



Western Work

March, 2011

News of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

Co-Superintendents' Bible Study

Steve & Marlene Pedigo

2011 Western Yearly Meeting Annual Session Theme, Philippians 1:9-11

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment. [*Philippians 1:9, NAS*]
Paul prayed the Gentile Philippian Church might experience “real knowledge” and all discernment. The Greek word for knowledge, which Paul prayed they might have, was experiential rather than cognitive. Christian knowledge differed from popular Greek philosophy or the speculation of mystery religions in Philippi. This experiential knowledge was not for individual advancement, but was grounded in divine agape love for the edification of Christian community.

This prayer included a request for discernment. Paul, who had experienced deliverance from the Philippian jail, wrote, “More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of **knowing** Christ Jesus my Lord...that I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering. (*Philippians. 3:8,10*). Paul knew divine agape love, experiential knowledge of Christ Jesus, and discernment were vital for the health of the Philippian Church.

As early Friends witnessed “experiential knowledge” they realized discernment did not lead them to withdraw from the world, but empowered their endeavors to live in it. Suffering from obedience to discernment was called a “deep baptism” by early Friends; a baptism where one truly died to self and rose to serve Christ Jesus.

*Are you fervent in prayer... abounding in divine agape love...
living an experiential knowledge of Christ Jesus...seeking discernment to edify the church?*

Western Yearly Meeting 2011 Annual Sessions

Thursday, July 21.

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration & New Attender Orientation
- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute
- 11:00 a.m. – Devotional with Craig Blair
- 11:30 a.m. – Small Group Discussion
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Memorial Service
- 2:00 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 5:00 p.m. – Pastors’ Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. - Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Music for Worship
- 7:30 p.m. - Quaker Lecture, **Josh Brown**

Friday, July 22.

- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 11:00 a.m. – Devotional with Sue Whitesel
- 11:30 a.m. – Small Group Discussion
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. –Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 5:30 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship
WYM Youth Cabinet

Saturday, July 23.

- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Devotional with Ramona Trover
- 9:30 a.m. – Small Group Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. – Affiliate Organization Workshops
- 11:00 a.m. – Affiliate Organization Workshops
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – WYM Board Sponsored Workshops
- 2:00 p.m. – WYM Board Sponsored Workshops
- 3:00 p.m. – WYM Board Sponsored Workshops
- 5:00 p.m. – USFW Tea
Quaker Men’s Banquet at Goody’s
- 7:00 p.m. – Music for Worship
- 7:30 p.m. -Mission Service, **Becky Barber**

Sunday, July 24.

- 8:30 a.m. – Yearly Meetingroom Open for Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Meeting for Worship, Training & Recording Service
John Muhanji
- 12:00 noon – Lunch

*All friends are encouraged to register for housing by calling the Plainfield Super 8 Motel, (317) 837-8888.
Please mention you are with Western Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions to receive their rate of \$65.00 per night (deadline is 7/1/2011).*

WYM Administrative Council, March 19, 2011

The WYM Administrative Council will be held on Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. at Noblesville Friends Meeting-house, 1055 Division Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Parking will be available on both sides of Division Street for Administrative Council. The lunch menu includes: chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$8.00. All proceeds go to support USFW Mission Projects. An afternoon workshop will be offered to Friends who wish to learn more about the consolidated budget process of Western Yearly Meeting.

Ministry Leadership Classes

The Western Yearly Meeting Barclay College Advantage Satellite Campus 2011 semester class schedule includes:

Systematic Theology II (Mike Thornburg), March 4-5 and March 25-26

Biblical Evidences (Bill Clendinning), April 8-9 and April 29-30

Spiritual Formation (Della Stanley-Green), Marcy 13-14 and June 3-4

Western Yearly Meeting has approved providing tuition scholarships for those individuals who are currently in the Training & Recording process. If you would like to donate towards the fund to provide scholarships, please send your contribution to Western Yearly Meeting, Box 70, Plainfield, IN 46168 and indicate in the Memo this is for the WYM Scholarships. For more information about these classes, please contact the WYM Office (317) 839-2789. To register online: www.barclaycollege.edu.

Board Reports

Board on Meeting Development & Nurture

In January, 2011, Pastor Carlos Moran shared with Western Yearly Meeting Board members about his vision to begin Iglesia Amigos, a new Indianapolis church plant. The WYM Board of Meeting Development and Nurture approved a grant \$10,200 to be used to support this ministry which is being sponsored by Indiana Yearly Meeting. Iglesia Amigos is currently renting the Second Friends Meetinghouse and holds meetings for worship on Sunday afternoons. Annie Glen (Kokomo) and Amy Perry (Indianapolis) will represent Western Yearly Meeting on the Indiana Yearly Meeting Task Force. Indiana Yearly Meeting will serve as the fiscal agent for this ministry. Carlos Moran has been a pastor among Friends Churches in Southwest and Eastern Region Friends and originally is from Guatemala. He is the father of four young adult children. Carlos' daughter, Carla Moran, is a member of Indianapolis Second Friends and WYM FWCC representative.

Board on Peace & Christian Social Concerns

The following grants were approved: AFSC, \$1,000; FCNL, \$1,000; IFCL, \$500; Right Sharing of World Resources, \$500; FUM Kenya Peace Curriculum, \$250; Peace Learning Center, \$100; Center on Conscience & War, \$100; QEW, \$300.

Board on Christian Ministry & Evangelism

Monthly Meetings are encouraged to consider one of the 11 WYM *Faith & Practice* queries each month at business meetings in preparation for the 2011 State of Society. Pastoral Ministry Grant Applications are due to WYM Office on 3/31/11.

Board on Christian Education

Western Yearly Meeting will no longer have a separate George Fox and Pioneer Quaker Haven Camp. Children of this age group are encouraged to attend Kids Camp and Junior Camp.

Statistics

Fields, Christena (Mooresville) b. 3-29-1917, d. 12-9-2010.

Johnson, Virginia (Hopewell) d. 2-7-2011

Missions Update

2011 Special Project

The WYM 2011 Special Project is to raise \$9,000 for six FUM field staff: Sam & Becky Barber (Belize), Lon Fendall & Ann Riggs (FTC – Kaimosi, Kenya), Eden Grace (AMO Africa Ministries Office, Kisumu, Kenya), Joyce Ajlouney (Ramallah). All checks needs to be made out to the **WYM Benevolence Treasurer and sent to the WYM Office**. Be sure to make a notation for Special Project by writing a note on the check, including a separate note, or using vouchers which can be provided by the WYM Office. Donations will be divided evenly among the field staff so please don't specify individual names. We collected \$12,177.95 for the **2010 Adopt a Nurse Project**. We appreciate your generosity in supporting this project.

Collection of Postage Stamps

The Outreach Board is **collecting used postage stamps to be redeemed for RSWR** (Right Sharing of World Resources). The money goes into their general fund. When saving the stamps do not cut any edges of the stamps. The Board is also **collecting any kind of pop tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. Collecting these items are easy ways that everyone can help. **At Administrative Council and Yearly Meeting there will be boxes to deposit the stamps and tabs as well as a box for dresses and shorts for Haiti.** If you need patterns to make the clothing, please contact Florence Emma Peery at flopeery@frontier.com.

Board on Outreach Report

At the January Board on Outreach the following grants were approved: ACFIA, \$1,000; Bob & Hope Carter, \$1,000; Friends Theological College Poultry, \$1,000; Turkana Bicycles for Pastors, \$900; Kisumu, Printing of *Faith & Practice*, \$700; Kisumu, FUM Representative Travel to World Council of Churches \$107.00

ACFIA Market

It's never too early to start making handicraft items for the market at yearly meeting. All money goes to the ACFIA to be divided evenly among the Native American centers. Please continue to support these centers financially. Donations can be sent to each center directly, or to ACFIA, or you can make checks payable to the WYM Benevolence Treasurer and send to the WYM Office. Please include a notation as to where you want the money sent. For more information contact Dinah Geiger, dinageiger@att.net.

WYM Young Friends

Summit, 2010

A group of 19 individuals from Western Yearly Meeting participated in this year's Summit, 2010, held in Colorado Springs on December 28 – January 1, 2011. This gathering of Young Friends, ages 16-25, included inspirational speakers, challenging workshops, moving times of worship, and opportunities to meet new Friends! A special thank you goes to Mariya Jones, WYM's Sundesmos Intern, and those who made this trip happen!

2011 Quaker Haven Camp

Please note the Quaker Haven Camp dates for this summer (*these differ from the Minute Book*):

June 12-17 - Junior High (7th & 8th)

June 19-24 - Senior High I (9th - 2011 Grads)

June 24-26 - Beginners Camp (K-2nd)

June 26-July 1 - Junior Camp (5th & 6th)

July 10 - 15 - Senior High II

July 17 - 20 - Kids Camp (2nd - 4th)

Senior High, Junior High, Junior Camp Cost is \$310.00 (\$260 if early bird); Kids Camp cost is \$220 (\$170 if early bird); and Beginners \$200 (\$150 if early bird). Cutoff date for early bird is May 28! April 30 is the deadline to receive a WYM Scholarship. Forms will be on the WYM website: westernym.net.

A special thank you to Julie Kappes who has been working with Aaron Hughes of Indiana Yearly Meeting to prepare for this year's camps.

Sundesmos Internships

Western Yearly Meeting will again offer a summer internship program for Young Friends, ages 16-25. To receive an application, please contact the Western Yearly Meeting Office. Deadline to submit the application is March 31, 2011.

Youth Cabinet

The next WYM Youth Cabinet Road Show will be held on March 26-27, at the Fellowship of Jesus Christ, Newberry Friends Church. Area Friends are invited to this time of inspiration with the Western Yearly Meeting Young Friends!

News Among Friends

Northern Area Council & Meeting for Fellowship

Northern Area Council will be held on Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m. at Russiaville Friends. Northern Area Meeting for Fellowship will be held on Sunday, March 27, 6 p.m. at Hazel Dell Friends. Pastor Dave Freelan will present the program. Dave has a weekly Sunday morning radio program, *Sounds of Joy*. Dessert will be served.

Western Yearly Meeting Annual Reports

All monthly meeting clerks are reminded to submit your annual reports to the WYM Office by March 31! The Pastoral Grant Applications are also due on 3/31/2011.

New WYM Pastors

- David Webster has accepted the position of pastor of Gray Friends.
- Noblesville Friends approved hiring David Adams as an Associate Pastor.

Transitions

The following churches have begun pastoral searches:

- Bloomingdale Friends (contact Bonnie Hobbs, (765) 471-1418, bhobbs1970@yahoo.com).
- Sandcreek Azalia Friends (contact Andy Saurer, (812) 603-3323).

Stan Banker has announced his retirement as Indianapolis First Friends Pastor in 2012.

Steve Pedigo announced his resignation as WYM Superintendent beginning, 4/4/2011.

Friends Fiduciary Corporation

Friends interested in the position of Executive Director of the Friends Fiduciary Corporation are encouraged to submit a cover letter, resume, salary history and information to FFCsearch@me.com.

Leadership Training---Group Discernment

Clerks and pastors interested in learning more about individual and group discernment are invited to attend the Leadership Institute for Group Discernment, May 16-19, at George Fox University. See www.goodnewsassoc.org/leadershipinstitute for more information.

North Carolina Superintendent Search

North Carolina Yearly Meeting-FUM is accepting applications for the position of Superintendent; position starting date 1/1/2012. Send inquires and resumes to search@ncym-fum.org. Check FUM and NCYM website, www.ncym-fum.org for information.

Friends United Meeting Triennial

Friends United Meeting Triennial will be held July 27-31, 2011 at Wilmington College. Registration for the 2011 FUM Triennial is currently online! Colin Saxton, current Northwest Yearly Meeting Superintendent, will become the next FUM General Secretary.

Kenyan Hospitality

If you are willing to provide hospitality to visiting Kenyan Friends during Western Yearly Meeting, July 20-24, please contact Nadine Kemp, (317) 839-6270.



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**MATERIALS DEADLINE
FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
3/21/11, 9:00 a.m.**

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

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church Calendar

Third Month

- 6 Russiaville Friends Dessert Auction following noon meal
- 10 Western Area Pastors' Meeting at Marshall Federated Church
- 14 Nominating Committee Meeting, 1 p.m.
- 17 Northern Area Spring Area Council, 7 p.m. at Russiaville
- 19 WYM Administrative Council, 10 a.m.
- 26 WYM Road Show at Newberry Friends
- 27 Northern Area Meeting for Fellowship, 6 p.m., at Hazel Dell Friends
Quarterly Unprogrammed Worship Group hosted by Noblesville First Friends, 3:30 p.m.
- 29 Program Committee Meeting
- 31 WYM Reports due to WYM Office

Fourth Month

- 16 Executive Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- 26 USFW Spring Conference, at Kokomo First Friends, 10 a.m.