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Western Work

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

Superintendent Bible Study, James 5:12

As James brings his epistle to a close, he provides a variety of exhortations. The exhortation in James 5:12 concerns the use of oaths. The New Testament Greek word used for oath is "*horkos*," which refers to fence, an enclosure that restrains a persons, an oath. In other words, an oath is a promise that restrains one to speak the truth concerning matters of the fact. In a court of law, an oath is required of a witness, professed while their hand is on a Bible, to speak the truth while giving testimony on the witness stand.

The Religious Society of Friends has a historic testimony of the important witness of truth and integrity. As Christians it is our firm conviction that the truth should be spoken "under all circumstances," at all times, and not just under oath. Such truth applies not only to spoken testimonies but in relationships as well. Do we speak truth to each other at all times? Scripture admonishes us to follow Gospel Order (Matt. 18:15-17) regarding concerns we have with one another. Gossip and triangled relationships undermine truth. Truth telling helps to build genuine Christian community. Speak the truth in love to each other. (Eph. 4:15).

WYM Faith & Practice: "The words of Jesus, 'swear not at all' (Matt. 5:34), emphasize the importance of honesty in speech. Friends' position in regard to the taking of the judicial oath is not merely a negation of a procedure which they believe to be wrong, but it is a positive testimony of an ideal by which they endeavor to regulate their lives. They base their attitude on the principle that the truth is to be spoken at all times and that a person's word should be as good as his or her bond." [p. 27]

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church

150th Annual Sessions
August 2-5, 2007

We hope you will join us this summer for a time of worship, fellowship, and discernment of God's will for Western Yearly Meeting as we center upon what it means to be "One Body, In Christ" [Romans 12:4-5, 10, NRSV].

Families are welcomed to Western Yearly Meeting! A variety of programs have been planned for registered children, youth and young adults. Please be sure to bring the whole family!

Thursday, August 2, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Registration
8:30 a.m. – New Attender Orientation
9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute
10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study, **Phil King**
11:15 a.m. – Discussion Groups
12:00 noon – Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Memorial Service, **Chris Lindley**
2:30 p.m. – Business Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Dinner & Pastors' Dinner at
Gray's Cafeteria, Mooresville
7:00 p.m. – Quaker Lecture
Dave Kingrey, Director
Institute for Ministry
Mid-America Yearly Meeting

Friday, August 3, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, **Phil King**
10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
12:00 noon – Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Business Meeting
3:00 p.m. – Break
3:15 p.m. – Business Meeting
5:00 p.m. – Quaker Haven B-B-Q
Earlham Banquet
7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship
WYM Youth Cabinet

Saturday, August 4, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, **Phil King**
10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
12:00 noon – Lunch
1:30 p.m. – Workshops
3:15 p.m. – Workshops
5:00 p.m. – USFW Tea
Quaker Men's Banquet
7:00 p.m. – Mission Service
John Muhanji, Director
FUM African Ministries

Sunday, August 5, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Meeting for Worship
Jay Marshall, Earlham School of Religion
12:00 noon – Lunch

Together Encouraging All Meetings (TEAM) Prayer Reports

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other..." [1Thess. 4:11, NRSV]

July 1, Hortonville

July 8 - Irvington

- Discernment of God's purpose for our meeting
- Growth opportunities with building structures and grounds
- Our community to be instruments of God's peace

July 15 - Lick Creek

July 22 - Lynn

July 29 - Marshall

August 5 - Mooresville

August 12 - New London

August 19 - New Salem

August 26 - Newberry

Special prayer requests for publication in the Western Work may be submitted by the meeting to the office prior to the printing deadline.

Upcoming Team Schedule for September

September 2 – Newport
September 9 – Noblesville
September 16 - Paoli

September 23 – Plainfield
September 30 – Ridge Farm

Additional Prayer Requests

Borderland Witness

Brian Young, a former member of the Chicago Fellowship of Friends and currently an ESR student, is a part-time member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) Corp, an ecumenical violence-reduction effort with roots in the historic peace churches (Brian has served as Friends United Meeting's representative). CPT stands between oppressor and oppressed in a number of places in the world, seeking to meet lethal violence with the nonviolent ways of Jesus. During July, Brian will participate in a short-term project, the Borderlands Witness Drive. The purpose of this month-long trip is to focus on the Borderlands migrant experience, connecting with migrant solidarity organizations, and culminating in Washington, D.C., where they hope to show the human face of migration to lawmakers. They begin in Tucson, and stop at locations where groups are engaged in migrant aid/advocacy work in New Mexico, Texas, Monterrey in Mexico, Louisiana, Georgia, and North Carolina. Experiences and reflections are recorded in a weblog at <http://cptborderlandswitness.blogspot.com/>. Please pray for traveling mercies for the team of four people, and a just outcome for the current debate in Congress over this highly charged issue.

WYM 150th Session.

Please remember to pray for Western Yearly Meeting, August 2-5, as we discern God's will for our future.

Quaker Haven Camp

Friends are asked to pray for the ministry of Quaker Haven Camp this summer and for the children, interns and staff from Western Yearly Meeting.

WYM Workshops

Plan to join us for training this year at the WYM Saturday afternoon workshops, August 4.

1:30 p.m. Workshops

1. *The Missing Generation* - Katy Palmer
2. *Clerking* - Ellen Hodge
3. *How Western Yearly Meeting Works* - Dan Carter
4. *Outreach* - David Bucura
5. *Sacramental Worship* - Stan Banker

3:15 p.m. Workshops

1. *CE Program Sharing* - Katy Palmer
2. *Quaker Business Meeting, Discernment for the Church* - Marlene Pedigo
3. *Church Budgets* - Paul Smith
4. *Outreach* -
5. *"An Inconvenient Truth"* - Al Gore's Documentary

Statistics

Marriage

Ann Woolley Kendall and Sid Dixon Crane, (Indianapolis First Friends) June 24, 2007

Deaths

George Batt, (Indianapolis First Friends)

Richard Oberreich, (Indianapolis First Friends)

Sundesmos Summer Internships

This summer Western Yearly Meeting has placed six college students in ministry sites throughout Western Yearly Meeting. These interns have been a tremendous blessing in ministry and we hope you take time to meet them, pray for them, and thank them as you see them this summer at Western Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Hannah Gallez is in her first year at Danville Area Community College majoring in Recreation, Fitness & Leisure Studies. She is from Ridge Farm Friends and will be assisting with the ministry at Quaker Haven Camp and Western Area churches.

Melissa Hagmaier is a sophomore at Indiana Wesleyan majoring in Elementary Education. Melissa is member of Courtland Avenue Friends Church and will be working at Quaker Haven Camp and WYM VBS programs.

Mariya Jones is a freshman at Ball State majoring in Nursing. A member of Plainfield Friends, Mariya will be serving at Quaker Haven Camp and helping with the ministry of West Newton Friends.

Matt McPhearson is a sophomore at Indiana State majoring in Marketing/Motor Sports Management. Matt is a member of Danville Friends and will be active in ministry for his church and Quaker Haven Camp this summer.

Jessica Thornburg is a sophomore at Indiana Wesleyan majoring in Social Work and a member of Danville Friends. This summer she will serve at a Chicago urban ministry, research and observe ministry models, identify possible WYM ministries, and assist in the WYM office.

Paul West is a freshman at Ball State University majoring in telecommunications and is a member of Kokomo First Friends. Paul will serve as the WYM Tech Intern for the summer.

Training for Small Group & Spiritual Formation

Western Yearly Meeting Friends are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Richard Foster speak at the regional Renovare Conference this fall, September 14-15, 2007 at the First Nazarene Church, Indianapolis, IN. The cost is \$50.00 per person or \$80.00 for couples. If you register for the fall Renovare Conference by 7/31/2007, you will get a discount on the price. To find out more about Renovare, check out their website at www.renovare.org or call Steve Pedigo at the WYM Office (317) 839-2789.

Opportunities for Friends

USFWI Triennial Session

The United Society of Friends Women International (USFWI) will meet in its Triennial Sessions July 19-22, 2007 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme for the conference is "Woven Into a Tapestry of Love" taken from Colossians 2:2 [*The Message*]. Speakers for the conference will explore various threads that create a tapestry of love. Gladys Kang'ahi and Mary Glen Hadley, both USFWI Board members, will lead the first session experiencing prayers as a foundational thread in creating tapestry of love. Judy Dennis will focus on the thread of encouragement. Judy is a counselor who has specialized in working with trauma victims. Esther Mombo, the Academic Dean at St. Paul's Theological College in Kenya, will add the thread of unity. Maxine Nash, a Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT) member, recently based in Iraq, will speak on the thread of understanding. The banquet speaker will be Shelley Newby who will pull together the tapestry of love. She followed her vision to walk for peace from New Castle, Indiana to Washington, D.C. We enjoy a Saturday Kenyan tea and Crafts Fair will be held with vendors from around the world displaying, demonstrating or selling their crafts. You can register on line at: www.adamsmark.com. *Mary Glen Hadley*

Organ Recital

As a part of their Annual Meeting, this time in Indianapolis, the National Organ Historical Society will present an organ recital in the WYM meeting room on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at about 10:30 a.m. All Friends are invited, at no admission charge. This is one recital in a series of recitals they will present at organs across central Indiana.

WYM USFW

The Annual USFW Tea will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2007, in the Plainfield Dining Room. It will be followed by a brief meeting and the installation of officers. The Missions Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the WYM Meeting Room. The evening speaker is John Muhanji, Friends United Meeting Africa Ministries Representative. The evening offering will go to support the Adopt-A-Nurse Fund for the Kaimosi Hospital.

Quaker Hill Conference Center

John Punshon will be in Richmond during the week of August 6-19, 2007 (teaching an Intensive class at the Earlham School of Religion). John has promised to spend at least one evening this week at Quaker Hill for an informal conversation on his life in retirement in England and his thoughts on the "state of society" of Friends on both sides of the pond.

T. Canby Jones (Wilmington College) and **Michael Birkel** (Earlham College) will lead a Friday evening and Saturday program reflecting on letters of George Fox and Margaret Fell as "windows" on the spiritual life and concerns of early Friends. This should provide the basis for an interesting discussion of similarities and differences in comparison to issues and concerns facing Friends today.

WYM Website: westernym.net

Check out the website for WYM program information, registration form, and advance reports of affiliates.

Upcoming Events

July, 2007

- 5-7, 8, 10 Georgetown Friends VBS, "Waterworks Parks," 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 7 Danville Friends Fundraising Concert, 7:00 p.m., Hendricks Civic Theater
 8 Danville Friends Homecoming, 10:30 a.m.
 9-13 Westfield Friends VBS
 Carmel Friends VBS, 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
 11-14 Plainfield, Fairfield & West Newton VBS, W-F- 8 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Plainfield Friends, Sat. – 9:30-12:30
 13-15 Ridge Farm Friends VBS
 15-19 FUM General Boards at Western Yearly Meeting
 15-20 Senior High II Quaker Haven Camp
 19-22 USFWI Triennial, Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis
 23-27 Mooresville Friends VBS, Avalanche Ranch, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 27-28 Valley Mills Friends Chicken BBQ, funds benefit people of Decatur township and other parts of the world

August, 2007

- 2-5 150th Session of Western Yearly Meeting
 7 Western Area Quaker Men Steak Fry, 6:30 p.m., Gary Romoser's Home (Ridge Farm Friends)
 26 "More Than Friends Concert" at Mooresville Friends, 10:30 a.m.

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.

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