



# Western Work

2.08

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Friends Historical Reading---“The Unifying Principle of Friends”

“Faith in the Son of God is not the mere assent of the understanding to the mission and divinity of Jesus. It is a practical and operative principle of wonderful energy. Those who live by this faith enjoy an access unto the Father by a new and living way, which Christ hath “consecrated for them through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.” Their dependence is placed, not upon their own strength and wisdom, but upon that Great High Priest of their profession, who “ever liveth to make intercession” for them—who “is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him;” (Hebrews 7:25) and at his gracious hands, they receive that more abundant effusion of the Holy Spirit, by which they are enabled, in a distinguished degree to mortify the deeds of the flesh, and to become conformed to the will of a righteous and Holy God. Thus do they experience, that, “if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) [A Peculiar People, The Rediscovery of Primitive Christianity, Joseph John Gurney, Friends United Press: Richmond, IN 1979, pp. 46-47].

## Call to Prayer

With this month's *Western Work* is an attached report from Co-Superintendent, Steve Pedigo about his trip to Kenya last month as speaker for the Fourth National Kenyan Friends Pastors Conference, December 12-16. There were 450-500 pastors who attended from Uganda, Tanzania, Congo, and Kenya. The theme was, “Walking in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25). It was a powerful time of fellowship and ministry.

A second attachment is from Friends United Meeting of how we can help with the situation in Kenya and the unfolding events in Kenya's post-election crisis. Please be sure to share this information widely. Let us pray for our Friends in Kenya and see what we might be led to do!

## “Healthy Congregations,” WYM Winter Retreat, 2/16/2008

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration
  - 8:30 a.m. – Worship
  - 9:00 a.m. – “Introduction: *What is System Thinking?*” and Video Case Study: “*The Anxious Congregation/The Responsible Congregation*”
  - 9:30 a.m. – Break
  - 10:45 a.m. – “*Healthy Congregations Manage Anxiety*” and “*Healthy Congregations Invite Differentiation of Self*”
  - Noon – Break
  - 1:00 p.m. – “*Healthy Congregations Focus on Strength*” and “*Healthy Congregations Manage Conflict (and Other Relationship Patterns)*”
  - 2:30 p.m. – Break
  - 2:45 p.m. – “*In Healthy Congregations Leaders Promote Strength Through Their Presence & Functioning*” and “*Planning for Healthier Congregations*”
  - 4:30 p.m. – Close
- Cost: \$25 per person or \$30 for couple if they share a book; pastor of the church comes **FREE** when three people from the church attend.

**Deadline for the Winter Retreat is February 1, 2008, to insure lunch and the training book.**

## 150th Anniversary of Western Yearly Meeting

This next year *Western Work* will feature Western Yearly Meeting historical information leading into the Sesquicentennial Celebration, July 31- August 3, 2008, with the theme, “He Who Began a Good Work in You Will Continue...” [Phil 1:6] Join us as we celebrate the spiritual heritage of Western Yearly Meeting! Special speakers in the 2008 Sessions include Tom Hamm and John Punshon.

How well do you know the history of Western Yearly Meeting? Try this trivia...

1. Who was the first Christian Education Director for Western Yearly Meeting and when were they hired?
2. In 1870 what concern was raised by Friends?
3. In 1887 what concern for children was raised by Friends?

*[see the next page for the answers]*

## 150<sup>th</sup> WYM Anniversary Celebration

### Anniversary Items Available

Attractive plates featuring a Quaker couple in silhouette with statement about George Fox on back...\$10 (boxed)  
 Lovely ornaments featuring the Yearly Meeting building, suitable for hanging or attach a magnet for metal use...\$6  
**NEW**...Note cards/enveloped with the Yearly Meeting building...12 for \$6

Postcards with the Yearly Meeting building...12 for \$3

Please make out checks to WESTERN YEARLY MEETING and put 2008 on the memo line. These items will be available at each Yearly Meeting function through the spring and summer. Please check whether others in your meeting who might not be on Boards or committees would like these items purchased for them and brought back. We would like to move as many of these items as possible prior to Yearly Meeting sessions.

### Attention Monthly Meetings

A history of Western Yearly Meeting is being published this year. Your Meeting library/archives will be incomplete without a copy of this book. Orders may be sent to Kay Record Carter, 425 Simmons Street, Plainfield, IN 46168. Checks should be made out to WESTERN YEARLY MEETING, and the cost is \$25.00. Advance orders will assist the committee in ordering enough books.

### Historical Exhibits for Anniversary Display

As a part of Western Yearly Meeting's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration, the Celebration Committee invites each monthly meeting to bring a historical display for exhibit during Yearly Meeting 2008. The Drake Room will be set with tables for all exhibits. The displays need to be delivered on July 31 and to be labeled and ready for viewing. The Committee suggests a three panel display board with the meeting's name on it so it can be free standing. Other suggestions are: (1) scan and enlarge pictures of the meetinghouse with persons identified--do not bring originals as security might be an issue, (2) Changes in meetinghouses over the years, (3) Historical time line, (4) Quaker clothing hung off a hall tree and other items. A map of meetings located in WYM and pictures of past WYM attendees will be on display. Each meeting needs to contribute additional history for display. Please provide your meeting's contribution form to: Luann Heald, 6357 S. CR 521 E., Plainfield, IN 46168 or Phyllis Gladden, 2379 N. CR 500 E., Avon, IN 46123.

## Pastoral Searches

**Bloomington Friends Pastor** – Contact Sarabeth Marcinko (765) 597-2338.

**Hemlock Friends Full Time Pastor** – Contact Beth Lightfoot (765) 963-5917

**First Friends Kokomo Full Time Pastor** – Contact Jim Crew, (765) 455-3887

**Sheridan Friends Part Time Pastor** – Contact Paul Waitt (317) 758-5392

**West Newton Friends Pastor** – Contact Gladys Dorrell (317) 856-6576

**Ridge Farm Friends** has hired Steve Pedigo as a part-time pastor.

## WYM Historical Trivia Answers

1. Catherine Cain in 1956.
2. "A lively concern has been felt by this Meeting that parents and heads of families be faithful in the practice of daily collecting their families together for the purpose of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and waiting upon God. As the minds of those thus engaged are turned to the Divine source of light and strength, the practice will not become merely formal."
3. The Bible School Assembly, "to be held at some time during the summer when the schools are having vacation, so we can more readily secure instructors and also give our young people, who are attending schools and colleges, an opportunity to attend which they cannot otherwise have."

### Do you Know...

- That USFW (United Society of Friends Women) of Western Yearly Meeting is celebrating their 127<sup>th</sup> year in 2008?
- That USFW of Western has 27 groups actively involved in Christian Service in our local monthly meetings?
- That during the month of February, we have been invited to eleven meetings to tell about USFW and the work we do?
- That we are not limited to the month of February, but if you invite us to come to your meeting, you too can learn about USFW?

The USFW of Western Yearly Meeting has a story to tell and it is our desire, with a prayer for God's blessings as we tell others about USFW, that those who are actively serving on the mission fields will benefit from our efforts. To learn more, contact: Mary Frances Taylor, USFW President; 6514 West, 250 South; Russiaville, IN 46979 Tel: (765) 883-5280 or E-mail: mftaylor@taylored.com

## Statistics

### Births

- Elaine Marie Faris daughter of Kara & Nate Faris (Indianapolis First Friends) b. 12-16-2007.

### Marriages

- Nathaniel Banker & Julie Ashmore (Indianapolis First Friends) 12-31-2007

### Deaths

- Margaret McKinley (Westfield) b. 9-17-1917 d. 11-3-2007.

## Christian Education Information

### WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show --- Danville Friends

The WYM Youth Cabinet will be leading worship at Danville Friends on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for worship and Feel the Love! Future Road Shows are: West Newton Friends, March 29-30; and Newberry Friends, April 12-13.

### WYM Winter Retreat/Pastors' Retreat Kids Program

Please bring your kids with you when you come to the Winter Retreat/Pastors' Gathering Retreat on February 16-18. We will provide programming for kids ages 0-18 absolutely free! We will be exploring the ways we can grow in Christ. Young Adults are encouraged to attend. Sundesmos will pay registration fees.

### VBS Workshop

The WYM CE Board will be sponsoring a VBS workshop at the Spring Administrative Council (March 15<sup>th</sup> at Mooresville Friends). If you Meeting is planning on doing a VBS ministry this summer, please send a representative to this workshop with dates and ideas from your Meeting. We will be watching the video, "How to Have a Great VBS," there will be samples of current VBS curriculum for you to look through, and we'll try and coordinate materials sharing and possible intern help for different local Meetings, as well as have a time of sharing about successes and ideas for local VBS ministries.

### Quaker Haven Camp Summer 2008

Get your 2008 calendars. Here are the dates for the summer 2008 camping season at Quaker Haven Camp.

Pioneer Camp – June 8-13  
 Jr. High Camp – June 15-20  
 Sr. High I Camp – June 22-27  
 Beginner Camp – June 27-29  
 George Fox Camp – July 6-9  
 Sr. High II Camp – July 13-18

## PLEASE NOTE

Fred Stewart, retired WYM minister, would appreciate prayers and cards: 315 E. Starke #113, Rockville, IN 47872.

### Quaker Men Groundhog Retreat

Western Yearly Meeting and Indiana Yearly Meeting men will get together at Quaker Haven Camp on Friday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. to begin with an evening meal until lunch on Saturday (cost is \$46.85). Doug Shoemaker is the guest speaker. All the guys who have gone in the past have had a **great time**. Maybe it's **your turn** to come join the fun.

### Friends Disaster Service News

Friends Disaster Service is planning on going to Lafitte, LA. There is still much work to be done. We will be leaving here on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and leaving there on Saturday, March 1. We will arrive home on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the same place we worked last year. There is room for up to forty people. Eldon Studer is leading this group. Please contact him as soon as possible if you are interested in helping, [EStuder@cinergy.com](mailto:EStuder@cinergy.com) or (317) 838-6099. Or, you can contact Lane Sims, (317) 774-0787 or [pamlane@juno.com](mailto:pamlane@juno.com).

### William Penn House Opening

The William Penn House is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the coordinator of Washington Quaker work camps. Contact Byron Sandford, (202) 543-5560 or [www.WilliamPennHouse.org](http://www.WilliamPennHouse.org)

### New WYM Benevolence Treasurer

As the new fiscal year begins, we want to remind all WYM Friends to send their Benevolence Gifts to the new Benevolence Treasurer: Nadine Kemp, 305 S. East Street #14, Plainfield, IN 46168.

## WYM BOARD REPORTS

### CE

VBS Workshop will be held at Administrative Council on March 15---promote churches to bring Christian Education representatives. Financial grants were made to: \$137, Ichthys House; \$200, INHEM; \$950, Sundesmos Campus Ministry; and \$4750 for CE account.

### CM&E

The Board of CM&E is willing to make the Clerking 101 Workshop available for your Area or Monthly Meeting. If you are interested, please contact the WYM Office. A \$1,000 scholarship was approved for Charles Heavilin.

### MD&N

Growth grants were approved for Hortonville and Amo. Renewals were approved for Courtland Avenue, Ridge Farm, Mooresville, and provisional approval given for a grant request from Plainfield. Thanks to every Meeting which participated in the T.E.A.M. project through MD&N. The project concluded at the end of 2007. The Board hopes each Meeting has benefited from a heightened awareness of sister meetings within our Yearly Meeting and will continue to hold them in prayer.

### Peace & Christian Social Concerns

Financial grants approved: \$250, Marshall Gibson, Earthcare Board Meeting; \$500, IFCL; \$1,000, AFSC (half to Kenya, half to general fund); \$500, FUM (Kenya); \$500, Friends Peace Teams (Kenya); \$500, Illinois Coalition to Abolish Death Penalty; \$100, Indiana Coalition to Abolish Death Penalty. People can send support for Kenya to FUM, AFSC, or AGLI. Readers are encouraged to check the FCNL website to follow issues and votes.

## Upcoming Events

### February, 2008

- 1-2 **Quaker Men Groundhog Retreat**, Quaker Haven Camp, Friday, 6:30 p.m. to Saturday noon, Cost \$50
- 7-9 **Friends United Meeting General Board Meeting**
- 9 **Kokomo First Friends Chicken/Beef Noodle Dinner & Godly Play Bake Sale**, 4-7
- Indianapolis First Friends Public Conversation, "Understanding the Health Care Crisis: Problems and Solutions**, 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 10 **Youth Cabinet Road Show at Danville Friends**, 10:30 a.m.
- 12 **Office Advisory Meeting**, Westfield Friends
- 14 **Financial Trustees**, 9:15 a.m.
- 16 **WYM Winter Retreat**, 8:00 a.m., Western Yearly Meetinghouse
- 17-18 **WYM Pastors' Gathering**, Plainfield Hampton Inn
- 19 **Training & Recording Committee**, 9:30 a.m., WYM Office
- Program Committee**, 2:00 p.m., Kelley Conference Room
- 23 **Executive Committee**, 9:00 a.m., Kelley Conference Room
- 24 **Russiaville Friends Dessert Auction**, following noon meal (funds supports Indian Missions Project)

### March, 2008

- 8 **Seeking Our Common Ground**, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at Plainfield Friends Meeting
- 9 **Vermilion Grove Friends Peanut Day & Samaritan Quartet**
- 11 **North Central Pastors' Meeting**, 9:30 a.m., Noblesville Friends
- 15 **Administrative Council Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Mooresville Friends Church
- 18 **Central Pastors' Meeting**, 12:15 p.m.
- 21 **Northern Pastors' Meeting**, 11:30 a.m., Jamie Lyon's Home
- 27 **Western Pastors' Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Marshall Federated Church

Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
 Western Yearly Meeting equips Friends Meetings in the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
 by exercising mutual care and extending cooperative ministries.  
 Through various expressions of our Christian faith, we strive to inspire ministry and the release of gifts of leadership.

## WESTERN WORK

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church  
 203 S. East Street, Box 70  
 Plainfield, IN 46168  
 (317) 839-2789  
 Website: [www.westernym.net](http://www.westernym.net)

Steve & Marlene Pedigo, Co-Superintendents  
 Steve's E-mail: [stevewym@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevewym@sbcglobal.net)  
 Marlene's E-mail: [marlenewym@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marlenewym@sbcglobal.net)  
 Cell Phone: (317) 292-2388

Katy Palmer, Christian Education Director  
 E-mail: [katypwym@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katypwym@sbcglobal.net)  
 Cell Phone: (317) 450-4712

Office Hours: 9:00-12:00-1:00-3:00; M-Thursday

**MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
 NEWSLETTER:  
 2/19/08, 9:00 a.m.**

**Address Correction Requested**