

The Seed

Clerk's Message, by Peggy Daub



LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

Bulletin

Give over thine own willing, give over thine own running, give over thine own desiring to know or be anything, and sink down to the seed which God sows in thy heart and let that be in thee, and grow in thee, and breathe in thee, and act in thee, and thou shalt find by sweet experience that the Lord knows that and owns that.

Isaac Penington (1617-1679)

I believe that that's what Friends do. We sow seeds of hope. In this time of despair and great turning I feel that Friends have a message that is important to share: what it means to find that of God in everyone and everything, to respond and act in love is the first motion, and to open ourselves to being guided by the spirit within.

Catherine Whitmire, 2007

The image of a seed is a universal symbol with multiple meanings. My home meeting, Ann Arbor, has just begun the celebration of its 75th anniversary at the beginning of 2011, and we have chosen the motto "Rejoice and Renew," accompanied by a logo of a seed with roots growing into the ground in one direction and a stem with several leaves shooting up into the air in the other. Underneath are the words "Remember the Seed."



It is a powerful image that manages to encompass both our past and our future—with the roots below the seed symbolizing our forebears, their courage and strength serving both to nourish and to root the plant firmly

in the earth. The growth above ground, with fully open leaves alongside a new sprout, symbolizes our present and future—a time of current vitality and hoped-for growth into the future.

The saying "Remember the Seed" is meant to evoke Seed in the way that early Friends used it, as in the quote from Isaac Penington above and sayings from George Fox such as: "Therefore dwell in love and life, and in the Power and Seed of God." Seed here symbolizes God, the Holy Spirit, the "I Am" which is so hard to put into words. For me, the concept of the Holy has so often been put into human-shaped words that it is refreshing to use a word signifying something not human—a seed—to mean the holiness within people.

Sometimes a seed is the symbol of hope. Just like any young life (think babies and puppies), it embodies endless potential.

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The quotation from contemporary Quaker author Catherine Whitmire (top of page 1) shows this usage. The seed as an emblem of something that can grow, given the right nourishment, supports the idea that one can work for what is right without the expectation that one will see the world made right. If you are in the middle of a mighty struggle, it is immensely encouraging to think about your efforts as being part of the nourishing process toward a good solution. Some problems are too large to be solved in a generation, but progress can still be made by planting a seed and giving it nourishment in hope that it will grow.

One of the most notable uses of the seed image in Quaker writing, John Woolman's exhortation to be careful of the material goods we own, has quite a different tone:

Oh! That we who declare against wars, and acknowledge our trust to be in God only, may walk in the light, and therein examine our foundation and motives in holding great estates! May we look upon our treasures, and the furniture of our houses, and the garments in which we array ourselves, and try whether the seeds of war have nourishment in these our possessions, or not.

A few weeks ago in Meeting for Worship, I was given a message about this statement. In thinking about other meanings of the Seed within, the holiness within us, I wondered aloud if that statement could perhaps be turned around to urge us to test whether the seeds of peace, of goodness, and of the Kingdom of God are in us, and perhaps in our treasures too.

Can we tell if the seeds within us, our meetings, and our yearly meeting are seeds of peace or seeds of war? As those seeds grow, flower, and, finally, bear fruit, the answer will be given.

Peggy Daub, Clerk

SAVE the DATE!

July 28-31 is the date of the 2011 **Annual Meeting of LEYM**, and we will meet again at Bluffton University in Bluffton, Ohio.

The Program Theme for this year is *Mindful Consumption as Spiritual Practice*. We will consider the many ways in which we consume food, energy, time, thoughts, emotions, books, resources, and entertainment. What is our *Soul Food*? How do we choose to nourish our bodies and minds?

Morning and afternoon sessions will be held for meetings for worship with attention to business, while children and youth consider their own ways to feed their souls as they play, learn, and worship together.

Adult Young Friends' activities, a plenary address, workshops, Bible study, worship sharing, conversation, relaxation, introspection, the bookstore, fellowship, and fun are woven throughout the weekend.

Mark your calendars and join Friends from Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania as well as visitors from many Quaker organizations and other yearly meetings.

More details will appear in the spring *Bulletin*.

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The **LEYM Spring High School Teen Retreat** is scheduled at Olney Friends School in Barnesville, Ohio, starting on Friday, March 25, at 4:00 and concluding Monday, March 28, at noon. To learn more, contact the Teen Retreat Coordinator, Cari Burke, at cariupnorth@gmail.com.

Representative Meeting

April 2, 2011 at Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

Information and Registration

The 2011 LEYM Representative Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2, at Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104. *See driving directions on back.*

A **light breakfast and lunch** will be offered for a contribution of **\$10 per person** (more if you can; less if you can't).

Child care will be provided for those who request it by March 8 (see registration form, right).

Schedule for Saturday, April 2:	
Registration & simple breakfast.....	8:30 AM
Meeting for worship.....	9:00 AM
Greeting & Announcements.....	9:45 AM
Committee meetings	10:00 AM
Lunch	12:15 PM
Meeting for business	1:15 PM
Adjournment by	4:30 PM

Friends are invited to stay for worship with Ann Arbor Friends on Sunday at 9:00 or 11:00

A meeting of the **Executive Committee** (Yearly Meeting officers and committee clerks) will be held on **Friday evening, April 1**, at the Ann Arbor Friends Meeting, starting at 7:00. Supper will be provided for Executive Committee members and their traveling companions at 6:00; suggested offering \$5.

On Saturday evening the St Petersburg Philharmonic will perform on campus at 8:00: Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto #2. On Wednesday through Saturday evening an all male cast is presenting Shakespeare's *Richard III* and *Comedy of Errors* in repertory, also on campus. Tickets for both may be purchased through the University Musical Society: 734 764-2538 or www.ums.org. For a schedule of other events in town or on campus, visit www.arborweb.com or www.umich.edu.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

(To be received by **Tuesday, March 8, 2011**)

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Meeting or Worship Group: _____

Number of persons for **Saturday lunch** _____

Number of persons for **Friday supper** _____

Vegetarians (#) ____; Omnivores (#) ____

Please arrange **childcare** for the following:

Name _____ age _____

Name _____ age _____

Name _____ age _____

Overnight Accommodation

I (we) will make our own arrangements _____

I (we) need information about area hotels/motels ____

I (we) need hospitality with Friends on:

Friday, April 1 (# people) _____

Saturday, April 2 (# people) _____

Please email or post this information to:

Steve Morehouse
10144 Stinchfield Woods Rd.
Pinckney, MI 48169
ley2011repmeet@aol.com
(734) 426-2522

Registration Fee: \$10 (or as able), which includes Saturday breakfast and lunch. Payment may be made on the day of the event. Make checks payable to "Ann Arbor Friends Meeting."

**Getting to Ann Arbor
Friends Meetinghouse
1420 Hill St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

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LEFT UNPROGRAMMED*

(BACK OF REGISTRATION FORM)

Hill Street skirts the southern edge of the University of Michigan campus. The Meetinghouse is in the 2nd block west of Washtenaw (a major street from U.S. 23). For driving directions from all points of the compass, see “Map and Directions” on the Meeting website: www.annarborfriends.org/map.shtml.

There is limited parking off the alley behind the Meetinghouse. Otherwise there is parking on *one* side of the streets surrounding the Meetinghouse to the east (Lincoln), south (Cambridge), and west (Olivia). There is no parking on Hill Street except on Sunday. There is a parking garage on South Forest, about three blocks west and north of the Meetinghouse.

Ann Arbor is accessible by Amtrak and Greyhound Bus Line.

Representative Meeting in Ann Arbor, Saturday, April 2

Please make plans now to attend the LEYM Representative Meeting at the Ann Arbor Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday, April 2. I would also appreciate your help in making sure everyone in your monthly meeting knows that they are invited to this event. For anyone who has not come to Annual Meeting, in Bluffton, Representative Meeting could be a good way to learn more about the Yearly Meeting. The day features meeting for worship and committee meetings (most of which welcome visitors) in the morning, and a meeting for worship for business in the afternoon. There is also time for good fellowship and meeting new f/Friends.

This year Ann Arbor Meeting is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and we hope to share with you some of the fun and fellowship that marked our opening celebration by teaching you a song composed for the occasion by Paul Tinkerhess. Friends from Ann Arbor Meeting will provide overnight hospitality for the weekend. (*See the Registration Form on page 3.*)

Peggy Daub, Clerk

Want to Get Your LEYM News Fast?

You can get automatic notification by email whenever there is a news item posted to the LEYM website by following these instructions:

- ◆ Go to the LEYM website (*leym.quaker.org*).
- ◆ Click on “LEYM News” in the column on the left.
- ◆ In the left column on the News page, look for “Get LEYM News Updates via Email,” then enter your email address and click the “Submit” button.
- ◆ You will receive an email message from “Feed My Inbox” (the name of the service that provides the updates). Click within the email on “Confirm Subscription” and you are done.

Typical news items on the LEYM website include a notice when a new *Bulletin* is posted, details on upcoming youth retreats and Spiritual Formation events, notices of job opportunities, and events sponsored by other Quaker organizations.

Watch for a Draft *LEYM Policies and Procedures*, New Edition

For over a year, an *ad hoc* committee whose members are Rosemary Coffey, Jeff Cooper, Joe Mills, and Mathilda Navias has been at work drafting a new edition of our *Policies and Procedures*. This edition is not only updated to reflect current practice, but also completely reorganized to facilitate answering questions about how LEYM conducts business. The committee expects to send a pdf file of the draft, along with comments about the revision, to meetings and worship groups before the end of February; the draft will also be posted on our website. Please take time to look at it and bring questions and suggestions to Representative Meeting, where we will consider this new edition in business meeting. Questions can also be addressed to the clerk of the *ad hoc* committee, Jeff Cooper (*cooperdaub@hotmail.com*).



Report from the FCNL Annual Meeting November 11-14, 2010

By Nancy Taylor, LEYM Representative

FCNL has the largest team of registered peace lobbyists in Washington, DC. The organization’s multi-issue advocacy connects historic Quaker testimonies on peace, equality, simplicity, and truth with peace & justice issues which the U.S. government is or should be addressing.

At the FCNL Annual Meeting the staff early on addressed the question: “What do the 2010 elections mean for FCNL’s program in 2011?” – and they specifically looked at health care, the New Start Treaty, Native Americans, and the so-called War on Terror. Individual Worship Sharing Groups and workshops considered the new Statement of FCNL’s Legislative Priorities. (Remember that we all contributed to that when we met within our own Meetings to consider what our priorities are – then sent the results of our discussions to FCNL.) And on Saturday we could choose from six workshops that taught us new skills in lobbying, or helped us improve often-used skills. We had the opportunity to meet and hear from the six interns (Program Legislative Assistants). And in the evening we heard from Joe Volk, Executive Secretary, speaking on “Building Sustainable Public Policy.” Then we had the opportunity to say farewell to Joe and thank him for 20 years of outstanding leadership; he will retire on March 1, 2011. Diane Randall was introduced to us as the candidate for the position, and by the end of our meeting, she had been confirmed as the new Executive Secretary.

On Monday, November 15, Max Heirich, Thomas Taylor and I attended a morning workshop on lobbying, then went to our Senators’ offices to lobby for ratification of the New Start Treaty during the lame duck session in Congress. We first met with Amit Kalra, Legislative Aide for Debbie Stabenow, for half an hour; he agreed that the ratification must happen as soon as possible and promised to convey our message. He noted that Carey & Lugar are leading the effort to pass this legislation. He also told us

that the best way to communicate with our legislators is by email (not post or fax). We went on to meet with Jeremy Steslicki, Legislative Aide in Senator Levin’s office, again for half an hour. He shared quite a bit about the difficulties of passing legislation like this, and I felt he was skeptical about the possibility of ratification this year. In both offices we handed the Legislative Aides a binder with thousands of signatures of Michiganders who want the New Start Treaty to be ratified.

One strong message I bring back from the meetings is that building a relationship with our representatives is important, even urgent. We need to actively be “the voice of the people” and make our views known. And the best way to do that is to meet directly with the people in our representatives’ offices. FCNL can help us do that (*FCNL.org*).

AGLI Offers Workcamps in 2011

The Africa Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI), a program of Friends Peace Teams, announces workcamp opportunities with Friends in Burundi and Rwanda in June. Under the direction of local Africans, workcampers build schools, clinics, or community structures such as peace centers. The Workcamp Peace Team in Burundi will work at a clinic which primarily serves HIV+ women and their children. The plan for the Rwanda Workcamp Team is still in process. In addition, workcampers will help local residents with their English. AGLI accepts applications for two types of Peace Team Members:

- 1) **Summer Workcamp** for 5 weeks, June 25 – July 30: No specific skills required, open to all ages
- 2) **Extended Service Team Members** – for 3 months or longer: applications for Extended Service Peace Team Members are accepted year round. AGLI will attempt to place interested persons according to their skills and interests and the needs of AGLI’s African partners. To learn more, visit aglifpt.org/Program/workcampsdes.htm or contact the Program Manager, Dawn Rubbert (dawn@aglifpt.org).

Further Report from the FCNL Annual Meeting

By Kathleen Peabody, LEYM Representative

The 2010 elections have brought 97 new House members to Congress, making it difficult to affect legislation and requiring redoubled efforts to make Quaker voices heard.

The staff has been analyzing what the 2010 elections mean for FCNL's program in 2011, looking specifically at:

- ◆ the START Treaty [*signed into law in December, 2010 – Ed.*]
- ◆ attempts to repeal and defund the health care bill, which are expected to fail
- ◆ the Cobell case—affecting Native Americans—in which records for funds held in trust for indigenous people were lost by the U.S. government; the settlement passed Congress on November 22 and on January 27, 2011, it was announced that information about how to receive reimbursements will be sent to all American Indians. FCNL has been a faithful and unique ally of Native Americans. Great strides have been accomplished this year
- ◆ homeland security—what “security” really means and how to respond (workshops and strategies)
- ◆ the war on terror—data showing a clear link between the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and an increase in suicide bombers; the need to support House Bill 6282 by Rep. Barbara Lee to repeal the Use of Military Force Act <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.6282>.
- ◆ new EPA regulations on greenhouse gases—there are 19 States supporting the new regulations, which took effect on January, 2, 2011; however, Republican-backed judicial challenges will continue to block full implementation.

- ◆ Cap and trade is now dead; FCNL supporting CLEAR Act, which would tax coal, gas, and oil as it comes out of the ground, making fossil fuels more expensive and encouraging more reliance on cheaper, environmentally-friendly alternatives
- ◆ the Mideast and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will be back on Congress' agenda in 2011; we need to reach out, use networks and coalitions of broader communities who want peace. We need to stress preventing military violence by intervening early in conflicts with diplomacy and calls for cooperation. It is also much cheaper than war.
- ◆ and military spending; some tea partiers and their candidates are open to cutting the military budget. Find out who they are. We need to stress cutting the deficit by cutting the defense budget. Two recommended links:

The Sustainable Defense Task Force Report “Debts, Deficits, Defense” <http://www.comw.org/pda/fulltext/1006SDTFreport.pdf>.

Ten Reasons Why Congress Should Cut the Pentagon Budget http://www.fcnl.org/issues/item_print.php?item_id=4010&issue_id=18

The FCNL “Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict” program notes that by strengthening U.S. contributions in diplomacy, development, and international cooperation, we could shift our foreign policy away from late military reaction to crises and toward early, peaceful prevention.

Check out the Peace Toolbox on the FCNL website (<http://fcnl.org/ppdc/>) for ideas of how you can be involved in this work.

Sign at a demonstration: *We can't feed our poor and hungry, but we can fund wars?*

Quaker Earthcare Witness Annual Meeting, Oct. 28—Nov. 1, 2010

Report by Alan N. Connor, LEYM Representative

Quaker Earthcare Witness's new General Secretary, Anne Mitchell, of Toronto Monthly and Canadian Yearly meetings, was introduced to the membership and approved as the replacement for Ruah Swennerfelt. Ruah and Anne will be working together through November and December of 2010 to make the transition as smooth and seamless as possible. Anne was once a member of the QEW Steering Committee, when it was FCUN, and a Canadian Yearly Meeting representative to FCUN. She has been presiding clerk of her yearly meeting. She is on the boards of directors for Canada Friends Service Committee and Quaker Institute for the Future. Anne has done considerable research on bio-engineering to determine both its positive and negative effects on human health and eco-systems. She has been a leader in Canada in advocating for regulation of bio-engineering.

Chris McCaskill, of Burlington, VT monthly and New England Yearly meetings, was approved as QEW's accountant and bookkeeper. Chris's family have been members and supporters of FCUN and QEW since FCUN's inception 25 years ago. One of his sisters has been manager of QEW's beautiful farm, "Finca la Bella," in Costa Rica for a number of years.

QEW is open to Friends of all persuasions and wants to be representative of Friends of all persuasions. At present membership is predominantly from Friends General Conference yearly and monthly meetings. Two Friends United yearly meetings are members as are two Conservative yearly meetings. No evangelical yearly or monthly meetings have become members. Broadening membership to and input from non-FGC friends is believed to be needed. Increasing QEW ambassadorship to a variety of Friends meetings and organizations was approved.

QEW also wants to strengthen its relationships to other national and international Friends organizations. We already have working relationships with FCNL and QUNO via our FCNL and UN working groups and with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Environmental Working Group. We are working on development of a working relationship with the Friends World Committee for Consultation via FWCC's Cluster Groups on Our Connection with Earth.

Very few active members of QEW are under 50. Two of this year's attendees to the annual meeting were under 50. Younger persons have attended annual and Steering Committee meetings in the past. The need to include more younger people at our meetings and in the work of QEW was expressed. Some members agreed that they would reach out to youth and young adult groups in their monthly and yearly meetings to discuss QEW and what it wants to do, and invite them to join and take part in its work and in giving it meaningful direction.

Two of QEW's UN Work Group who are certified NGO observers at the UN will be attending the Conference of Parties conference on climate change at Cancun from November 19 to December 10. Possibly the third observer will attend also.

The QEW-FCNL Working Group recommended that at its 2010 annual meeting, FCNL include food security and safety in its Earth Restored priorities.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan N. Connor

American Friends Service Committee

Response to Violence Against Those in Public Life

Reprint of AFSC message—January 10, 2011

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a Quaker organization committed to overcoming violence in communities throughout the U.S. and around the world, is deeply saddened by the violence of January 8, 2011, in Tucson, Arizona, when an attempt to kill U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords brought death and injury to so many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all victims of the shooting, as well as their families and friends who are now mourning the deceased and anxiously awaiting the recovery of the injured. As Friends say, we are holding them in the Light.

In our work for peace, we have seen how each act of violence hurts not only the immediate victims, but tears at the fabric of entire communities. In the wake of such a senseless violation, everyone in Tucson will struggle to feel secure, to regain trust for each other, and to work together to move forward. Our hearts go out to all in Tucson today.

Today's strident political atmosphere escalates tension and helps to set the stage for incidents like this one. Our world is increasingly swept up in a tide of intolerance. We are all too accepting when political and spiritual leaders use rhetoric that demonizes those with different beliefs; when those who should call us to higher purpose instead contribute to an atmosphere that provokes the most vulnerable, disturbed among us to acts of vandalism, violence, and assassination. We all must take responsibility for correcting a political climate that has become so polarized and vitriolic.

It is not an accident that this tragic shooting took place in Arizona, where punitive laws and anti-immigrant scapegoating have only resulted in misunderstanding and divisiveness in our borderlands. These laws have brought us no closer to creating humane, workable policies that respect the rights and needs of those living on either side of the border. This is but one example of how our nation's divisive rhetoric works against developing effective solutions to society's pressing needs.

What would help us move forward?

The American Friends Service Committee urges our elected officials, spiritual leaders, and community leaders to commit now to act with civility and common purpose to heal our society. Real healing goes beyond civil words and tamped-down rhetoric and looks to the root causes of violence in our society, the conditions of inequality and injustice. A political culture devoted to honestly and reasonably addressing those conditions would be a healthier one for all of us.

We call on national, state, and local leaders to respond with compassion to the needs and aspirations of those who have been disenfranchised by the political system and excluded from the economic recovery. This is a time to fulfill the promise of "justice for all." This is a time for leadership towards "a more perfect union."

So sudden loss causes us to look backward—but it also forces us to look forward, to reflect on the present and the future, on the manner in which we live our lives and nurture our relationships with those who are still with us. We may ask ourselves if we've shown enough kindness and generosity and compassion to the people in our lives. Perhaps we question whether we are doing right by our children, or our community, and whether our priorities are in order. We recognize our own mortality and are reminded that in the fleeting time we have on this earth, what matters is not wealth or status, or power, or fame—but rather, how well we have loved, and what small part we have played in bettering the lives of others.

President Barack Obama, on January 12, 2011,
in his speech in the memorial service for the
victims of the shooting in Tucson, Arizona



Sixth World Conference of Friends

17-25 April, 2012
Nakuru, Kenya

Being Salt & Light: Friends Living the Kingdom in a Broken World

Update on the Sixth World Conference of Friends in Nakuru, Kenya by Rosemary Coffey, Clerk, LEYM Representatives to FWCC Section of the Americas

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting has been invited to send three delegates to the Sixth World Conference of Friends in Nakuru, Kenya, to be held in April of 2012. The three are: Jerry Knutson (Pittsburgh), Jana Norlin (Grand Rapids), and Robb Yurisko (North Columbus). Alternates are: Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon (Erie Worship Group), Connie McPeak Green (Cleveland), and Judy Hale Reed (Pittsburgh).

Other interested Friends are encouraged to apply for open places, being mindful that the cost per delegate will be 550 pounds sterling, plus travel. Applications are available online at <http://www.saltandlight2012.org/thinking.html>.

These world conferences are held approximately once a generation. They provide an unmatched opportunity for about 1000 Friends from all over the world to meet each other and explore how our similarities outweigh our differences. Such conferences in the past have, for instance, led to the development of the programs of Right Sharing of World Resources and others that harness our collective commitment to making the world a better place for all. I encourage LEYM Friends to check the web site listed above to find out more about this ambitious undertaking.

	<p>Friends World Committee for Consultation SECTION OF THE AMERICAS</p> <p>Comité Mundial de Consulta de los Amigos SECCIÓN DE LAS AMÉRICAS</p>
<p>Young Adult Friends Plan Wichita Gathering</p> <p>University Friends Meeting invites Young Adult Friends (ages 18-35) from across North America to come together on May 28-31 to worship God, share in fellowship, and grow together in faith as Friends. Following the gathering, on June 1-3, there will be an opportunity for a shared service project. Micah Bales says, <i>"YAFs will work together to let our faith shine, demonstrating our love for the people of Wichita."</i></p> <p>FWCC's online searchable database for meetings, churches, and worship groups in the U.S. and Canada has now been enhanced with a visual, interactive Google Map. On the FWCC home page, click on the map to find Friends in a given area. If you want to know more about a meeting – what time worship starts, what branch of Friends it's part of, what languages Friends worship in – then use the FWCC searchable database. Have fun zooming in and finding where Friends meetings are concentrated!</p>	

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Thank you!

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Calendar

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING

- ◆ **SPRING HIGH SCHOOL TEEN RETREAT**, MARCH 25-28, OLNEY FRIENDS SCHOOL, BARNESVILLE, OHIO
- ◆ **REPRESENTATIVE MEETING**, SATURDAY, APRIL 2, ANN ARBOR MEETING
- ◆ **DUE DATE FOR SPRING BULLETIN**: SUNDAY, MAY 1
- ◆ **ANNUAL MEETING**, JULY 28-31, BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY, BLUFFTON, OHIO: MINDFUL CONSUMPTION AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: WHAT IS OUR SOUL FOOD?

GREEN PASTURES QUARTERLY MEETING

- ◆ **SPRING GATHERING**, SATURDAY, MAY 21, MICHIGAN FRIENDS CENTER

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

- ◆ **ANNUAL MEETING**, MARCH 17-18, FRIENDS CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Carolyn Diem (1921 - 2010)

Carolyn Diem (Ann Arbor) died at her home on October 26, age 89, after a long battle with cancer. A regular attender at Annual Meeting, Carolyn served on the YM Peace and Program committees. For many years she traveled to Washington, DC by train in November to attend the FCNL General Board meeting and lobby on Capitol Hill. At a moving memorial meeting on November 21, Carolyn was remembered for her activism and support of women in politics, for engaging with the Bible, for relating to children, and for her concern and hope for peace and the survival of living things.

Thank You

Thank you to Lisa Sinnett for drafting this issue of the *Bulletin*. The pressures of time and teaching have meant that she has needed to lay down this work. The LEYM Nominating Committee seeks the names of Friends who may wish to take this opportunity to serve the Yearly Meeting. Please contact Thomas Taylor (tftaylor@tds.net).

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Seeds of faith are always within us; sometimes it takes a crisis to nourish and encourage their growth.~Susan Taylor

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We're on the Web!
<http://leym.quaker.org>

I AM AN ACORN

I am an acorn,
the packet,
the seed



God is within me
and God is the tree

I am unfolding the way I should be

Carved in the palm of His hand

Sown in the soil of God's land

Song by Carol Johnson
p. 195, *Rise Up Singing*