We wonder what happens to photos and other materials from each Annual Meeting. Should these be collected into a scrapbook that would then be available for perusal at subsequent Annual Meetings? Joe Mills will check with Donna Hawkins re past such endeavors and report back at Annual Meeting 2003.

5. Archives

Leonora reminded us that we continue to look for reminiscences of old-timers with regard to the early days of LEYM. Please check with some of your Meeting elders to see if they have memories to share for the Archives.

Fundraising Successful

Marty Grundy

Friends General Conference (FGC) announced recently that its Nurturing Quakerism campaign was wonderfully successful, exceeding its goal of \$2,000,000 by \$414,565. There were 84 LEYM Friends who contributed a total of \$128,551. Many thanks to each of you for helping to ensure that FGC's programs will be able to continue serving Friends. For more information about these programs, see www.fgcquaker.org

LEYM Youth Secretary?

By Marty Grundy

Is LEYM doing all it can to nurture and support our young Friends in their journey into a deeper experience of Quakerism as both faith and practice? LEYM has taken on the challenge of increasing its support to FGC for the next few years, so our meetings have been asked to contribute \$26 per adult member to LEYM. This is only 50 cents a week per adult. Perhaps this asks the question backwards: rather than how much can we afford, what is our responsibility? What is God asking us to do in regard to our children and youth?

Friends from across FGC note that a major factor in retaining our young people as active adult Friends is their participation in an ongoing group that seriously explores Quaker faith and practice as well as providing a comfortable peer community. LEYM has a number of isolated teens who are often in meetings with no others their age (except perhaps siblings). This sometimes makes it difficult for them to receive the full range of support and encouragement of their spiritual development that might be possible. At Representative Meeting LEYM seemed ready to get under the weight of exploring the implications of this for our yearly meeting, most importantly by hiring a part-time youth secretary. An annual budget of \$5,000 was suggested.

Is it time for LEYM seriously to consider funding a part-time youth worker? Are there benefits to our youth, and to the Religious Society of Friends, from building a strong and vibrant YM youth program? We have the foundations in place with the elementary school fall retreat, and the activities Kri Anderson has been organizing. What is the next step? What more are we called to do?

Kri Anderson is currently doing a wonderful volunteer job of organizing and coordinating activities for youth, with expenses paid mostly by Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting. Kri estimates that in the past year she has spent approximately 340 hours planning, organizing, and holding four events for teens from across the entire yearly meeting.

LEYM has a Youth Activities Fund that received last year \$1,200 from the LEYM budget and \$59.18 in interest from the Granville Friends Youth Fund. It supports individual young Friends to attend Quaker camps and gatherings and the children's fall retreat. This has been good and it doesn't seem wise to divert this money to a youth secretary. We also have given very limited financial support to an occasional larger event such as the rafting trip last summer, but LEYM does not provide any financial assistance on a regular,

budgeted basis. Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting has been the primary funding source for Kri's expenses, maintaining a yearly budget for this program of \$700 (which was increased from \$600 two years ago). Kri does not receive any compensation for her time. She submits receipts to GPQM for reimbursement for the actual costs of putting on the events, including travel assistance for presenters, food, mailing supplies, etc. Right now her program is operating at a deficit, but they have been fundraising. The children and their parents and meetings supply the rest of the funding.

If LEYM paid a youth secretary (we assume Kri would be the first person to fill this position) a stipend of \$4,420 (the figure calculated at \$13 an hour for 340 hours), that would leave \$580 left over for everything else. It appears that GPQM expects to continue its funding for at least the next year or more. In addition to the actual costs of the four events, there are potential additional expenses to consider at some future time, such as travel expenses for a youth secretary as a representative to various regional/national youth-centered committees (such as the Young Quakes and YouthQuake planning committees or meetings of youth secretaries), honoraria for presenters, etc. These do not have to be included in the first year or so. In the future it might be worthwhile to consider the relationship between LEYM's program and those of Northern, Ohio Valley, and Illinois YMs, since these yearly meetings are geographically close, and share the challenges of responding to the needs of small meetings and isolated teen Friends.

A rough proposal could envision a minimum of four events over a calendar year, not counting the YM sessions which ought to have a close relationship to the program. There are several issues that need seasoning, such as:

* Some sort of oversight of the youth secretary and her work. In order not to overburden the Children and Youth Committee, it might take the form of 2 or 3 or 4 Friends who meet with Kri (either in person or by email and phone) to offer help and support as well as accountability. This small committee then could report to the Children and Youth Committee, or directly to the YM.

* The relation between the teen program and its youth secretary and the program for high school students during YM sessions and the high school leader and assistant leader. The two ought to be seamlessly meshed.

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Lake Erie Yearly Meeting Earthcare
Committee Action/Alert:

A Call to Form Earth- care Working Groups/ Committees in Each Monthly Meeting

We will gather at Yearly Meeting to discern next steps. Please send a meeting earthcare representative from each monthly meeting. The following will help prepare to discern and organize at Yearly Meeting in June.

Local Action suggestions for Working Groups and Monthly Meetings:

1) Read and Dialogue - *Earth Democracy: Ten Principles of Justice, Sustainability & Peace*. Visit www.spiritualecology.org

2) View/Reflect/Dialogue - Thomas Berry's *Great Work*, 48-minute video (a 13-plus billion year story and our place in it). Available at Creation Spirituality Resources, 7 1/2 Green Oak Rd., Asheville, NC 28804, (828) 254-5613; also Bull Frog Films, 1-800-543-3764, www.bullfrogfilms.com

3) Read and Dialogue - *Alternatives to Economic Globalization: A Better World is Possible*, "a new consensus report by nineteen board members and associates of the International Forum on Globalization - for comments/refinement over the next two years on all continents (Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2002), available now in bookstores or at www.ifg.org

4) Read and Dialogue - *The Earth Charter, Values and Principles for a Sustainable Future*, <http://www.earthcharter.org> - endorse and disseminate

5) Quaker Networking - Quaker Eco-Witness/FCUN, www.fcun.org, a Friends' network to address public policy for an ecologically sustainable world; contact Ed Dreby, (609) 261-8190, to establish meeting contacts and priority update/formulation

Please contact any of us for further information or assistance.

Blessings for Creation,

LEYM Earthcare Committee Co-conveners -
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Bill Bliss, bliss@ic.net
Al Connor, alconn@provide.net

Accessibility

By Deb Kociszewski

Truth be told, Friends, this article was scheduled to be about another topic. However, each meeting of the Advancement and Outreach Committee reverts to one common theme - accessibility.

Advancement and Outreach Committee members share our experiences of visiting Friends' Meetings. We share our experiences of finding meetings near and far; we share our perceptions of the meeting experience and of welcome and outreach.

Too often, we have found the experience of merely finding Friends' Meetings to be one of frustration. Published information on meetings may be inaccurate or outdated. Street addresses may be misleading. Phone numbers may be incorrect or outdated. Listings at multiple sources may be contradictory. Published times of meeting for worship may be inaccurate or outdated. Why should we worry? After all, we know how to find us.

Advancement and Outreach Committee members have encountered difficulties in all of these areas while visiting meetings. We have encountered difficulty with contacting meetings to confirm in advance Meeting for Worship time and place. We have gone to published meeting locations to find that time and/or place had changed. We have followed recorded announcements only to find them outdated. We have found ourselves at meeting sites with serious questions about accessibility for those of us who may have physical challenges (how DO you maneuver a wheelchair up a flight of stairs?).

The Advancement and Outreach Committee encourages all LEYM meetings to consider these matters. Maintaining accurate contact information may not be the easiest thing to do, but it can bring about the great joy of an unexpected visitor with news and greetings from the wider circle of Friends. Visitors can bring news of Friends in far away places. The visitors we welcome can bring a light to our community that will remain long after the visit.

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

by Don Nagler

On Saturday, February 8, Red Cedar Meeting in East Lansing hosted and led the Green Pastures Mid-winter Quarterly Meeting. Importantly, we had good weather. About 60 Friends of all ages from all the monthly meetings and from the recently formed Traverse City worship group, as well as the worship group in Manitou, traveled to it. It was remarkable that so many came from such distances.

The program was built around the queries and words of Walter Wink, the newly Quaker biblical scholar. After initial worship we drew life-sized pictures of our self-image, which we could elaborate with new colors and detail throughout the day. The key process of the meeting involved individual formulation of answers to Wink's questions about violence in institutions and in ourselves. This was done in small groups and occasionally through one-on-one conversation. It was relaxed and "safe," and truly deepening. Summaries were created describing our expressions in more small group dialogue and then organized to make sense of our collective process for the day, walking "lightly" over the queries that challenged and drew us on. After a concluding deep worship, we celebrated our experience of relationship and meaning, before parting to travel once again.

It was a high point from which to start the year for the Quarter. Ruth Carey, Carolyn Lejuste, and Joann Neuroth and Red Cedar meeting facilitators, cooks, and used book donators for the meeting house fund created a gestalt of that which is eternal. The silence in the final worship was, as has been said by others, "like a Quaker standing ovation."

Youth Secretary

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* Our treasurer strongly recommends that a youth secretary not be an employee, or be paid an hourly wage, because then LEYM would be responsible for paying FICA and a number of other administrative costs (and headaches for our Treasurer). Instead we should probably follow the example of our previous experiment with a field secretary (Patricia Thomas) whose payments were in the form of a stipend with additional reimbursement for expenses.

We encourage all meetings to consider this sugges-

Thanks for Music Camp Scholarship

February 28, 2003

Dear Lake Erie Yearly Meeting,

I would first like to apologize for not getting you a thank you letter sooner. The past year has been rather crazy and even though I had every intent to write the letter I regret to say I did not get to it. So with all that said, thank you. Camp has been such a huge part of me for the past four years. Each year I get the opportunity to grow more as a musician, a Quaker, and a person. I can't think of anywhere I would rather spend my summer and if it wasn't for you all supporting me I never would have had that chance.

Once again thank you so, so, much.

This past month I had a chance to compete in solo contest for flute. I have to admit that before I went I was scared out of my mind. However after talking to my friends from camp I had more faith in myself. They support me whether or not we are at camp. I've never seen a closer group of people. I am also overjoyed to tell you that I received a one at contest, which is the highest possible ranking. Another accomplishment of which I am very proud is making the high school wind ensemble. Only three freshmen actually made it, one of which was me. The flute has become a passion for me. As I get older I realize that when I play it is my escape. Every time I play can express what I am feeling. I discovered the key to playing, you have to put your heart into it, and I learned that at camp.

Recently I sent in my application for Friends Music Camp. Once again I would greatly appreciate your help in covering the cost of camp. My mom will pay one third and I was hoping you would help me by paying another third. Once again thank you so much for all your help in past years and your consideration this year. I don't think I could ever really express how grateful I am.

Sincerely yours, Erin Diffenderfer

tion to hire a youth secretary and the specific issues articulated above. Meetings and individuals can send their thoughts to the presiding clerk (Sally at <sommerjs@bluffton.edu> or 419-358-0950) or to the recording clerk (Marty at <kwg@po.cwru.edu> or 216-932-2144) anytime between now and the time of our yearly meeting gathering. We will take time during the early part of our annual gathering for a threshing session on this. If a leading comes out of the threshing session, a proposal will be brought to the yearly meet-

LEYM Change of Address

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Susan Jeffers

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Thank you!

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when you cut it out!

Meeting _____

Calendar

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

- ü 4/18/2003-4/20/2003 MUNCHING ON THE BREAD OF LIFE, BY SUSAN JEFFERS, HELD IN ATHENS OH. KRI ANDERSON, KRINOEL@HOTMAIL.COM
- ü 5/3/2003 ATHENS FRIENDS MEETING SPRING RETREAT, SUSAN LEE BARTON. FRIENDS, WAR, PEACE, VIOLENCE. SUZANNE HOWELL, HOWELL@FROGNET.NET
- ü 5/17/2003 GREEN PASTURES SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING, MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER, DON NAGLER, DFN@JOURNEY.COM
- ü 5/23/2003-5/25/2003 SPIRITUAL FORMATION EAST, BETSY MEYER
- ü 5/28/2003 REGISTRATIONS FOR YEARLY MEETING DUE, ELENA TUHY, ELENATUHY@JUNO.COM
- ü 6/1/2003 DUE DATE FOR ALL MEETING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR YEARLY MEETING, ERIC STARBUCK, ERICSTARBUCK@ATT.NET
- ü 6/19/2003-6/22/2003 LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING, ELENA TUHY, ELENATUHY@JUNO.COM
- ü 8/9/2003 GREEN PASTURES SUMMER GATHERING, DON NAGLER, DFN@JOURNEY.COM
- ü 9/15/2003 FALL BULLETIN DUE DATE, ERIC STARBUCK, ERICSTARBUCK@ATT.NET
- ü 9/20/2003 GREEN PASTURES FALL QUARTERLY MEETING, FRIENDS SCHOOL IN DETROIT, DON NAGLER, DFN@JOURNEY.COM
- ü 10/3/2003-10/5/2003 FALL RETREAT FOR YOUTH, KATE SPRY, KMS@ALUMNI.CWRU.EDU

FRIENDS CENTER OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING

BILL TABER 740-425-1248

- ü 4/25/2003-4/27/2003 FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS, SUSAN SMITH
- ü 5/23/2003-5/25/2003 SPIRITUAL FORMATION EAST, BETSY MEYER

WIDER QUAKERS

- ü 1/16/2004-1/25/2004 21ST FWCC TRIENNIAL, KING'S COLLEGE, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND
- ü 9/20/2003 FWCC MKIDWEST REGIONAL GATHERING. SUSAN LEE BARTON, SUSANLEEB@FWCC.QUAKER.ORG

MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER

DON NAGLER, DFN@JOURNEY.COM

- ü 4/26/2003 "ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE -- INTRODUCTION AND EXPERIENTIAL PRACTICE" - LED BY GEOFF BRIEGER, FACILITATOR; MARGARET KANOST
- ü 5/3/2003 WORKSHOP, "LIVING LIGHTLY"; ECO-SIMPLICITY AND ENHANCING CREATION
- ü 9/13/2003-9/14/2003 GROWING THE BLESSED COMMUNITY: NURTURING OUR MEETINGS; TENDING OUR SPIRITUAL ROOTS. LED BY DEBORAH FISCH, CLERK OF IOWA YEARLY MEETING (C) AND COORDINATOR OF FGC'S TRAVELING MINISTRIES PROGRAM, AND A COMPANION.
- ü 9/27/2003 MEDITATION AND SILENCE: LED BY BARBARA BRODSKY OF ANN ARBOR MEETING WHO IS AN ORDAINED INTERFAITH MINISTER AND TEACHES INSIGHT OR VIPASSANA MEDITATION.
- ü 10/11/2003 CLERKING THE MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS. MATTHIAS DRAKE, MEMBER OF CHAPEL HILL MEETING, N.C. HAS LED NUMEROUS WORKSHOPS ON THIS TOPIC IN THE EAST AND MIDWEST AND HAS WRITTEN OF IT IN FRIENDS' PUBLICATIONS.
- ü 11/8/2003 JOHN WOOLMAN: ACTIVIST AND MYSTIC. MICHAEL BIRKEL, PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AT EARLHAM COLLEGE AND AUTHOR OF THE RECENT BOOK, A NEAR SYMPATHY: THE TIMELESS WISDOM OF JOHN WOOLMAN, TO BE RELEASED IN 3/2003, HAS SPOKEN WIDELY AMONG QUAKER GROUPS AND BEYOND WITH ENTHUSIASM AND INSIGHT.

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*We may, every one of us, if we will,
hear that Divine Voice in the secret
of our hearts.*

Caroline Stephen

Spring 2003 Bulletin

We're on the Web!

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Munching on the Bread of Life

A Youth Workshop Experience
with Susan Jeffers

April 18-20, 2003
Athens, Ohio



Come savor the flavor of the Spirit
as we taste some Bible passages that speak of food.

We'll read, hear, talk about, play with, enact, sing, draw, slice, dice, stir, saut, bake and eat --
manna in the wilderness, the loaves and fishes, the Last Supper.

We'll also look at the downside of eating:
the "forbidden fruit" Eve and Adam tasted, folks who are excluded from the banquet, and the
evil in the world that threatens to eat us all up.

Bring a Bible; if you have time, read chapter 6 in the Gospel of John before you come.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE—APRIL 4TH

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