



# Western Work

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News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Superintendent's Bible Study

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
If we endure, we will also reign with him;  
If we deny him, he will also deny us;  
If we are faithless, he remains faithful---for he cannot deny himself.  
[2 Timothy 2:11-13, NRSV]

## Pastoral Epistle, #316

--George Fox, 1675 --

Dear Friends,

*"And so, [they] that 'die with Christ, shall live with him,' [2 Tim. 2:11]. They that are risen with Christ...let such put on the new Man, which...is created in Righteousness and Holiness, and live. [They] have their part or lot in the first Resurrection...and the second death has no power over them; but they live in him that has Power over death, hell and the grave... [The Power of the Lord is Over All, the Pastoral Letters of George Fox. Ed. By T. Canby Jones, Richmond, IN: Friends United Press, 1989 p. 317]*

*And here you all know that there is no salvation in any other name under the whole heaven, but in the name of Jesus; who is a priest made higher than the heavens. So in his name keep your meetings, in whom you have salvation. These are the true meetings, and true gatherings, who feel Jesus Christ in the midst of them, their prophet, their counselor, their leader, their light and life, their way, their truth, their shepherd that laid down his life for them that has bought you, his sheep, who feeds you in his pastures of life; and your heavenly bishop, to oversee you, that you do not go astray again from God...*

*And all your men's and women's meetings, in the power of God, which was before the devil and his power was, in the holy order of the gospel keep them, you being heirs of the everlasting gospel, the everlasting power of God, that will last for ever... [The Works of George Fox, Volume VII, Epistles II, State College, Pennsylvania: New Foundation Publication, Reprinted from the edition of 1831, p. 77]*

## "Understanding Friends Discernment," WYM Winter Retreat, February 14, 2009

The theme for this year's Western Yearly Meeting Winter Retreat is "Understanding Friends Discernment." This is a wonderful workshop for members who participate in Western Yearly Meeting decision making process, as well as those on the local meeting level. If you are currently a clerk, this is an excellent opportunity for training and the chance to have questions addressed about the purpose of meetings for worship with a concern for business. Our speaker for the day is Bruce Bishop, Northwest Yearly Meeting's Communication Director and Co-Author of the book, *Practicing Discernment Together, Finding God's Way Forward in Decision Making* (books are available through the Western Yearly Meeting Office for \$16). This year's cost is \$10 (which includes lunch if you register by February 1, 2009). If three people from a meeting attend, the pastor comes FREE. **A children and youth program is provided free of charge to everyone who registers by February 1! Young adults are free if you call Katy to register.**

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. – Registration
- 9:00 a.m. – Worship
- 9:30 a.m. – Deepening of Personal Discernment Skills, Part 1
- 10:30 a.m. – Break
- 10:45 a.m. – Deepening of Personal Discernment Skills, Part 2
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Deepening our Corporate Discernment Skills
- 2:30 p.m. – Break
- 2:45 p.m. – Debunking Quaker Myths Around Consensus
- 3:30 p.m. – Wrap Up Questions
- 4:00 p.m. – Close

The Winter Retreat will be followed by the Pastors' Gathering, February 14-16, 2009, at the Plainfield Hampton Inn. The gathering will include worship, fellowship, continued discussion with Bruce about "Friends Discernment," "Financial Peace University Financial Management Training," and training about the upcoming Western Yearly Meeting Pastoral Ministry Excellence Program Grants. A children and youth program will be provided. Registration cost for pastors is \$100. Additional retreat expense may be paid through a WYM Pastoral Excellence Ministry Grant. Pastors will apply for this reimbursement grant at the time of the retreat.

## Board Updates

### CE

Approval was given to provide \$700 each to Katy Palmer (Plainfield), Sarah White (Sandcreek-Azalia), and Mariya Jones (Plainfield) as they travel to Kenya this spring on a mission trip. Also approved: \$200 to INHEM and \$100 to Icythus House.

### CM&E

It was approved to raise funds to support the Training & Recording Classes. Financial procedures and updates were reviewed for the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants.

### Meeting Development & Nurture

Growth Grant applications are available on the WYM Website. All applications must be made on this revised form. Meetings which are awarded grants must make reports on the progress of their grant at the two board meetings following the award meeting, if they expect to renew their grant.

### Peace & Christian Social Concerns

Quaker Earth Care Witness will match up to \$250 for green technology projects. Friends are encouraged to save postage stamps for RSWR. Please consider support (sign up) for the Hoosier Faith & Health Coalition.

### Christian Outreach

*Thanks to everyone who helped us to reach our goal for our 2008 Special Project!*

We raised \$10,000 which will help support Sam & Becky Barber as they go to Belize. Thanks to God for His faithfulness in bringing us new leadership to step in as Mike & Kay Cain retire and get to enjoy some well deserved rest. If you are interested in having Sam & Becky share at your meeting, please contact Florence Emma Peery, (765) 436-7098. You can also visit the Barber's website: [www.belizebarbers.org](http://www.belizebarbers.org).

## Service & Missions

### Friends Disaster Service

Please make note of these two work sites. Western Yearly FDS will be heavily involved in the Columbus site. Put the dates on your calendar and let me, Lane Sims, know which week you would be able to go to Columbus. You can contact me at (317) 774-0787. When we know which week is best, I'll get in touch with Bob Winn.

If any one wants to go to League City, please let me know. Friends Disaster Service of Western Yearly Meeting will be glad to pay for your housing (up to \$50.00 per person per night) when you are on the road and for your gasoline. Let me know ahead of time so that I can put it on Bob's calendar.

#### **TRIP ONE**

Could you organize a volunteer trip to League City, TX, to help hurricane victims for one or more weeks from February 1 - 27th of 2009? We will be working to rehab damaged houses under the supervision of our Texas Director, Tom Hoke. Jim Moore and Jim Secaur will oversee the first two weeks. I will be on the scene the second two weeks to culminate our presence in Texas.

Volunteers are asked to consider a \$10.00 per day per person donation to help with food expenses. FDS provides all food, drink and snack requirements for its volunteers. Our shower trailer with a washer/dryer unit and our tool trailer will accompany us. Housing will be at the League City Friends Church. You will need to bring personal hygiene items, casual and work clothes, a pillow and bedding as well as a cot or vinyl mattress.

#### **TRIP TWO**

From March 29 - April 17th of 2009 our focus again turns to Columbus, IN. Last fall we successfully completed over 2,100 man hours in three weeks of work there and 15 families were able to return to their homes. More than 5000 houses and businesses near Columbus were flooded in the storms early last spring. There is still much to be done.

The Sandcreek-Azalia Friends Church 12 miles south will be our "bunkhouse". Pastor C. G. White and his entire congregation were most hospitable during our last stay and have invited us to return. United Way has a huge list of needy addresses in Columbus, IN.

*Submitted by Lane Sims*

### New Special Outreach Project

As we step into 2009 we are kicking off a new Special Project.

### **2009 Special Project Cuba: Hurricane Damage Repair Goal: \$10,000**

We will have new Special Project bulletin inserts and a new Power Point program available at March Administrative Council meeting. God has even provided us with our own 'on the scene reporters.' Dale Graves, Connie Robertson, Jim Crew and Ron Talbert are currently in Cuba (January 24 to February 7, 2009). They will be providing a workshop at WYM sessions where you can hear about their trip and the needs in Cuba. Keep them in your prayers as they travel.

### ACFIA

The ACFIA address and contact phone numbers are: ACFIA, P.O. Box 2326, Richmond, IN 47375 and call: (765) 489-4834 or (217) 663-2371.

### FUM

Friends United Meeting still has opening for their Chain of Prayer in April and May. If your meeting is interested in participating, please contact Kim Schull, (765) 962-7573.

### John Muhanji Truck Update

Western Yearly Meeting raised \$17,246. Wow! Meetings that accepted the \$10/man challenge and contributed are Courtland Avenue, Sheridan, Ridge Farm, Noblesville, Valley Mills, 1<sup>st</sup> Friends Kokomo, Hemlock, Russiaville, Plainfield, Mooresville, Bethel, Westfield, West Newton, Indianapolis 1<sup>st</sup> Friends, Carmel, Danville, Vermilion Quarterly Men, Lynn, Hinkle Creek, Tangier and West Union. We also had individual contributions that did not identify a meeting, so if your meeting participated and I do not know or have goofed up and left your name off the list, please let me know and I will add your name with gratefulness. With all the humility of a Quaker, I couldn't be prouder of Western Yearly Meeting. God bless you all. *Dale Graves*

### Important USFW Triennial 2010 Information

The USFWI/QMI Triennial will be held July 1-4, 2010 at the Sun'n'Sand Beach Resort in Mombasa, Kenya. As hotel expectations are different in Kenya, we are being asked to make a hotel deposit of \$100 per person by March 1, 2009. If you are planning to attend, please make your \$100 deposit check payable to USFWI, designated it for "conference deposit" and send to: Adis Beeson, USFWI Treasurer, 4305 Beeson Farm Road, Sophia, NC 27350. More information is available in the Jan-Feb, 2009 issue of *The Advocate*. Contact Mary Frances Taylor, President of USFW-W, if you have questions.

## Christian Education Opportunities

### Youth Cabinet

WYM Youth Cabinet is on the road and coming to a Meeting near you. Don't miss it as we continue to explore ways to "Let Yo' Light Shine!" Upcoming Road Shows:

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Bethel Friends  
March 29<sup>th</sup> @ Russiaville Friends

### Winter Retreat Family Programming

Plan now to bring the whole family to the upcoming WYM Winter Retreat on February 14, 2009. The programming for the adults, youth and children will all be focused on how we hear God speak to us through discernment.

### Quaker Haven Camp Fundraiser Dinner

Kokomo First Friends will be hosting a Fundraising Dinner for Quaker Haven Camp on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Come enjoy some wonderful food catered by Dan and hear about the ministry and vision of Quaker Haven. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30pm with a meal and presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per individual and \$40 per couple. Come and support the ministry of Quaker Haven Camp.

### May WYM CE Board Meeting Date Change

Because Katy will be in Kenya during the May WYM Board Meetings the WYM CE Board has changed their May Board Meeting to May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. at the WYM Building. Please make sure to note this change.

## WYM News

### Fellowship with Bethel Friends

We are planning a Game Night at Bethel Friends on Wednesday, February 18, with a pitch-in dinner at 6 p.m. and games at 7 p.m. Join us for a good time for all ages to have fun and fellowship. On Sunday, February 22, the WYM Youth Cabinet will be at Bethel. All are welcome to come and worship with us at 11:00 a.m. A pitch-in dinner will follow, meat dish provided, bring veggies, salad or dessert.

*Submitted by Chris Zike*

### Mileage Reimbursement Rates for Pastors

Beginning on January 1, 2009, the standard mileage rates for reimbursement of pastors is 55 cents per mile, 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations can be reimbursed.

### Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grants

WYM meetings and pastors are invited to apply for two grants from the Pastoral Ministry Excellence Grant for health savings accounts or retirement accounts. To qualify for these grants, pastors need to attend the training which is a part of the Winter Gathering for Pastors, and submit an application to the WYM Office which is signed by the pastor and the clerk of the monthly meeting. To learn more, please contact the WYM Office.

### Training & Recording Classes

Western Yearly Meeting Training & Recording Committee will offer three classes this year at the WYM campus: Old Testament, New Testament, and WYM Faith & Practice of Friends. For more information about these classes, please contact the WYM Office. We are also praying that we might find six churches or individuals who might give \$1,000 towards the WYM Training & Recording Class Scholarship fund.

### QUAKER HAVEN CAMP

Pioneer (Grades 5 & 6) - June 7-12  
Young at Heart Camp - June 8-11  
Jr. High (Grades 7 & 8) - June 14-19  
Sr. High I (Grades 9 - 12) - June 21-26  
Beginner (Grades K - 2 with parent/guardian) - June 26-28

George Fox (Grades 3 & 4) - July 5-8  
Sr. High II (Grades 9 - 12) - July 12-17

### Summer Ministry Internships Available

We will be again offering Ministry Internships this summer for young adults in WYM. This is a paid summer position and is a good opportunity for the young adults in WYM to explore their gifts in ministry throughout the Yearly Meeting. If you know of someone interested in being an intern this summer have them contact Katy Palmer ASAP. Intern applications are now available and are due to the WYM Office by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If your meeting is interested in having an Intern do ministry alongside you this summer contact Steve Pedigo or Katy Palmer for more information. Meeting applications are due to the WYM Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Quaker Hill Conference Center Retreat

You are invited to join Howard and Nate Macy for a weekend of music, worship, story and fellowship in the Spirit, "Singing the Songs of our Lives," on Friday, March 13 to Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, Indiana. Howard teaches at George Fox University and Nate currently serves as pastor at a new church in Tigard, Oregon. For more information and to register, visit the QGCC website: [www.qgcc.org](http://www.qgcc.org).

### Membership Information

Are you interested in having a membership class at your church? Do you have junior members who are now older than eighteen years of age? Are there new attenders in your meeting who are interested in learning more about the Friends? How do you gather new people not only into your meeting, but also into the yearly meeting? Here are options for you through Barclay Press, (800) 962-4014:

- (1) *Catechism & Confessions of Faith* by Robert Barclay (Barclay Press), \$6.95, reprint of original Friends classic from the 1600's.
- (2) *Family of Friends* by Jack Willcuts (Barclay Press), \$5.00, ten lessons about Friends for small groups.
- (3) *Meet the Friends* by Paul Anderson (Barclay Press), \$2.00, seven essays that introduces newcomers to Friends.

## Statistical Report

### Births

Alexandria Marie Toren (Joe & Allison Toren, Courtland Avenue)  
b. 12-5-2008

### Deaths

Heald, Wilfred Joseph (Plainfield) b. 5-6-1910 d. 12-10-2008  
Rose, Harold (Plainfield) b. 3-24-1919 d. 12-06-2008  
Shockley, Jim (Plainfield) b. 3-15-1930 d. 12-15-2008  
Swift, Myra (Plainfield) b. 2-17-1915 d. 12-16-2008  
Wilson, Charlene (Georgetown) b. 8-10-1930 d. 12-3-2008



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**Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar**

**Second Month**

**Third Month**

**MATERIALS DEADLINE  
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:  
2/17/09, 9:00 a.m.**

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| <p>3 Training &amp; Recording Committee, 9:30 a.m. at WYM Office</p> <p>8 Peanut Day at Vermilion Friends</p> <p>12-14 FUM Board Meetings</p> <p>14 Winter Retreat, 9-4</p> <p>15-17 Pastors' Winter Gathering</p> <p>18 Financial Trustees, 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>21 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m.<br/>Quaker Haven Dinner at Kokomo First Friends, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>22 Youth Cabinet Road Show at Bethel Friends</p> | <p>9 North Central Pastors' Meeting, Westfield Friends, 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>13-14 Quaker Haven Camp Board Retreat</p> <p>14 Southern Area Pastors' Meeting, Orleans' Maple Street Restaurant, 12 noon</p> <p>17 Central Area Pastors' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>19 Western Area Pastors Meeting at Vermilion Grove, 9:00 a.m. (Central Time)</p> <p>21 Administrative Council at Ridge Farm Friends</p> <p>23 Northern Area Pastors' Meeting, 12 noon</p> <p>29 Road Show at Russiaville Friends</p> <p>31 WYM Annual Reports due to WYM Office</p> |
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*Our Purpose Statement*

*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.*

Office Hours:

9:00-12:00; 1:00-3:00;

Monday-Thursday