

Western Work

June 2023

Western Yearly Meeting
Annual Sessions
July 27-30, 2023 Plainfield IN



Western Yearly Meeting

ANNUAL SESSIONS

July 27-30, 2023

"You are the Light of the World."

Matthew 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world.

**A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do
people light a lamp and put it
under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it
gives light to everyone in the house.**

**16 In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify
your Father in heaven.**

NOTICE: Yearly Meeting Sessions being on

THURSDAY JULY 27TH

8:30 AM

Registration

9:15 AM

Prayer

10:00 AM

WORSHIP

See page 11 for complete schedule

Message from Shawn



Shawn McConaughey
Superintendent

Thursday, July 27, 2023

10:00 A.M.

**Where is
WYM headed?**

7:00 P.M.

Superintendent Address



"You are the light of the world."

This phrase spoken by Jesus and recorded in Mathew 5:14, has very powerful words. Why do I say they are powerful? Because Jesus is both describing his followers and offering an invitation.

Jesus refers to himself as the "light of the world" in the book of John. To state that Jesus' followers are also the light of the world connects us deeply to God's mission in the world. The urging to "let your light shine before all" links us to God's mission to bring about wholeness to all of Creation. This is not simply an urging to "just be kind," but an invitation to bring reconciliation to the whole world.

I want to invite you to join the rest of the WYM family as we gather and explore this invitation to be the light of the world together.

**What would it look like to fully live into this way
of being with Jesus?**

**What new growth edges does our YM, and local meetings
need to explore for being the light of the world in 2023?**

Friends like Ron and Pam Ferguson and J. Brent Bill will help us focus on this challenge to live like light in dark places. There will be opportunity to challenge one another to this calling and hear from those who are actively pursuing this invitation. This is the one time a year that we gather as a larger body. I hope you will seriously consider being a part.

I look forward to our time together in July.

Shawn McConaughey



Speakers

Ron grew up in central Kansas and from early childhood was part of a MidAmerica Yearly Meeting (EFI) church. He received his college education from Friends University and Friends Bible College in Kansas and Boise State University in Idaho.

Ron served in the early 1990s as a death row spiritual advisor for two years for an Idaho inmate. After moving to Indiana in the late 90s, he became the *de facto* chaplain for the county jail until the pandemic suspended that weekly program. He assists Pam with the management of the county's food pantry. For 20 years, Ron has served on Friends Committee on National Legislation's General Committee and its standing committees. He was FCNL's General Committee clerk in 2020 and 2021 and completed that rotation as the assistant clerk in 2022. In January 2023, Ron completed six years of service on the Religious Society of Friends' Nobel Peace Prize nominating task group.



Ron Ferguson
Daily Devotional Leader

Pam was born and raised in southwestern Idaho near Boise. Her grandparents were part of a Northwest Yearly Meeting (EFI) Friends church and lived their Quaker witness so faithfully that she determined to follow their example.

Pam graduated from Greenleaf Friends Academy, then did her college work at Friends Bible College in Kansas and Northwest Nazarene University in Idaho. In addition to her current pastoral role, Pam has participated in ministry for women inmates at her county's jail. She is the board secretary and the volunteer manager of her county's food pantry. She currently chairs the board of directors of the Friends Fellowship Community senior living center in Richmond, IN, and she serves as recording clerk for the steering circle of the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative. For 20 years, she has served on the General Committee and standing committees of Friends Committee on National Legislation.



Pam Ferguson
Daily Devotional Leader

Since their marriage, he and Pam have served as Friends youth ministers for two years and co-pastors for three years in Idaho, as Friends co-pastors in Kansas for six years, and in their current assignment as co-pastors at Winchester Friends in Indiana (FUM) for the past 24 years.

In between those pastorates, they spent three years as Mennonite Central Committee community development workers in a UN refugee project in southern Sudan, over six years as MCC's country directors in Uganda, and six months as MCC traveling "storytellers" across the US and Canada.

Daily Worship

10:00AM

Thursday, July 27, 2023

9:00AM

Friday, July 28, 2023

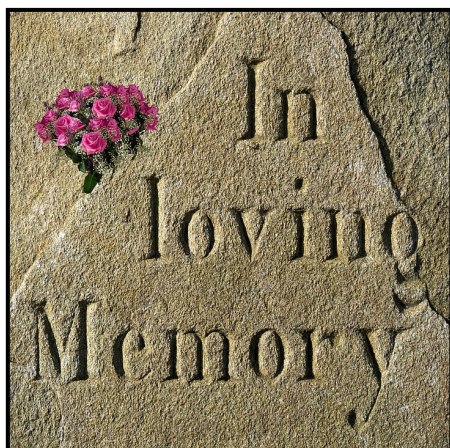
9:00AM

Saturday, July 29, 2023

10:00AM

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Thursday, July 27, 2023



1:30PM Memorial Service

1:30 P.M. Yearly Meeting Room—

Presented by Della Stanley-Green & Peggy Hollingsworth

WORKSHOPS

3:00 PM—4:00 PM

Prophetic Quakerism (CM&E) - Kelley Room

New Ministry to S. Sudan (Board on Christian Outreach) - Kirk Room

Plainfield Meeting Room: TBA

10:00AM

Ron & Pam Ferguson Worship

11:00AM

Shawn McConaughy,
"Where is WYM headed?"

3:00PM

Workshop

7:00PM

Worship & **Superintendent Address**

8:30PM

Fresh Watermelon, Fruit Kabobs



You are invited to a

MINISTERS & MATES GATHERING

Thursday evening ~ July 27, 2023 ~ 4:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

At the **PLAINFIELD INTERURBAN DEPOT**

401 S. Vine Street, Plainfield, IN 46168 ~ Parking is on the street.

For Pastors/spouses, Recorded Ministers/spouses,
Retired Ministers/spouses and those who are in the Training & Recording process.

4:45 p.m.
5:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Gathering & Conversation
Buffet Dinner
On your way to the Yearly Meeting

Cost: \$10.00 per person. **Registration Deadline is Monday JULY 17th.**

Please write a separate check for this event/put M & M in the memo line.
To reserve your spot, send your name(s) and \$10.00 per person to Western Yearly Meeting.

Western Yearly Meeting ~ PO Box 70 ~ Plainfield IN 46168 ~ 317-839-2789 800-909-3452
E-Mail: office@westernyearlymeeting.org ~ Website: www.westernyearlymeeting.org

MENU

Pork Loin with Apples
Turkey Breast
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans with Almonds
Tossed Salad
Dinner Rolls
Ice Tea and Lemonade

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

12:00PM

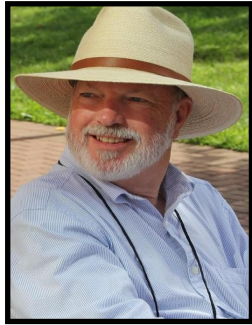
LUNCH PROVIDED BY QUAKER MEN

Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Macaroni & Cheese
Salad Bar
Chocolate Chip Cookies & Ice Cream

5:30PM

DINNER—ON YOUR OWN

Friday, July 28, 2023



J. Brent Bill
Quaker Lecture

7:00 P.M.
Quaker Lecture

Brent is a writer, photographer, retreat leader, and recorded minister. He's served as a local church pastor and as a staff member of Western Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, and the Indianapolis Center for Congregations. He was also an adjunct faculty member at Earlham School of Religion. He's a member of West Newton Friends Meeting, where he serves as clerk. He's a graduate of Wilmington College and Earlham School of Religion.

He and Nancy live on Ploughshares Farms between Mooresville and Plainfield. Ploughshares is 40+ acres of former farmland that is being reclaimed for native hardwood forest and warm season prairie grass.

WORKSHOPS

3:00 PM –4:00 PM

Everence Financial (Board on Finance) - Kelley Room

FWCC (Board on Christian Outreach) - Kirk Room

Plainfield Meeting Room: TBA

4:15 PM—5:15 PM

Traveling curriculum (Board on Christian Education) - Kelley Room

Tanzanian Church—WYM Annual Project (Board on Christian Outreach) - Kirk Room

Plainfield Meeting Room—TBA

12:00PM

LUNCH PROVIDED BY QUAKER MEN

Lasagna: Meat or Veggie
Chicken Alfredo
Garlic Bread
Salad Bar
Fresh Chocolate Chip Cookies &
Ice Cream
Tea & Lemonade

5:30PM

DINNER PROVIDED BY PLAINFIELD FRIENDS

Salisbury Steak
Baked Potatoes
Broccoli
Rolls & Butter
Sour Cream & extra butter for potatoes
Hot Fruit Cobbler
(Vegetarian—Veggie Burger)

****Tickets purchased ahead of time—
Registration page**

8:30 P.M. Strawberry Shortcake & Ice Cream Social



Saturday, July 29, 2023

Workshops

3:00 PM—4:00 PM

Revive My Church (Board on CM&E) - Kelley Room

Can your meeting Go Solar? Ours did! (Pam Ferguson) - Kirk Room

Quaker Engagement, IFCL (Board on P&SC) - Plainfield Meeting Room



4:00 P.M. Ministry Fair

Western YM Boards and committees will highlight their ministries and mission.

Partner organizations will be on hand as well.



7:00 P.M. Family Night

The WYM family gets together for some dinner and some light-hearted music and fellowship. Come join in the family fun.

8:30 PM

50's

**Soda Fountain,
Ice Cream Floats**



USFW Meeting

12:00PM

LUNCH PROVIDED BY
PLAINFIELD FRIENDS

12:00 PM

Chicken Salad on Croissant
Fresh Vegetables & Dip
Fruit Salad
Blonde Brownies
Tea & Lemonade
(Vegetarian—Egg Salad)

Quaker Men Meeting

12:15 PM

Philly Cheesesteaks on
Mini-Hoagie rolls
Fresh Vegetables & Dip
Fruit Salad
Blonde Brownies
Tea & Lemonade
(Vegetarian—Egg Salad)

5:30PM

DINNER PROVIDED BY
COVERED DOGS

*See page 11

Youth Corner

Thursday, July 27, 2023

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

1:30 PM—5:30 PM

7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Friday, July 28, 2023

9:00 AM—12:00PM

1:30 PM—5:30 PM

7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Saturday, July 29, 2023

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

1:30 PM—5:30 PM

7:00 PM—8:30 PM Family Night

Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:30 AM—12:00 PM

2023 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ben Snyder, Clerk
Sarabeth Marcinko
John Heshelman
Peggy Hollingsworth
Marilyn Tucker
Clark & Diana Hadley
Wayne Carter
Cathy Harris
Bill Clendening
Wanda Coffin Baker
Shawn McConaughy

- Faye Mosier, Plainfield Friends, will direct Junior Yearly Meeting.
- (Elementary age children) Friday & Saturday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM & 1:30 PM—5:30 PM.
- This includes Splash Island on Saturday afternoon.
- **Nursery Care will be available for all times above & child-care included for Junior Yearly Meeting children during the evening sessions with Nursery children.

Youth Registration

CHILDREN & YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 18, 2023

Youth Name _____
(Please print)

Parent Name for those accompanying youth age 12 and under _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Meeting/Church _____

Parent Signature _____

**Medical form must be
completed and returned.**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Ages 12 & Under \$20.00 _____

(1 adult/1 child)

Ages 13—18 \$10.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Meet the Summer Interns

What item is important to bring to camp?



Ben Vore
(Manchester
University) says to
make sure to bring
your deodorant!



Devin Van Lue (Ball
State) says you better
bring your towel!



Dorian Weesner
(Grace College) says
don't forget your
swimsuit!



Jewelina Osborne (Lynn
Friends) says don't
leave home without
your Bible!



Leah Osborne (Ball
State University)
says to bring your
water bottle to
quench your thirst!

YM Youth Medical Release

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

P.O. Box 70 • Plainfield • IN • 46168 • 317-839-2789

This document serves as permission for your child/youth to be involved in the activities that the Western Yearly Meeting hosts and participates in. This form will be kept on file and is valid for one year.

DATE _____

MEDICAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Name of youth _____
(Please print)

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ Phone number () _____ E-mail address _____

Church/Meeting _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Birthdate _____

Male _____ Female _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION: (Required)

Allergies (including food) _____

Current medications: _____

Approximate date of last tetanus shot _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

Medical Insurance Provider _____

Policy Number _____

Phone number of Insurance Company _____

Emergency Contact:

Name

Phone Number

Relationship

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM (Required)

I give permission for my youth (or self, if 18 or older) _____

to participate in the ACTIVITIES that are being hosted by Western Yearly Meeting of Friends. In the event of an emergency, I authorize the adult staff to provide or seek medical treatment for him/her/me. (initial _____)

I agree to provide my youth's transportation home if his/her behavior becomes disruptive, violates the rules or endangers the safety of others. (initial _____)

PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE FORM (Optional)

I grant permission to use photos taken during this event for the purpose of publication. (initial _____)

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY (Required)

We, the parents of _____, hereby fully and forever discharge and release Western Yearly Meeting and all its members, leaders, employees, and agents of Western Yearly Meeting from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damages both in law and in equity, in any way resulting from personal injuries, suffering, death, or property damage sustained in this event.

Signature of Custodial Parent _____ Date _____

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Adult Registration

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING 166th ANNUAL SESSIONS

July 27 - 30, 2023



ADULT REGISTRATION ONE PER ATTENDEE PLEASE

PRE-REGISTRATION DUE BY JULY 18, 2023

- ☐ Attending in Person ☐ Attending On-Line
- ☐ Attending in-person and on-line
- ☐ I am a first-time attendee at Yearly Meeting Sessions.

NAME _____

CONTACT ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

MEETING _____

REGISTRATION FEES **REGISTER PER DAY OR FOR ALL SESSIONS	PRIOR TO JULY 18	AFTER JULY 18	AMOUNT DUE
ADULTS/YOUNG ADULTS	\$20.00	\$25.00	
PER DAY FEE	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	
CHILDREN/YOUTH	CHILDREN/YOUTH	REGISTRATION IS ON A	SEPARATE PAGE

MEALS ARE GUARANTEED FOR THOSE PRE-REGISTERED ONLY

MEALS	PRIOR TO JULY 18	AFTER JULY 18	AMOUNT DUE
Thursday LUNCH	\$12.00	\$17.00	
Thursday DINNER	ON YOUR OWN		
Friday LUNCH BY QUAKER MEN	\$12.00	\$17.00	
Friday DINNER BY PLAINFIELD FRIENDS	\$14.00	\$19.00	
Saturday LUNCH by PLAINFIELD FRIENDS	\$12.00	\$17.00	
Saturday DINNER BY COVERED DOGS	A La Carte payment to be made to Covered Dogs when services are rendered.	See page 11 for menu/pricing.	TOTAL PEOPLE EATING COVERED DOGS _____

TOTAL DUE PRE-REGISTRATION AMOUNT JULY 18, 2023

REGISTRATION FEE \$ _____ MEALS \$ _____ TOTAL DUE \$ _____

SEND REGISTRATION FORM/CHECKS TO WESTERN YEARLY MEETING ~ PO BOX 70 ~PLAINFIELD~ IN~ 46168

More information: 317-839-2789 ~ 1-800-909-3452 ~ office@westernyearlymeeting.org

Annual Sessions Schedule

	Thursday, July 27	Friday, July 28	Saturday, July 29	Sunday, July 30
8:30 AM	Registration/welcome	Register/Prayer gathering	Register/Prayer gathering	Choir practice
9:00 AM	9:15 Prayer gathering Picnic Shelter	Worship: Morning devotionals YM Room	Worship: Morning devotionals YM Room	9:30 Hymn Sing YM Room
10:00 AM	Worship-Opening Discussion "The Future of WYM" YM Room	Business Session YM Room	Business Session YM Room	Worship: Recording, Closing Epistle/Minutes YM Room
11:00 AM				
12:00 PM	Lunch on site QM prep	Lunch on site QM prep	USFW and QM Lunch Meetings.	
1:30 PM	1:30 Memorial Service YM Room	1:30 Afflilitate Reports YM Room	1:30 Missions Report FUM and Triennial Reps	
2:00 PM				
2:45 PM	2:45 break	2:45 break	2:45 Break	
3:00 PM	3:00 Workshop	3:00 Workshop	2:45 Workshop	
4:00 PM	4:00 Break	4:00 Break	4:00 Ministry Fair	
	4:30 Minsters and Mates dinner	4:15 Workshops		
5:30 PM	Supper on OWN	Supper on Site. Plainfield Prep	Supper on Site. "Covered Dogs"	
7:00 PM	7:00 Worship and Supt. Address.	Worship and Quaker Lecture: J. Brent Bill	WYM Family Night	
8:30 PM	After Service Fellowship Fresh Fruit	After Service Fellowship Strawberry shortcake and Ice cream	After Service Fellowship 50's Soda Fountain	

****IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY PART OF THE YEARLY SESSIONS
IN 2024, PLEASE CONTACT THE WYM OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.**

office@westernyearlymeeting.org

Saturday, July 29, 2023 Dinner



COVERED DOGS VENDOR AND CATERING



Thank you for asking Covered Dogs to be a part of 2023 Western Yearly Meeting. We are looking forward to being with all of you and serving you delicious Covered Dogs and our homemade Gingersnap cookies, along with other A La Carte items which are listed below.

ALL BEEF HOT DOGS—\$5.00 ea. + tax

- Coney Dog (sweet coney sauce)
- Slopper Dog (green chili)
- Coney Joe (coney sauce on bun, no dog)
- Cheesy Dog (nacho cheese)
- Slaw Dog (creamy cole slaw)

All toppings (except nacho cheese) are homemade by Gary in our certified kitchen.

A LA CARTE

- Bag of chips—\$1.00
- Gingersnap Cookie—\$1.25
- Big Dill Pickle—\$1.00
- Can of Soda Pop—\$1.25
- Bottled Water—\$1.25
- Logan's Lemonade—\$3.00



Covered Dogs

We accept cash and credit

For the best value, we suggest our A La Carte selections along with a Covered Dog, and pay for your selected lunch items at the hot dog cart. Gary covers the “dogs” any way you like, and Susan does the A La Carte items and the transactions. We accept cash and credit.

Again, thank you for having us!

Gary & Susan Smith (765-569-5562)

Coloma Friends Meeting

Special Project

Western Yearly Meeting 2023 Special Outreach Project

*Dar es Salaam,
Tanzania
Friends Church*



Goal: \$15,000 for building a church



Friends United Meeting is grateful for the generosity of WYM Friends who support our vital work around the world. Your giving to the 2023 Mission Project will enable Friends to grow in a strategic area in Tanzania. Your partnership in this work is a blessing. Thank you!

Kelly Kellum
General Secretary, FUM

Central to the vision for church growth in Tanzania is establishing a strong Friends Church in Dar es Salaam, a gateway city to the entire country. It is FUM's vision to purchase a plot in the city and build a permanent church building that will be the home for this new church as it reaches out to people along the coast of Tanzania.

Nicholas and Dorcas Otieno
Missionaries to Tanzania



For our 2023 Special Project we hope to raise at least \$15,000 for a church in Tanzania. Since 2010, Nicholas and Dorcas Otieno have been working with Tanzanian Friends and have planted over 30 new churches. It is FUM's vision to purchase a plot in Dar es Salaam and build a permanent church building. More information will be available at the March Administrative Council. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this project.



1877 1923 2023

Russiaville Friends Meeting

100 years of ministry at the corner of East and Main

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, September 30, 2023

Celebration will Include

- Reenactment of the passing of the bricks
 - Reflection of history
- Presentation of Historical Plaque
donated by Caldwell Monuments of Kokomo
- Cake and Ice Cream Art and Photo Display

JULY 4, 2023

7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

FREE ICE CREAM!



Ice Cream Social

CARMEL FRIENDS CHURCH

651 West Main Street Carmel, IN 46032

317-846-5090

carmelfriends@aol.com ~ carmelfriends.org

Pastor Ben Snyder ~ Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

FREE PARKING ALL DAY

Close enough to walk downtown to enjoy the events
and then stay to watch the fireworks from the church parking lot!

Quaker Leadership Conference

A not so plain report from the Quaker Leadership Conference from David Hanson

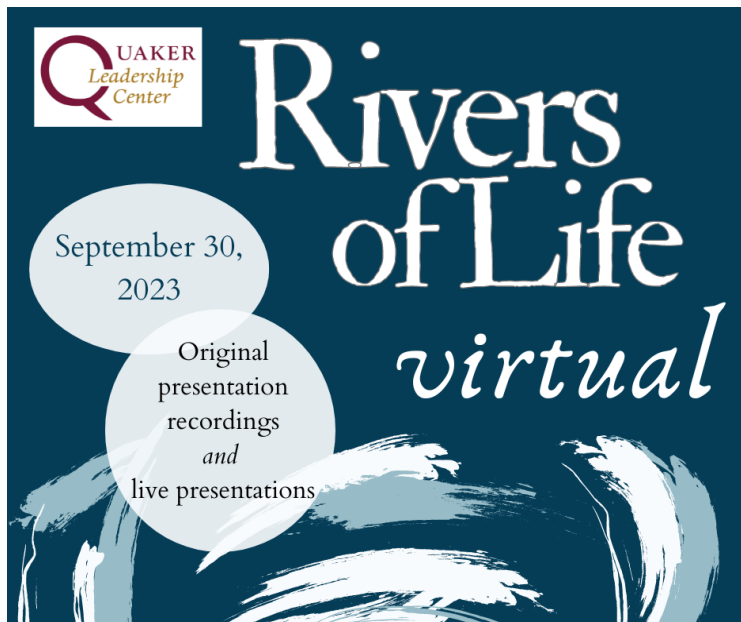
In late April, I attended an inspiring conference at the Quaker Leadership Center. This conference was a first-year conference put on partially by Della Stanley-Green former tri-superintendent of Western Yearly meeting. I didn't know quite what to expect but I'm glad I went. The conference consisted of three major highlights. The Parker Palmer lecture, the small group sessions,

and the meaningful worship. Each of these events brought something new into my life.

The conference began with a light dinner that I skipped to shop for books at Three Sisters and eat BBQ with Ben Snyder (Pastor Carmel Friends). Why? BBQ with Ben is always fun. At this point in my life, I find most lectures rehashes something I've heard before. I get easily bored and considered it to be yet another old man telling me how things should be. Let me put this plainly, if you get a chance to hear Parker Palmer describe his educational theories, then I insist that you go, watch, and listen. Now, I am no educational theorist or practitioner (I'm a computer

programmer who also went to Jesus school) so the practical application of Quaker process to learning was illuminating. Palmer described this process as not only bringing a structured lesson but being prepared to have the spirit move in the educational environment and give space for spirit led or other feedback. This process then shapes the structure of what you are doing. In the WYM Quaker Studies Reboot, we are going to take this formulation for lecture/discussion and I'm hoping we'll be able to have more dynamic group conversations.

I have never attended a conference structured the way Della Stanley-Green and Andy Stanton structured this conference. Each session consisted of several 30-minute talks. There was no Q & A at the end of most talks, which I disliked at first. Instead, each period ended with a time to process and wait on the message. After a 15-minute break, I could choose one breakout room to discuss and listen to thoughts and leadings from one of the short talks. The structure provided a more vibrant discussion than I have seen at many conferences because we didn't get as many chaotic questions.



Plus, attendees had to choose which discussion group to participate in, which led to smaller groups and more opportunities for individuals to have in-depth discussion. The best example of this came in Emil Provance's discussion group after her talk on crossing Quaker divides and collaborating with Friends. Honestly, I was skeptical on inter-yearly meeting collaboration because there are just too many unspoken assumptions when working with other Yearly Meetings that I sometimes fail to have the grace to want to push forward. Emily tackled this head on. She requested we each introduce ourselves and what we do (what our work/talent/skillset is). In that group we had members from at least 7 yearly meetings, many of whom are leaders. She made the point that there is not a Quaker alive that you can't get to from a two-introduction hop "Kevin Bacons" from somebody in that room. She had us all list our skills and within our 13-person room we had all the skills necessary for almost any type of evangelism, writing, preaching, social media, children's ministry, or scholarship.

The third and most powerful piece of the conference was the music and sharing facilitated by Nathan Macy, Andy Stanton, and Della Stanley-Green. Nathan Macy provide Quaker spirit-led musical worship in a way I have never experienced. With his guitarist gifts, Nathan led us through songs that resonated with many friends along the spirit of the conference. After all the networking, learning, and collaborating, we were able to plainly worship together, listen together and learn from each other. No gauntlets were thrown down, no lines in the sand, no othering of Friends, just an acceptance that while many of us were different, we were all there to worship in Spirit and in Truth together. The singing and powerful silence helped prepare me between sessions and drew me closer to my fellow learners as we explored how we can move forward as Friends. Andy and Della lead with simplicity; they facilitated great worship and messages, and they stepped aside so others could do work. In doing so, Andy and Della modeling Quaker leadership in the way that one would expect of Quaker Leadership directors.

At the end of the conference, I was exhausted and refreshed. I took the opportunity to acquire free books from ESR that felt like stealing but it wasn't (the dean said we could have them; I swear but not really because Quakers don't do that) and drove home. Currently, I am working to get the Quaker Studies program together for later summer, and plan to implement much of what I learned this year. Also, in Western Yearly Meetings new born traveling ministry program, we expect to go through some Parker Palmer process as we make spirit-led movements to bring life within individual meetings and communities. If you get the chance to participate in a QLC event, I encourage you to join. The experience will be different, enriching, and worthwhile to your spiritual life, and leadership growth. I appreciate the opportunity afforded by Della and Western Yearly Meeting to attend and I look forward for what's next from the Quaker Leadership Center at ESR.

Your Friend in Christ,
David Hanson

Fun Happenings

Youth Invasion



Pastor's Retreat

Joint Pastors Retreat

On May 1-3, 2023, approximately 40 people held their first ever joint Pastors Retreat at Clifty Falls State Park, Indiana. Pastors from Western Yearly Meeting, New Association of Friends, Wilmington Yearly Meeting, and a couple of independent meetings came together for a time of worship, learning, rest and mutual encouragement. Worship music was led by Nate Macy, Worship Pastor of North Valley Friends in Newberg, Oregon. Craig Foor and Colin Saxton of Everence Association brought two informative and encouraging workshops on 'Personal Finances for Pastors' and 'How do we have Spiritual Conversations about Money in our Meetings.' Free time included hiking, napping, and exploring the town of Madison for antiques, art, and coffee.

The retreat was planned together by Shawn McConaughy of Western YM, Stephanie Crumley-Effinger of New Association, and Hannah Lutz of Wilmington. Most of the participants hadn't been to a pastors retreat for several years, and it was nice to bring together a larger group for building community and relationships. Ideas were shared on having brief but more frequent regional gatherings and how to more creatively accommodate the many part-time and bi-vocational pastors, but everyone hoped to do something like this again next year!



Yearly Meeting Changes

Yearly Meeting will start a week later than last year due to the Triennial.

Yearly Meeting will start at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, July 27th.



New Year New Programs

WYM is rebooting Quaker Studies.

Western Yearly Meeting is rebooting the Quaker Studies Program. If you are interested, sign up at our new website for the latest news and educational opportunities provided by Western Yearly Meeting.

Go to the site here:

<https://www.wym-quaker-studies.org/>
and click the subscribe button!

Also if you see anything terrible with the site let me know and I'll fix it.

David Hanson
(dkhprogrammer@gmail.com)

Please remember to include your year-end donation to the:

WYM RETIRED MINISTERS FUND

Checks can be made to:

**WESTERN YEARLY MEETING
PO BOX 70
PLAINFIELD, IN 46168**

(Please make sure to send this as a separate check from Benevolence or Assessments, since contributions need to be deposited to a separate checking account.)

PULPIT SUPPLY

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Western Work

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Toll Free: 1-800-909-3452

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8 a.m.—12 noon ~ 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Friday—Office is closed

Friends are welcome to contact staff via email or phone with the understanding that we will get back to you as soon as we can.

STAFF

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Shawn McConaughey

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