



## Opportunities for Growing into Spirit Clerk's Message, by Shirley Bechill

Blessings to you all for a new year of growing into Spirit! We trust that 2008 will provide much opportunity for that growth. There are very positive signs I find in your newsletters that LEYM monthly meetings are opening to the resources offered by LEYM committees and the Friends General Conference committees. This winter bulletin includes announcements for many of those events being offered for Friends and representatives of monthly meetings. I recommend that you take a serious look at what you may be called to. I am pleased to announce that Jerry Knutson of Pittsburgh Meeting was awarded a Cooper Scholarship to attend Earlham School of Religion. Congratulations, Jerry!

The LEYM Executive Committee had a fruitful meeting in October and we again express our appreciation to Oberlin Meeting and our Treasurer, Connie Bimber, for their warm hospitality at Kendal at Oberlin. All officers and committee clerks attended and much work has been moving forward. We expressed our deep appreciation for Thomas Taylor's faithful service as our Recording Clerk and now welcome Joe Mills as our incoming Recording Clerk. Also, Merry Stanford completed her service as clerk of Ministry & Nurture Committee at the rise of the consultation in November when Margie Liske became the new

clerk for that committee. Merry is currently serving as LEYM Assistant Clerk. To facilitate the completion of the Nominating Committee's work, the Executive Committee approved a process of approval for new appointments by forwarding those names to the Executive Committee via email with responses to the Nominating Committee clerks. Those newly appointed Friends can then begin to participate in their committee's work while final approval can be given at Representative Meeting in March.

The Ministry and Nurture Consultation took place in November and was extremely well received by all participants [see Merry Stanford's report on page 5]. We are encouraged to begin plans for additional consultations for representatives of our monthly meetings. I experienced a sense of new life being nurtured among meetings. Many of us there had not met or known one another before and the gifts shared were really appreciated.

To continue in the flow of energy for nurturing the Spirit among us, the Advancement & Outreach Committee is moving forward with their plans for a Traveling Friend to visit our monthly meetings. This is a resource from the FGC Traveling Ministries Program. The same Friend, Mary Ann Downey of Atlanta Meeting, who provided leadership for our November consultation, will be Traveling in the Ministry among us. Monthly

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meetings can look forward to announcements for inviting a visit in the near future.

A small ad hoc committee has been formed in response to a growing concern expressed by some monthly meetings regarding the date for annual meeting. Some families find it a hardship to attend at our traditional time in June since their school years are just ending. This committee will bring to Representative Meeting for your approval a proposed survey to circulate among monthly meetings for the purpose of identifying your needs, to give LEYM a base of information to enable further informed discussion regarding some future time and place for our annual sessions. We affirmed our commitment to serving our children and families.

There are other agenda items for Representative Meeting which I will circulate to your clerks and representatives prior to the March Meeting. As a reminder to us all, the preferred order for new items or concerns is for the monthly meeting to approach the appropriate LEYM committee for "seasoning" of a concern, which then can be brought by the committee to Representative Meeting first and then to annual session, depending upon appropriate timing.

Please note the invitation from North Columbus Monthly Meeting to host Representative Meeting

(next page, with registration form). We look forward to your attendance; you can also participate by sending your representatives prepared to represent your members in the business of LEYM.

In Love & Light,  
Shirley Bechill, Clerk

### **Annual Meeting June 12-15, 2008 Bluffton University Centered Enough for Peacemaking? Eric Starbuck**

I'm getting more and more angry and frustrated with our United States government. To be honest, that gets in the way of the still, small voice for me. How do I approach the right state of mind? I know that my actions will be more effective if they're from leadings. How can I open myself enough to understand what God wants?

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting's 2008 theme will address this *Peacemaking from the Inside Out*. Our plenary speaker, Helen Horn, will focus on the personal changes that free us to be more effective peacemakers. Helen has served in the peace movement much of her life and grappled with the challenges that go with the joys of marriage, parenting, and multi-tasking. She will also share stories from others trying to see what love will do. The changes she will suggest relate to facing emotions like anger, fear, guilt, helplessness. They involve communication blocks, conflicting commitments, unsustainable life styles. They are grounded in finding spiritual practices that bring us freshness, clarity about our limitations and gifts, and a heightened sense of undergirding we can count on.

Helen Horn is a retired counselor and teacher and a writer who has served in the peace movement much of her life. She has worked for AFSC and the Appalachian Peace & Justice Network. Helen has led workshops at Friends General Conference, a retreat at Ben Lomond Quaker Center, and courses at Pendle Hill. *Friends Journal* has published a number of her poems. Her 1995 LEYM plenary talk, "There Is a Fountain: A Quaker Life in Process," became a Pendle Hill pamphlet. Helen and David Horn live on a farm near Athens, Ohio. They are members of Athens Friends Meeting where Helen helps organize monthly adult religious education forums and leads singing.

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# Representative Meeting March 1, 2008, Columbus, Ohio

## Information and Registration

The 2008 LEYM Representative Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 1, at Summit United Methodist church, 82 E. 16th Ave., Columbus, Ohio (43201).

**Lunch** will be offered for a contribution of **\$6 per person** (more if you can; less if you can't) for those who have registered in advance. For other attendees, there are many restaurants within a few blocks of the meeting location.

**Child care** will be provided for those who notify Brian Edmiston or Pat Enciso at *edmiston.1@osu.edu* or *enciso.4@osu.edu* or at (614) 262-1750.

### Schedule for Saturday, March 1:

Registration & simple breakfast.....	8:30AM
Meeting for worship.....	9:00AM
Announcements.....	9:50AM
Committee meetings.....	10:00AM
Lunch.....	12:15PM
Meeting for business.....	1:15PM
Adjournment.....	4:30PM

A meeting of the **Executive Committee** (Yearly Meeting officers and committee clerks) will be held on **Friday evening, February 29**, at the North Columbus Friends Meeting, 1954 Indianola Ave (Columbus, 43201), starting at 7:00.

### Location:

Summit United Methodist Church (more recently known as "Summit on 16th") is located at 82 E. 16th Ave, one block east of The Ohio State University campus and one block southeast of the North Columbus Friends meeting. A map to the Church may be found at [http://www.summitumc.org/location\\_directions/default.htm](http://www.summitumc.org/location_directions/default.htm).

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION

(To be received by **Thursday, February 21, 2008**)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include (#) \_\_\_\_ for **lunch** on Mar. 1

Vegetarians (#) \_\_\_\_; omnivores (#) \_\_\_\_

Please arrange **child care** for the following children:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) need overnight hospitality on:

Friday, February 29 (# people) \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, March 1 (# people) \_\_\_\_\_

Cat/dog or other allergies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Please post or email this information to:

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Columbus, OH 43221  
*roehm.7@osu.edu*  
(614) 488-2096

Please communicate by U.S. mail or by email if at all possible.

**Registration Fee:** \$6.00, which includes Saturday lunch and refreshments. Payment may be made on the day of the event. Checks may be made payable to "North Columbus Friends Meeting."

# Committee News: *Publications & Archives*

## How Should We Present Directory Data?

P&A Committee thanks the Meetings and individual Friends who have already responded to our questions about whether to continue publishing a Yearly Meeting directory. We want to bring a recommendation to Representative Meeting, and thus hope to hear from more of you before March 1.

First, we'd like to know how much Friends use the current (2006) LEYM *Directory*. How many of you consult it, and how often?

Second, we'd like to know your preferences among three options:

1) Continue to publish the full printed *Directory* at two-year intervals. The *Directory* presents information for all members and active attenders throughout LEYM, but its preparation involves much work not only by the compiler(s) but also by Friends at local meetings who are asked to provide updates.

2) Publish the directory section at the back of the LEYM *Annual Records* (a new feature in 2007). This directory covers officers, committee members, and representatives of LEYM and all Friends who attended the Annual Meeting as well as officers, committee clerks, and contact persons of monthly meetings, preparative meetings, and worship groups. It would be updated annually, and because the information is collected via meeting statistical reports, registration forms, and minutes of the Annual Meeting, it requires less effort to prepare.

3) Change to an online directory database with access restricted (for privacy's sake) to a few Friends from each meeting, who would update their own meeting's entries at their convenience and look up information from other meetings. P&A would create the database in an easily updatable format, entering only the data received from each meeting. The database content would then be sustained by the Friends with access. Benefits include more autonomy for meetings and worship groups, privacy for individuals, and low costs; the main disadvantage is the loss of direct access to information. For more details, see the report from P&A in *Annual Records 2007* (pages 38-40) or the fall 2007 *Bulletin* (pages 5-6).

Please address responses (or questions) to me.

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## Committee News: *Ministry & Nurture* First LEYM Consultation Nurtured the Spirit Among Us

On November 16 to 18, LEYM hosted a consultation for Ministry and Nurture (or otherwise named) committees of our monthly meetings. Thanks to the discerning help of FGC's Traveling Ministries Program, the consultation was led by Mary Ann Downey, of Atlanta Monthly Meeting, Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA). She was accompanied by Penny Wright, of Nashville Monthly Meeting, also of SAYMA. The costs of the event were shared by LEYM and the monthly meetings.

The consultation was attended by 22 persons, representing 12 monthly meetings and three yearly meeting committees. The objectives for the weekend included the following:

- ◆ Define the work of ministry and nurture in monthly and yearly meetings
- ◆ Share the joys and challenges of spiritual nurture
- ◆ Practice discerning movement of the Spirit in calls to ministry
- ◆ Practice Spirit-led eldering in response to needs of the meeting
- ◆ Support and be supported by a faith community.

In the context of worship and worship sharing, we focused on what draws us to our meetings for worship and what holds us there, how to conduct a clearness session that includes worship and open-ended questions, and what our meetings may need now to grow in grace and love. We shared stories of giving and receiving gifts in our meeting communities, and shared deep worship with each other. Mary Ann was responsive to the Spirit among us, and was able to depart from the agenda as led.

Of the 20 Friends who turned in an evaluation, 18 felt that the consultation met or partially met their expectations, and 17 felt that it helped prepare them to deepen the spiritual life of their meetings. For some of the participants, this consultation was their first interaction with Friends outside of their own monthly meeting, and they felt encouraged to attend more events in the wider Quaker world, including the Annual Sessions of LEYM. Many indicated in their evaluation responses that they would like more opportunities to meet together as Ministry and Nurture committees in the future. Friends from small meetings were especially thankful for the opportunity to worship among us. And several Friends walked away with more confidence in their ministry and spiritual nurture roles in the monthly meeting.

Friends also found Weber Center, a conference center of the Adrian Dominican Sisters located in Adrian, Michigan, to be very hospitable. Friends commented on its beauty, environmental friendliness and commitment to peace and social justice, roomy bathrooms, firm beds, meditation spaces, libraries, access to computer, and good outside spaces for walking. Several Friends suggested this location for future events. One flaw is that it is not family-friendly, having been developed for contemplative purposes.

All in all, this consultation proved to be a valuable way to serve Friends of LEYM. I very much look forward to future opportunities to host consultations for the benefit of our monthly meetings.

Merry Stanford (Red Cedar)  
Assistant Clerk, LEYM

### QUIP Seeks Young Editors

Quakers Uniting in Publications (QUIP) is thrilled to announce the launch of its **second Quaker Youth Book Project**, which will culminate in an anthology of short non-fiction prose, poetry, and visual art by Quakers ages 15-30 from all branches of the Religious Society of Friends and from all over the world.

QUIP hopes to produce a book that will focus on the personal spiritual experiences, beliefs, and identities of contemporary young Friends and offer a resource both to younger Friends and to the meetings and churches striving to understand and support their younger members.

The project will be guided and edited by six to eight Friends ages 15-30, with oversight and support from QUIP. *The Editorial Board will be selected by a formal application process and applications are currently being accepted. The final deadline is February 15, 2008.* Editorial Board applications and other information can be found at the Quaker Youth Book Project's website: [www.quakeryouth.org/quipbook](http://www.quakeryouth.org/quipbook).

# Committee News: *Advancement & Outreach*

All items from A&O submitted by Mathilda Navias (Broadmead), Committee Clerk

## An Invitation to Our Meetings and Worship Groups

Meetings and worship groups in LEYM are about to have an opportunity to spend some time with a seasoned Friend from outside the Yearly Meeting. The Advancement & Outreach Committee, which is arranging visits to meetings in LEYM, hopes that these opportunities will help build community, nurture individuals and groups, and expose Friends to the wider world of Quakers.

Mary Ann Downey, from Atlanta, Georgia, will be traveling and visiting in the eastern part of our yearly meeting April 18 - 28, and in the western part October 17 - 26. The arrangements are being made through FGC's Traveling Ministries Program. Mary Ann will be accompanied by a traveling companion, as is usual.



Visits could consist of a gathering of one or more meetings with a potluck meal, worship, and time for sharing. A&O will work out the logistics of Mary Ann's travel itinerary so that as many groups can be visited as possible. The Yearly Meeting has budgeted money for travel expenses, so there is no charge to meetings. Groups are asked to provide overnight hospitality, meals, and possibly a ride to the next meeting.

Meetings in the Ohio/Pennsylvania/West Virginia area: Please discuss this opportunity and let me know:

- Would your meeting or worship group like a visit?
- Of the dates available (April 18-28), are there some that would not work for you?
- Are there other meetings or worship groups in your area that could meet together?
- Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions ([galaxy@woh.rr.com](mailto:galaxy@woh.rr.com)).

Mary Ann Downey is a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting, where she serves as clerk of their Ministry & Nurture Committee. She grew up in Asheville, North Carolina as a Southern Baptist, but began working with Quaker groups in college on civil rights and war protests. She has served on executive committees for both AFSC and FGC. She has worked with families on welfare, and as a therapist with emotionally disturbed children. Current work involves designing and teaching courses on the Quaker decision process to Quaker and non-Quaker groups as director of Decision Bridges.

We are excited that Mary Ann has agreed to visit throughout LEYM. A number of LEYM Friends have met Mary Ann in the past year, when she served as resource person for Ann Arbor's retreat and facilitated the Consultation for members of Ministry and Nurture committees in November. She brings a listening ear and a sensitivity to the movement of the Spirit. She is also just a delightful person.

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## Upcoming FGC-Related Events

(from lists compiled separately by Merry Stanford and Mathilda Navias)

- ◆ **Building and Holding Safe Spaces for Quaker Youth**, February 8-10, Pendle Hill. See [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org) for more information.
- ◆ **No Longer Strangers: A Conference for Friends of Color and Their Families**, April 25-27, Colombiere Conference Center, Clarkston, Michigan (near Detroit); sponsored by FGC Committee for Ministry on Racism. See [vanessaj@fgcquaker.org](mailto:vanessaj@fgcquaker.org)
- ◆ **Young Adult Friends Conference**, Memorial Day Weekend (May 23-26), Earlham College. See [www.fgcquaker.org/qy](http://www.fgcquaker.org/qy) or [www.Quakeryouth.org](http://www.Quakeryouth.org)
- ◆ **FGC Gathering** (see page 16)
- ◆ **Out of the Living Silence: A Dynamic Conference for Religious Educators, Parents, and Other Adults**, August 14-17, Bradford Woods, Indiana (near Indianapolis). See [www.fgcquaker.org/religious-ed](http://www.fgcquaker.org/religious-ed)

## Committee News: *Advancement & Outreach*, continued

### Strengthening Our Meetings: The Inreach-Outreach Workshop

What can a Friends meeting do to become stronger, more visible, more open, and more welcoming to those hungry for what Quakerism has to offer? This question has as much to do with “inreach” — strengthening the meeting community — as it does with “outreach” — our message and witness to the world. If visitors to our meetings find spiritual nourishment and a loving community, they will surely want to come again.

The FGC Advancement & Outreach Committee has developed a one-day informational workshop on meeting growth. A trained facilitator can come to your meeting.

**Time:** The workshop consists of three segments of about 90 minutes each. These may be spread over a morning and afternoon, or an afternoon and evening, with breaks in between.

**Participants:** About 20 people from the same meeting is ideal. The workshop can also be offered to two or three small meetings.

**Content:**

1. Introduction: General perspectives on meeting growth.
2. Inreach/Outreach Review: Structured sharing of ideas and experiences in the areas of communication, outreach, vitality, community, and visibility.
3. Putting Together an Advancement Plan: Breakout into meeting groups to focus on first steps tailored to local needs and resources.

**Cost:** There is no charge for this program. Home hospitality and assistance with travel as needed would be greatly appreciated.

At least three meetings in LEYM have had an Inreach/Outreach Workshop (Akron, Athens, and Broadmead), and all report positively on the experience. LEYM's Advancement & Outreach Committee encourages other LEYM meetings to consider holding one, perhaps as the focus of a meeting retreat (or even as an excuse for a meeting retreat).

For more information, contact:

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Ministries Program  
515 277-2189 (day); [deborahf@fgcquaker.org](mailto:deborahf@fgcquaker.org)

### News from QuakerBooks: Study Groups

Many Quaker meetings organize a study group or a reading group. Michael Gibson, FGC's Religious Education Coordinator, has written an excellent introduction on how to set up one of these and how to make it an especially Quaker event. It's posted on QuakerBooks' website at [www.quakerbooks.org/book\\_groups/friendly\\_adult\\_book\\_groups.php](http://www.quakerbooks.org/book_groups/friendly_adult_book_groups.php).

Also on this page is a list of suggested books and pamphlets. Note that you can order multiple copies of them through QuakerBooks and get a 20% study group discount. If ordering online, just add a note in the comment field that they are for a study group. (Minimum order of five copies per title, please.) You can call QuakerBooks and the staff will happily take time to suggest titles on topics which would interest your meeting.

Charles Martin has written an article on the very successful San Francisco Reading Group, posted at [www.quakerbooks.org/book\\_groups/meeting\\_reading\\_groups.php](http://www.quakerbooks.org/book_groups/meeting_reading_groups.php). Also, Lucy Duncan explains how Intergenerational Book Groups can work and suggests some reading materials, posted at [www.quakerbooks.org/book\\_groups/intergenerational\\_book\\_groups.php](http://www.quakerbooks.org/book_groups/intergenerational_book_groups.php).

If you want to examine these items in your meeting, you can organize an FGC Book Table and get some of their books on consignment to sell with a small commission for the meeting. Information is posted at [www.quakerbooks.org/book\\_groups/meeting\\_reading\\_groups.php](http://www.quakerbooks.org/book_groups/meeting_reading_groups.php).

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#### LEYM Database

Mathilda Navias, clerk of Advancement & Outreach, maintains the LEYM Database. LEYM committees and officers who want to communicate with meetings can get a mailing list or e-mail addresses from her. Please send changes of contact information (especially for meetings and worship groups, LEYM officers, and committee members) to Mathilda at [galaxy@woh.rr.com](mailto:galaxy@woh.rr.com).

# Committee News: *Earthcare*

## Report on Committee Meeting on December 9, 2007

All members of the Committee attended the meeting at the home of Judy Greenberg in Toledo: Bill Bliss (Ann Arbor), Alan Connor (Ann Arbor), Judy Greenberg (Broadmead), Dick Hogan (Athens), Margaret Kanost (Birmingham), Helen Söderberg (Red Cedar), Ann Sprague (Detroit), and co-clerks Phil Clampitt (Birmingham) and Jim Crowfoot (Ann Arbor) were joined by Karen Vigmostad (Detroit).

On gathering we worshiped together before discussing and deciding to plan the following offerings for the upcoming 2008 LEYM Annual Meeting:

- 1) Workshop;
- 2) Pre-Meeting gathering time in Bluffton Nature Preserve for worship and observation;
- 3) Evening post-program documentary films; and
- 4) Literature table.

We also took time to discuss ideas about how to carry out the Committee's commitment to help the Yearly Meeting facilitate ride sharing to assist attendees needing rides and to achieve energy conservation for people attending the Annual Meeting. A proposal for how to implement such ride sharing will be prepared for the February 29 Executive Committee Meeting along with further information about the Committee's workshop and other offerings for the Yearly Meeting.

After a wonderful lunch hosted by Judy and Bill Greenberg and contributed to by many of us, individuals reported on their own activities with potential relevance for this Committee. Al and Bill, who

attended the fall Quaker Earthcare Witness meeting in Vermont, reported on different parts of this three-day gathering. Dick, based on his own ongoing leadership and the work of local individuals cooperating with him, described the current activities and short term plans of the Greenfire Project located near Athens, Ohio.

Al, Karen, and others briefed the Committee on important legislation with relevance to Earthcare. This led to a decision and plans by this Committee to seek further information on relevant state and federal level environmental legislation for discussion by the Committee and potential recommendations to LEYM for their discernment on possible actions.

The Committee's last newsletter directed to monthly meetings was distributed prior to the 2007 LEYM gathering. At this meeting a decision was taken and plans were made to initiate the next edition of the Committee's newsletter.

Before closing with worship, the Committee confirmed individual and subgroup work assignments in preparation for a telephone conference call Committee meeting at 10 AM on Saturday, February 16, 2008. Prior to this upcoming meeting an agenda and related materials will be distributed. Margaret will distribute minutes of the December 9 meeting early in 2008.

Jim Crowfoot (Ann Arbor),  
Co-Clerk, Earthcare Committee

**Washington Quaker Workcamps**, a program of William Penn House, **seeks a Workcamps Coordinator**, effective immediately. The position is full time and permanent. The Coordinator plans and leads about 40 Workcamps each year, in Washington, in New Orleans, and in distressed hamlets of West Virginia. Many Workcamps last an entire week; some are for a weekend. Participants include adults and upper and middle school students from a broad spectrum of faiths and traditions.

Responsibilities include supervision of WQW's programs and activities, fund raising, budget management, marketing, and supervising interns. A candidate should have experience in youth education or youth development, familiarity with construction and home repair work, a strong commitment to social justice and Quaker social testimonies, familiarity with computer applications, and a college degree or equivalent experience. To apply, send résumé, cover letter, and three references to: Byron Sandford, Executive Director, at [byron@williampennhouse.org](mailto:byron@williampennhouse.org).

## Reports from LEYM Representatives

### FWCC Triennial in Dublin

by Raelyn Joyce

King's Hospital School in Dublin, the site of the Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC) Triennial held last August, is an Anglican secondary boarding school with expansive grounds. It gave me my first glimpse of the green, misty Ireland that tourists love to mention. Indeed, the weather is variable: rain and sunshine can alternate as easily and as fast as one can drink a cup of tea. The lawns were lush and green and the formal garden behind the school overflowed with flowering plants and bushes.

Irish Friends offered hospitality at every turn and worked hard to prepare for our coming. The stage at the gym where plenary sessions were held was lined with flowering plants. On the first day welcoming Irish harp music and brisk, colorful Irish dances entertained us. A large "welcome room" with an endless supply of tea, a Ping-Pong table, puzzles, games, newspapers, and comfortable lounging chairs served as a welcoming informal place to talk, read, or just rest. When the weather turned cold, our hosts were ready with sweaters and jackets to loan or give to Friends from warmer climes.

The variety of strands of Quakerism and of nationalities and cultures represented among the 308 Friends who attended the Triennial impressed me. Early on, I tried to sit with a different Friend during each meal and started to check off the name of each new person I met on a pamphlet I had brought from home, which listed FWCC representatives and their yearly meetings. Having this list turned out to be very useful, as we did not get a list of participants until the end of the conference. With a record of the different countries represented, I quickly realized what an international conference it truly was!

Some of the names I checked off: Seth Okanga from Kenya, Peter Tor from Nigeria, Augustine Simparinka from Rwanda, Neil and Barbara Mountier from New Zealand, Dilawar Chetsingh from India, Sachiko Yamamoto from Japan, Aoife Fitzgerald from Ireland, Julia Ryberg from Denmark, Julian Stargardt from Hong Kong, Bong Soo Kwag from South Korea, and Lydia Tabingo from the Philippines (my home country, which I left 45 years ago and which now has over 800 evangelical Friends). Elizabeth Amagoie, from Kenya, told me that this was her second Triennial, and what she enjoyed the most was the way people get along and are good to each other despite their differences. When I asked her what she missed, she mentioned the dancing and singing that are part of worship in her Friends church.

Worship – unprogrammed, programmed, and blends of the two – was at the heart of this FWCC gathering. African Friends shared their love for music and rhythm, often enriching our worship with their songs and chants. The speakers, Doreen Dowd from Ireland Yearly Meeting, Marion McNaughton and Lizz Roe from Britain Yearly Meeting, Stephen Wamboka from Uganda Yearly Meeting, Bill Medlin from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Ken Comfort from Northwest Yearly Meeting, and Maria Yi Reyna from Cuba Yearly Meeting, elaborated on the theme: "Finding the Prophetic Voice for Our Time."

The speakers reminded us that "prophetic" does not mean having the ability to foretell the future but means "being inspired by God" (Dowd). In the Hebrew tradition, the prophet's task is "to stand in the presence of God, hear God's pain and love for the world and transmit it to God's people" (McNaughton). We heard the prophetic voice of British Friend Lizz Roe, who, in the last 25 years, has tried to reduce her carbon footprint: she does not drive a car, eats vegetarian, lives close to work, avoids air travel, and recycles 99% of her rubbish. She beseeched us to heed God's will for creation and to start living a sustainable life.

Among my favorite experiences was meeting with my worship group of 12 Friends from about ten countries, which met daily, helping us to become better acquainted and to share at a deeper level with each other. I also belonged to one of several working groups on issues such as environment and sustainability (my group), civil liberties and human rights, and outreach and growth, in which Friends expressed and discussed concerns and prepared a report for consideration by the entire body at one of many business meetings held during the Triennial.

One action taken at the Triennial was the change from triennial meetings to plenary meetings up to five years apart. Therefore, instead of a Triennial gathering in 2010, there will be a World Conference in 2012, which will bring together about 1000 Friends in Nairobi, Kenya.

I thank Lake Erie Yearly Meeting for sending me as representative to my first FWCC Triennial. My experience of Quakerism has deepened and expanded to include Quakers in 42 countries with whom I sat, talked, ate, drank tea, sang, danced, and worshiped during that wonderful week at King's Hospital School in Dublin last August.

## Reports from LEYM Representatives

### FGC Central Committee by Merry Stanford

Many Friends are pleasantly familiar with the FGC Gathering, but may not be so familiar with the broader business of Friends General Conference. I've included some background in this article to ground your understanding of the business that was conducted at FGC Central Committee in October 2007.

#### Background:

Friends General Conference is a Quaker organization in the unprogrammed tradition of the Religious Society of Friends which primarily serves affiliated yearly and monthly meetings, such as Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. The Central Committee (approximately 175 Friends) consists of Friends appointed by the affiliated yearly meetings, plus others co-opted by action of Central Committee or those invited to participate as ex-officio members or observers. The Central Committee is the governing body of Friends General Conference and requests a number of representatives from each affiliated yearly meeting based on the YM membership. LEYM has four appointed representatives to FGC Central Committee: Merry Stanford (Red Cedar), Fred Feitler (Kent), Valerie Groszmann (Kalamazoo), and Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead).

#### Purpose and Goals of FGC:

Since 1995, FGC's Minute of Purpose has supported the following experience of Friends:

- ◆ Faith is based on the direct experience of God.
- ◆ Our lives witness to this experience individually and corporately.
- ◆ By answering that of God in everyone, we build and sustain inclusive community.

Friends General Conference provides resources and opportunities that educate and invite members and attenders to experience, individually and corporately, God's living presence, and to discern and follow God's leadings. The major goals of FGC are to:

1. Provide and help its affiliated yearly and monthly meetings to offer opportunities for worship and spiritual nurture....
2. Nurture the small and isolated monthly meetings and worship groups, particularly in areas where little support is available.
3. Build and sustain an extended, loving community of Friends ... which embraces and respects great diversity but which is nevertheless based on the experience of unity in God's spirit.

4. Articulate, communicate, and model core experiences, values, and principles of Friends, such as the direct experience of God, the miracle of the gathered meeting, the meeting for worship for business, the balancing of individual leadings with corporate discernment, and the call to live and witness to our faith.

#### Major Business of Central Committee 2007:

The conduct of business of FGC-CC was well grounded in Spirit, as well as in its principles and goals. The valuable work and presence of Young Adult Friends was very much in evidence. There follows below information on the bits of business that will be most pertinent to most Friends.

**2008 Gathering of Friends:** The theme for this year, "Courageously Faithful," marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr's FGC Address. The logo for this theme [see page 16] was designed by Winkie Covintree, art teacher at Friends School in Detroit, and the co-clerks for the Gathering are our own Marvin and Ellen Barnes. The '08 Gathering Evening Sub-committee seeks Friends who attended the 1958 Gathering and heard Martin Luther King speak, and is particularly interested in hearing how his talk impacted their lives. If you or someone you know fits this picture, please contact Penelope Wright ([pennywright@earthlink.net](mailto:pennywright@earthlink.net)) as soon as possible.

**Stoking the Spiritual Fire of Quakerism Campaign:** A major piece of business is the current campaign to raise funds to expand and sustain programs, facilities, and endowments. Last year Central Committee approved a four-year \$7.25 million campaign to support current and new programs:

- \$2 million will be directed toward creating new and expanded programs in youth ministries, building a racially inclusive Religious Society of Friends, and helping seekers find Quakerism.
- \$2 million will be used to sustain current programs and services (Traveling Ministries, Religious Education, Annual Gathering, Quaker Press and QuakerBooks of FGC, Ministry and Nurture, Christian and Interfaith Relations, and Friends Meeting House Fund.)
- \$1 million will be placed in a limited-term endowment to provide financial aid to help families, teens, and young adults attend the Gathering.

## FGC Central Committee, *continued*

- \$500,000 will go to renovations of the FGC offices.
- \$1.2 million will go into two years of the Annual Fund as unrestricted funds.
- \$550,000 will go toward campaign expenses.

The Committee heard the fantastic report that in the first ten months of the campaign (the Quiet Phase), FGC has received more than \$2.3 million in commitments toward the goal, with 100% participation from the Campaign Steering Committee, FGC staff, and FGC Executive Committee. A group of young adult friends is offering an \$8500 challenge to encourage financial contributions from other Young Adult Friends up to 35 years old. Whatever young adult Friends provide will be automatically doubled.

The Campaign Steering Committee has approached this task with grace, good humor, and willingness to accept any and all donations with gratitude, regardless of their size. It has also identified many options for spreading a pledge over time. When the time comes, please consider donating generously to help stoke the spiritual fires of our faith community.

**Quaker Quest:** The Advancement and Outreach (A&O) Committee of FGC has made a commitment to spread the word about Quaker Quest, a new form of outreach which for the past five years has been bringing seekers to meetings all over England. Quaker Quest is based on the idea that Quakerism is a spiritual path for our time, and is simple, radical, and contemporary. The point person for Quaker Quest in the U.S. is Elaine Crauderueff, who can be reached at [elainec@fgcquaker.org](mailto:elainec@fgcquaker.org). For more news about the work of the A&O committee, please see the FGC website at [www.fgcquaker.org](http://www.fgcquaker.org).

**Traveling Ministries Program:** The Traveling Ministries Program (TMP) celebrates its 10th anniversary in spring of 2008. Over 290 Friends meetings and groups, as well as innumerable individuals, have received visits from the volunteers and staff of the program. This year 26 groups (from 15 states or provinces, and in 12 yearly meetings) benefited from visits from 31 Friends (from 14 states or provinces, and 10 yearly meetings.) This year the Traveling Ministries Committee (TMC), which oversees the TMP, requested a change in committee status to become a program committee, as opposed to a committee that is under the care of FGC Ministry & Nurture Committee. This request was approved.

**Yearly Meeting Visitors Program:** Last year, 16 yearly meetings were visited by 16 different visitors, among them 3 from Lake Erie Yearly Meeting. You

may remember that Beckey Phipps (NEYM) visited LEYM at our annual session last June. Endorsements received on the letters of introduction for these Friends indicated that the receiving YMs were grateful for the opportunity to develop some connections that would continue past the weekend, and that many of our FGC visitors provided a prayerful presence during the business sessions.

**Quaker Press of FGC:** There are available several new publications. *The Back Bench*, by Margaret Hope Bacon, is a novel for young people but will be enjoyed by persons of any age. It is about a 19th-century 14-year-old Quaker girl who is forced to leave her country home after her mother's death. The book weaves a poignant tale about the aftermath of the Orthodox-Hicksite split, and the work of the Female Anti-Slavery Society, Lucretia Mott, and Sarah Douglass. Quaker Press has also published the plenary talks of the 2007 Gathering. *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African-Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice*, being prepared by authors Vanessa Julye and Donna McDaniel, is expected in fall 2008. A new website has been created to spotlight this publication: <http://fitforfreedom.org>.

**Youth Ministries Committee:** This is the second year of this committee's existence. In February 2007 the YMC sponsored a conference for Young Adult Friends which drew over 100 Friends from 20 yearly meetings and four branches of Quakerism — FGC, Conservative, Friends United Meeting, and Evangelical Friends International. Based on the rich experience of that weekend, the YMC is joining with several organizations to hold another YAF conference at Earlham College on Memorial Day Weekend, 2008. In addition, the committee joined the Religious Education Committee in sponsoring a workshop for youth workers at Pendle Hill in May 2007, and will host another in May 2008. This committee is working with several others to include young people in the work of FGC. See [www.fgcquaker.org/qy](http://www.fgcquaker.org/qy) for more information about the work of this very active committee.

*Friends, when you see yourselves enjoying the peace you have now, wherever you are, praise God for everything. Because that can be taken from you in a twinkling of an eye as it happened here in Kenya. Peace is something that needs to be guarded with a lot of care from everybody in the world.*

John Muhanji, Kenyan Director of the Africa Ministries  
Office of Friends United Meeting, January 2, 2008

## Reports from LEYM Representatives

### AFSC Corporation

by Thomas Taylor

#### AFSC “Spirited Engagement” Campaign Goes Public

During the Annual Fall meeting of the American Friends Service Committee Corporation and Board of Directors, a gala reception was held on November 2 to launch the public phase of the AFSC’s campaign to solicit \$200 million over five years. The goals of the campaign are to step up AFSC’s work in the “first focus” goal areas of Peacemaking and Human Rights for Immigrants, and to help build an Endowment to secure AFSC’s ability to meet the needs of communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and in more than 40 locations across the U.S.

This was my first opportunity to attend AFSC Corporation and Board meetings in about 20 years, and I noted both similarities and differences over that time – there’s still the blizzard of paper you have to absorb before attending the meeting, but now, several of the presentations were enlivened by animated PowerPoint technology, and the committees had clearly done their work with the aid of email and conference calls. In good traditional Quaker style, each day began with worship sharing and AFSC Clerk, Paul Lacey, made sure that the business was not hurried – that all minds were clear before we moved on to the next item.

The AFSC organization appears both bigger and more focused than it did in the mid-1980s, and the process of structural change is moving forward with the aim of better planning and coordination among units (including international and domestic programs and units). A number of working groups have been looking at different aspects of these prospective changes in such areas as: Communications, Cost analysis, Diversity analysis, Evaluation, and Office functions and Job descriptions. This includes a change in the budgeting process, which previously started with a collection of income estimates and then determined how to spend them. In the new system, budgetary planning begins with estimates of a program’s spending needs.

A highlight of the meetings for me was a report on the important recent interchanges between North American religious leaders and President Ahmadi-nejad of Iran by people who have taken part: Mennonite Middle East expert Ed Martin, who was key to the initial contacts, Mary Ellen McNish

(AFSC Executive Secretary), and Joe Volk (FCNL Executive Secretary). Joe was in his usual fascinating form, letting us know about FCNL negotiations with the State Department to try to obtain visas for Iranian religious leaders to enable a return visit to the U.S. As might be expected, the requests were denied by one level of the department when the visit had been encouraged by another. The goal of these efforts is to open doors for diplomacy so as to avert military action against Iran.

Working with Youth, both within Quaker communities and without, continues to be a significant aspect of AFSC’s work. To better understand the extent of this work, a survey was made of Regional Directors and the collected data were reported to the Board to help show the ways AFSC serves young people within each of AFSC’s goals and regions. Among other things, the summary reports that 41 domestic regional programs include youth – of which 19 are youth only and 22 include youth among others. In all, about 50 domestic staff are employed in these programs. International Programs include youth in nine programs with 28 full time equivalent staff. These include programs in such areas as youth service projects, anti-gun violence, counter recruitment, LGBTQ, and criminal justice reform.

During the meetings, we were given two opportunities to see the new AFSC 18-minute informational film, named “Spirited Engagement,” just like the campaign. It gives a moving overview of the kinds of work our Friends service organization has been doing on our behalf. Featured aspects are making prostheses for people maimed in war and the Eyes Wide Open boots project that so successfully has given a human face to the ravages of the Iraq war.

**AFSC** is actively recruiting 18-26 year old Friends proficient in Spanish for the 69<sup>th</sup> year of Service Work with Indigenous Communities in Mexico. The **Mexico Summer Project** runs from June 29 to August 9 and the *application deadline is March 21*. Participants will stay in the beautiful mountains of the Sierra Norte de Puebla, working on projects helpful to their communities, eating local food, sharing stories, and learning together. The project fee is \$1350. To learn more, visit [www.afsc.org/mexicosummer.html](http://www.afsc.org/mexicosummer.html).

## Reports from LEYM Representatives

### Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) by David Lore

My brother, a retired foreign service officer, respects my anti-war position but thinks America will always have to "keep its powder dry" and be ready to take up arms against despots such as Hitler and Stalin.

Actually, that's what Quakers appear to be doing, although our chosen ammunition would be persuasion and diplomacy rather than bullets and gunpowder. There is a cultural and political war going on over our historical dependence on violence, and Friends must remain enlisted in the cause of peace even as our countrymen turn their attention from the horrors of Iraq to the electoral gamesmanship of 2008. That was the message I got from the annual meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, November 8-11, in Washington, D.C.

In the short run, said FCNL's Iraq lobbyist, Jim Fine, Friends' political efforts must focus on persuading Congress to pull the financial plug on the Iraq war and prevent the Bush administration from attacking Iran. "To help win that battle is to say we want diplomacy, diplomacy, diplomacy," Fine told nearly 300 conference attendees.

Long term, Friends must go beyond opposing specific wars, said Ruth Flower, lobbying director for FCNL. "We have to get to the point that war is unthinkable – like cannibalism and slavery."

Keynoters reinforced the theme that this is no time for Friends to go quiet. "You must lead," said Georgia Congressman John Lewis. "You must continue to get in the way, to be a headlight to point the way. Don't be silent. Speak up and speak out."

David Goldstein, of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), urged framing environmental protection in economic terms, according to a report that Laurel Fuson, who also attended the meeting, filed in the *Oberlin Review*. "According to Goldstein, big business has taken the 'just say no' approach to going green, assuming that it will cost more money when really it will turn out in its own self-interest," Laurel wrote. "Furthermore, if such firms were to compete to meet energy standards, then a wider variety of companies would participate."

But speech making is only a small part of the program at FCNL's annual meeting. We worshiped together and attended workshops on effective

lobbying, letter writing and media relations, working with other faith groups, and raising the profile of the peace issue in the upcoming campaigns.

As monthly meetings, we will in early 2008 take up many of these issues when FCNL asks us to consider and comment on its lobbying priorities for 2009-10. And LEYM Friends, along with other Friends nationwide, are being asked to question the candidates in 2008 on their positions regarding Iraq, Iran, global warming, immigration, torture, and the development of new nuclear weapons.

FCNL also hopes to have its "War Is Not The Answer" banner at every possible political rally as well as at the national political party conventions. So far, it was noted, no major candidate from either party has endorsed the entire slate of FCNL positions in regard to Iraq and Iran. Yet the organization's position closely mirrors that of the bipartisan "Baker-Hamilton" Iraq Study Group report.

Finally, there was a call for Friends to continue to provide financial support to the organization. FCNL is tapping into its reserves to cover operating expenses for its 40-person staff, which includes 16 lobbyists on the Hill. The reserves are being spent as part of prudent fiscal management to get the reserves down into the range considered wise. In any case, this level of spending is considered necessary to maintain a strong Quaker voice in both Congress and in our home communities.

To learn more about this wonderful organization, please go to [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org).

**Cathi Deyo**, of Grand Rapids Meeting, traveled to the West Bank for the Palestinian olive harvest with a delegation co-sponsored by AFSC and Inter-Faith Peace Builders in October and November. She reports that being a witness to the "facts on the ground" was a life-changing experience. Cathi is eager to give presentations sharing what she learned there. Ongoing reports on the trip can be read on her blog: contact Cathi directly for viewing instructions ([catherine.deyo@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.deyo@gmail.com)).

# Working for Peace and Justice

## Richard Taylor

*The Fall 2007 Bulletin included an article by Richard Taylor — one of several Oberlin Friends who have written about being conscientious objectors during World War II — describing his experiences up to and including the War. His story resumes below, starting in the years immediately after the war.*

In June 1946, the Selective Service released me from my duties at Eastern State Hospital. I had discussed with Sadie White our plan to come to the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana, where she was hired as a research assistant in the Nutrition Laboratory. My relationship with her goes back to our student days at Guilford College. We were married in the manner of Friends at Bethel Meeting near Franklin, Virginia in September 1946. I completed my BA at the University of Illinois in 1947, MA in 1948, and PhD in Political Science in 1950, just after our son Peter was born on Sadie's birthday. My first position was for two years at the University of Minnesota, starting an academic career of 50 years with a specialty in political theory. Major positions were 10 years at Coe College and 26 years at Kent State University in Ohio. The family also includes Karla, Mark, and Stephen.

While at Coe I took a year-long sabbatical with the Friends Committee on National Legislation to work with Congress to stabilize the finances of the United Nations. The night before I arrived in Washington, Medgar Evers was assassinated. That day I was to be introduced to the staff of the FCNL. Ed Snyder introduced me with the wise suggestion that I might also do some civil rights work. Indeed that was my major work for the year, a year of great events: the first nuclear weapons limitation treaty, President Kennedy's death, and the first serious civil rights act. For me there was no work on UN financing; my major job was lobbying for civil rights, which involved lobbying in Washington and traveling to Indiana, Iowa, and Nebraska to help the various churches to express their views on this subject so that the lobbying would be effective. I often wonder if lobbying isn't also helped through the bad behavior of the opposition.

Another stimulating occasion in my academic career came when Kent State University sent both Sadie and me on an exchange with a faculty member of Karl Marx University, Leipzig, Democratic Republic of Germany, during the exciting fall semester of 1990. During our stay in Leipzig, the interim government of East Germany fell, the state government of Saxony was reestablished, an election was held in December in all of Germany, and the two Germanys

were reunited. A symbol of what transpired appeared in the neighborhood in which we lived, where a dozen workers were trying to finish a sidewalk perhaps 20 meters long. They had started before we arrived in late September, and they had not finished when we left in mid-December. There was no repair; and all around us, in a period of about three months, vast political changes ensued that formally recognized the real meaning of the fall of the Wall between the two Germanys. In Leipzig, Sadie and I carefully interviewed many important people, who told us how they felt. Several members of my academic department joined me in publishing an article probing these feelings.

I should note that the reason for my move to Kent State University was to create the doctoral program in the Political Science Department. There Sadie also got her doctoral degree in biochemistry and taught for a few years before age required her retirement. Unfortunately, I do not have space to relate our activities as members of the Society of Friends, except to say that I was clerk of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting in 1987-89, during which time I was also a member of Kent Friends Meeting. Sadie and I are now members of Oberlin Friends Meeting, and live at Kendal at Oberlin, a good continuing care community.

### DEATHS

**Barbara Neal**, a member of Ann Arbor Meeting, died on October 17 in Minneapolis, age 86. A memorial meeting was held at Twin Cities Meeting, St. Paul, on November 17. At Ann Arbor Barbara was particularly active on the Religious Education Committee and served as Meeting Clerk in 1983-84. She also clerked the LEYM Youth and Children Program for several years, the Board of Friends School in Detroit (1973-76), and the Executive Committee of the Dayton Regional Office of AFSC.

**Lurline Squire**, one of the founding members of Monongalia Meeting, died on November 1 at her home in Decatur, Georgia. A service was held for both Lurline and her husband, Bill, on November 4 in Morgantown.

## LEYM Change of Address

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March 1  
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## Calendar

### LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

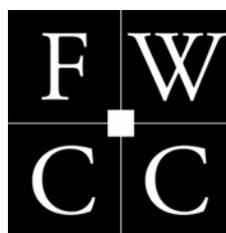
- ◆ MARCH 1, 2008 REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, COLUMBUS, OHIO
  - ◆ MARCH 15 DUE DATE FOR **SPRING BULLETIN**
  - ◆ MAY 15 DUE DATE FOR **STATISTICAL REPORTS**
  - ◆ MAY 31 DUE DATE FOR **STATE OF THE MEETING REPORTS**
  - ◆ JUNE 12-15\* **ANNUAL MEETING**, BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY, BLUFFTON, OHIO
- \* ORIGINALLY SET FOR JUNE 19-22, BUT RESCHEDULED BY THE CLERKS AND ARRANGEMENTS & SITE COMMITTEE AFTER LEARNING OF A CONFLICT AT BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY THAT WEEKEND

### GREEN PASTURES QUARTERLY MEETING

- ◆ FEBRUARY 2 MID-WINTER GATHERING ANN ARBOR MEETING
- ◆ MAY 17 SPRING GATHERING MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER (NEAR CHELSEA)

### FLGBTQC

- ◆ FEBRUARY 15-18 MID-WINTER GATHERING MAPLE LAKE, MINNESOTA (NEAR THE TWIN CITIES)



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### FWCC Directory of Meetings and Churches Online

A searchable online database of Friends meetings and churches in the U.S. and Canada is now available on the FWCC website. Find it from [www.fwccamericas.org](http://www.fwccamericas.org) or by going directly to [www.fwccdirectory.org](http://www.fwccdirectory.org).

**Register Now for the 2008 Annual Meeting in Indiana**  
Hosted by Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting at Waycross Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in Morgantown, Indiana (Brown County), April 3-6. Open to all. This year all Latin American yearly meetings are invited to send a representative to the Annual Meeting. The keynote speaker is Rachel Stacy of Baltimore YM. For information on how to register, and to register online, visit [www.fwccamericas.org/events/08\\_annual\\_meeting.shtml](http://www.fwccamericas.org/events/08_annual_meeting.shtml) or phone 215 241-7250.

### QUONO Internship Applications Open

The Quaker United Nations Office in New York invites applications for its 2008-09 internship program, which provides an opportunity for college graduates — or candidates with equivalent experience — who have an interest in international affairs and a commitment to Friends' principles, to work at the UN. Program Assistants work closely with permanent staff. Further information and applications are available online at [www.quono.org](http://www.quono.org) or may be requested by contacting the office: 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017. Deadline for submission of applications and references is February 8, 2008.

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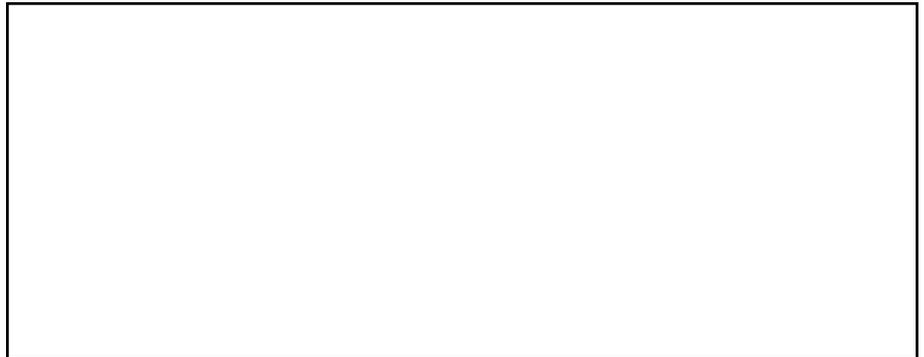


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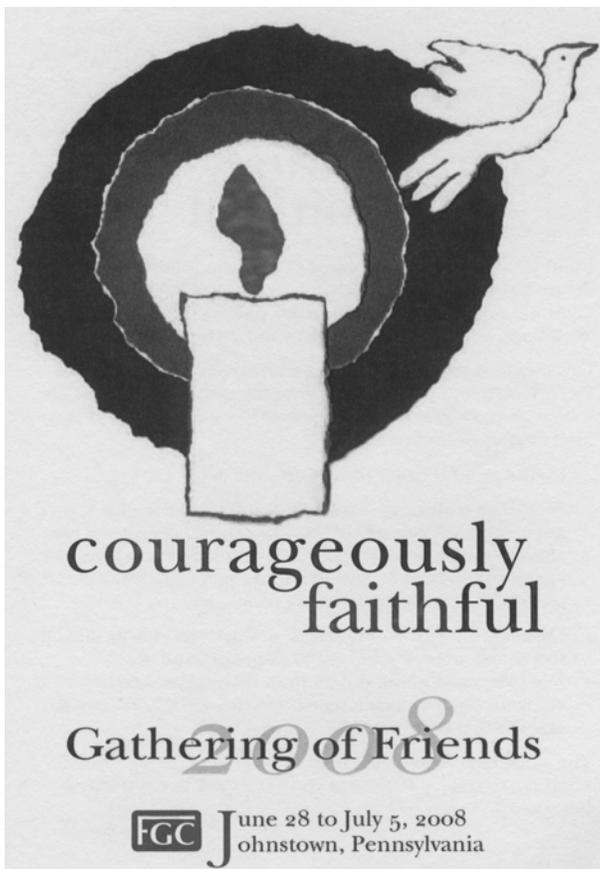
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