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# Western Work

News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Sesquicentennial Celebration of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church July 31 – August 3, 2008

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 "He who began a good work in you will continue..." (Philippians 1:6, NIV)

Families are welcomed to Western Yearly Meeting. A variety of programs have been planned for pre-registered children, youth, and young adults. Please be sure to bring the whole family! You may wear period dress if you would like.

### Thursday, July 31, 2008

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – New Attender Orientation
- 9:00 a.m. – Opening Minute & Morning Bible Study – **Max Carter**
- 10:00 a.m. – Worship Sharing/Discussion Groups
- 10:30 a.m. - Break
- 10:45 a.m. – Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Memorial Service  
**Florence Emma Peery**
- 2:00 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner  
Pastors' Dinner at Coachman's Restaurant
- 7:00 p.m. – Quaker Lecture  
**Tom Hamm, Earlham**

### Friday, August 1, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
**Max Carter**
- 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Business Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. – Break
- 3:15 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 5:00 p.m. – Quaker Haven B-B-Q & Youth Cabinet Reunion  
At Central School  
Earlham Gathering at Dining Room
- 7:00 p.m. – Multi-Generational Worship  
**WYM Youth Cabinet**
- 9:00 p.m. – Quaker Haven Pies

### Saturday, August 2 2008

- 8:15 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
**Max Carter**
- 10:00 a.m. – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
- 12:00 noon – Lunch  
FWCC Gathering
- 1:30 p.m. – Historical Presentations
- 5:00 p.m. – USFW Tea  
Quaker Men's Banquet at Goody's Restaurant
- 7:00 p.m. – Mission Service  
**Judy Davis, Kaimosi Hospital**

### Sunday, August 3, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. – Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Meeting for Worship  
**John Punshon**
- 12:00 noon – Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. – Anniversary Celebration

## WYM Friends Disaster Is at Work

Your Friends Disaster Service is very involved in the tornadoes and flooding that have occurred in the last few weeks. The American Red Cross issued a call to the VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) for help in removing tree debris from the neighborhoods in Indianapolis that were devastated by the tornado. The VOAD then contacted Friends Disaster Service. Friends Disaster Service responded with eight people and one from Mennonite Disaster Relief. The date of this was Friday, June 6, one day before the floods. The Salvation Army provided us with a feeding unit that stayed with us all day serving drinks, meals, snacks, and a noon meal. We were the only organization working in this area. We went door-to-door and asked the people if we could help them.

After we had cleaned the yard of one lady, she asked if she could tell her story. Her husband had been in the hospital for six weeks with lung cancer. He also developed pneumonia. The tornado struck and damaged her home leaving trees and debris all through her yard. She said that she had absolutely no money. She said, "I prayed to God for help. He sent me Friends Disaster Service." This type of testimony makes it all worthwhile. We are truly serving in Christ's Name.

Andy Saurer of Sandcreek Azalia called and requested that we come to Columbus, Indiana and help clean homes after the flood. The call was put out to all of our meetings for help. The response was great. There were 36 people who answered the call. The age of the volunteers ran from 13 years to above 70. Both men and women responded. Sandcreek-Azalia sent a large contingent. Cleaning out homes is a dirty but rewarding job. We removed wet drywall down to the studs and carried the mess outside. We worked on four to five homes. We then sprayed bleach in the homes to kill the mold.

There is so much work to do. There are about 1700 homes in Columbus alone that have been affected by this flood. The amount of work remaining is staggering. Not only in Columbus, but in all the other counties that have been affected. If everyone does a little, the work will be done. Please watch for other calls to be made by Friends Disaster Service for help. Thanks to each person that responded. You have shown Christ's love to those in need.

*Submitted by Lane Sims*

## Leadership Training Classes

The Training & Recording Committee of Western Yearly Meeting offers their second class in 2008, "Introduction to Christian Education & Spiritual Formation."

Della Stanley-Green is the instructor for this class which will gather again on the weekend of July 25-26, 2008, at the Kelley Conference Room in the WYM Meetinghouse. The Friday evening topic, "Adapting Curriculum for Friends' Use" is open to anyone in WYM seeking training in this area for their local meeting.

*"Introduction to  
Christian Education  
& Spiritual  
Formation"*  
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**July 25-26, 2008**  
At  
**Kelley Conference  
Room**

## CE & Spiritual Formation Schedule

**July 25, 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

*"Adapting Curriculum for Friends' Use,"* This workshop on using Christian Education curriculum materials in Friends churches/meetings is open to all.

**July 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

*"Spiritual Formation;" "Christian Education for Everyone;" (Learning Styles, Active Learning, Faith Development, and Nuts & Bolts Group Activities) and "Next Steps/Equipping Yourself Personally as an Educator."*

## What's Happening in WYM

### Goodbye to Laura and Welcome to Mary Anne!

This past year we have appreciated Laura Jay as the WYM office aide. Her cheerful voice has been a blessing to hear as you call the office. Laura has resigned to begin her internship at Butler University this fall. We want to welcome Mary Anne Martin as the new WYM office aide!

### Special Thank You

Bob & Elsie Garris want to express their appreciation for the numerous WYM Friends who have sent cards to them!

### ACFIA Market

The ACFIA Market (Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs) is asking of Friends to start making items to sell at Yearly Meeting. The Market will be in the Drake Room this year (formerly where the USFW Bookstore was located). Homemade items, baked goods, and garden produce sell well. All proceeds will be equally divided among the three centers.

## Statistical Report

### Deaths

**Crafton, Pearl Louise** (Beech Grove) b. 12-12-1922 d. 5-25-2008

**Davies, Waneita** (Courtland Ave) b. 3-26-1904 d. 5-10-2008

**Trueblood, Eugene** (Blue River) d. 5-13-2008

### New Pastors

Hemlock Friends welcomes Ron Forsythe as their new pastor this summer!

## Christian Education

### Youth Cabinet Reunion

Since this is WYM's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are celebrating all the wonderful work and ministries of WYM over the past 150 years, the WYM CE Board wanted to honor those who have shown leadership in the WYM Youth Cabinet over the years. We are sponsoring a reunion of all who have ever been on the WYM Youth Cabinet; 1960-Present. A list is being compiled and past members and sponsors will be notified soon about this fun opportunity at this year's Annual Sessions.

### **QUAKER HAVEN CAMP**

#### **2008 SCHEDULE**

**Fox—July 6 - 9**

**Sr. High 2—July 13-18**

### K-Young Adults Programming at WYM

Plan to bring the entire family to WYM 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Fun filled and inspirational events are planned for all ages. This is a great time to learn about the spiritual foundational upon which Western Yearly Meeting is built!

### Don't Forget Fall Impact, Grades 7-12!

## What's Happening in FUM

### Update from John Muhanji---Peacemaking & Ministry in Kenya

It is always wise to go by God's direction all the time we do our ministry. The months of March, April, May and June have been busy with so many activities that were to be done at the beginning of the year but were interrupted by the clashes. Besides our normal programs, many more responsibilities have been added that includes dealing with the Internally Displaced People (IDP's) after the post election violence that rocked the country. Many people were displaced as a result of being chased from other communities for not supporting a certain candidate in presidential election. During this time many people were looking for a place to go as they were in search of security, shelter and food. Many people's houses were destroyed and many of their possessions were stolen during the violence period. It will take a very long time to heal these evil acts by their neighbors.

After a very successful mission to Uganda where I had a workshop with the finance chairmen and treasurers of the various Monthly and Quarterly meetings of the Yearly Meeting, I received a telephone call from the District Commissioner (DC) at midnight on Sunday asking me to join them to get the Internally Displaced People (IDP's) camped at the Eldoret Show Grounds to their home. The DC told me that he had been to the camp and the IDPs were hostile to him because he has not been with them at all. The IDPs told the DC the only people they know who have been every helpful in ensuring that they resettle to their homes are the District Officer (DO) and the Friends Church. He was given my phone number by the DO and said the IDPs would like to meet myself from the Friends Church and the DO on Monday morning. I was very tired and I need a rest after a long week full of activities. I tried to give excuses not to go and asked him to find someone else, but the DC told me that, 'You have done a lot with these people and I believe you are the only person who could make this day a success. I accepted reluctantly but at the same time I asked God to give me energy and wisdom on how to deal with the situation.

I left very early in the morning on Monday, (6/18/2008), for the Eldoret show Grounds. The DO and DC were waiting for me. We went to the camp and met with the people and when I talked and prayed for them, they willingly went and started pulling down their tents, ready to leave to their new station closer to their houses which were destroyed. Lorries were provided which carried them to the place. As they were pulling down their tents, we went to see the place where they would be relocating. We found that there were no rest rooms and water nearby for the people as they move there.

At this time the DC had left us with the DO. We called the DC and asked him to provide funds for the toilets and water, but he never came to us again. Time was moving and nothing was taking place. I felt frustrated and I called Eden and asked her to send me Kshs. 40,000 to use for the process. Eden responded very fast, and I started rolling things in action. The toilets were put in place; water was also connected after buying pipes that pulled water which was 200 meters from the location. I also provided food to those people who worked on it. I was enabled to get electricity connected from a nearby hospital which provided light for security. I got a wire that was also 200 meters and its accessories. It was as if I had calculated the exact amount that was required for the work available. I left the camp at 8:45 p.m. when I saw that the camp had water, rest rooms and lights in a very short time. The IDPs and the DO felt encouraged and supported and the people felt that indeed the Friends Church is a true peace church that cares for the people. They commended us for being very helpful in the process seriously as our duty. They saw integrity in us and wished this church could stay with them all the time. I even used some of the same money to buy fuel for a government vehicle the DO was using when it ran out of fuel and needed it to carry logs and other things. They could not get the money from the DC to do anything. I felt encouraged and energized to see that we could offer hope to people who have been feeling hopeless.

I slept in Eldoret unexpected because I came thinking I would be going back to Kisumu. The following day, we went to the Show Ground to see those IDP's who had remained there. As I arrived in the camp and went around the makeshifts of tents in readiness to join the others who left the previous day. Since everything was already in place, I blessed them and asked them to go in peace to the new place. At this time I was needed for another meeting in Kisumu at 2:00 p.m. I left Eldoret at 11:45 a.m. and I was in Kisumu for the other meeting that was scheduled to plan for the education secretaries meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2:30 p.m. We met and made the agenda...

Friends, your prayers and support has been seen and heard and we encourage that we continue with the same spirit of support. There are a lot of responsibilities remaining to ensure that we continue with building relationships between the communities. The resettlement continues this week and next week...

God bless you Friends,  
John Muhanji  
**(John plans to be at WYM 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sessions!)**



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**MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

8/18/08, 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 Calendar

Seventh Month

- 6/30-7/2 VBS at Carmel Friends
- 6 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3 p.m., Plainfield
- 6-9 George Fox Camp
- 9-13 FUM Triennial, High Point, NC
- 13-17 VBS at Westfield Friends
- 13-18 Senior High II Camp
- 17 Financial Trustees, 9:15 a.m., Kelley Rm.
- 20 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3 p.m., Kokomo 1<sup>st</sup> Friends
- 21 Sundesmos Intern Lunch
- 23 Danville Friends Beef N' Noodle Dinner, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
- 21-25 VBS at Second Friends
- VBS at Kokomo First Friends
- VBS at Mooresville
- VBS at Courtland Avenue
- 25 "CE & Spiritual Formation: Adapting Curriculum for Friends' Use," 6:30 p.m.
- 26 "CE & Spiritual Formation: Nuts & Bolts,"
- 25-26 Valley Mills Chicken BBQ, 4:00 p.m.
- 27 YM Choir Rehearsal, 3 p.m., Plainfield
- 31 151<sup>st</sup> Session of WYM

Eighth Month

- 1-3 151<sup>st</sup> Sessions of WYM
- 16 Sundesmos Intern Evaluation

Ninth Month

- 20 WYM Boards
- 23 Program Committee, 2:00 p.m.

