



# Western Work

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News of Western Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church

## Superintendent's Bible Study,

“Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”  
[Hebrews 12:14, RSV]

### “Break Not Wedlock with the Lord Jesus Christ”

- George Fox, 1653 -

*Dear Friends, prize your heavenly calling, by which you are called into 'holiness and righteousness, without which no one shall see the Lord' (Heb. 12:14)...Keep in the lowly mind and humility of Christ, that the fruits of...regeneration in your lives may appear; as the people redeemed from the pleasures of the flesh, the spirit of the world and the beggarly lusts; that you may obtain the promise of the eternal God and the power of Truth through the Word in the heart..., that you may obtain victory over that which wars against your souls...*

*And keep out of all that, which tends to strife, whisperings, backbitings and tattlings; which draws from the witness, watch and fear of God within; which leavens into the fleshy lusts and nature...*

*So be wise and keep your first love. Break not wedlock with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep your first habitation. Keep your garments clean, for such as do, they are blessed... Shine as lights to the world. Be examples in virtue, righteousness and holiness, walking in the Truth in all patience and quietness, looking at the Lord, your strength...Christ Jesus, the conqueror, beyond all the hills and the mountains, that you may be a good labor to the Lord, having salt in yourselves. Let your lamps be burning and your lights shining. Then you will see over all the unsavoriness that is in Adam's family in the fall, [you] who live in Christ, the power of God that never fell. Keep marriage with him, the holy One, the Just One, the Light, the Truth and Power of God, who makes an end to all unholiness...* [The Power of the Lord is Over All the Pastoral Letters of George Fox, Edited by T. Canby Jones, 1989, Friends United Press, pages 28-29]

## WYM Board Reports

### Christian Education

Mark your calendars for upcoming events: Fall Impact Retreat, October 10-11 at Jameson Camp for grades 7-12; and the Youth Cabinet Road Shows: October 5<sup>th</sup> at Plainfield Friends and November 9<sup>th</sup> at Georgetown Friends

### Christian Ministries & Evangelism

Two \$1,000 scholarships were approved for the following individuals: (1) Cameron Bottema, pastor of Bethel Friends, who is currently working on his Masters of Ministries from Bethel and (2) Susann Cronau, intern at Plainfield Friends, who is currently attending Christian Theological Seminary. The WYM Winter Retreat will be held on February 14, 2009 with speaker Bruce Bishop sharing about discernment.

### Meeting Development & Nurture

It was approved to revise the guidelines for the WYM Growth Grants and develop a Western Work supplement for 2009. Growth grants were approved for Georgetown, Newport, and the 2009 WYM Annual Winter Retreat.

### Outreach

The final expenditure of the Outreach Trust Funds for 2008 was spent as follows: \$1,000, Bob and Hope Carter; \$1,000, Grace children tuition in Kenya; \$1,000, new ambulance at Kaimosi Hospital; \$1,500, Herman Otioko's retirement salary; \$1,000 new bunks & chairs at Friends Theological College (FTC); \$500, to purchase chickens for Swift Purcell School micro-enterprise project in Jamaica; \$500, FTC kitchen workers' uniforms; \$500, remodel Ramallah Principal's kitchen; \$223.23, Jessica Thornburg for outreach activities at Second Friends.

### Peace & Christian Social Concerns

All meetings are encouraged to follow news from IFCL, FCNL, AFSC, FUM and Friends Peace Teams. The following funds were approved: travel funds for Earl Smith (\$400), Marshall Gibson (\$400), George McCoy (\$200), and Garnett Fay (\$200); educational/workshop Kenya materials, (\$200); IFCL, (\$500); Friends Church Peace Teams (\$300); AFSC Haiti Work (\$300), and Earl Smith, Illinois Conference of Churches (\$40).

## What's Been Happening in WYM

### Welcome to Susann Cronau

Plainfield Friends welcomed Susann Cronau as a part time intern on September 1.

Susann is doing her field education with Plainfield Friends Meeting as a student at Christian Theological Seminary. Susann will work to encourage the young adult ministry at Plainfield Friends, assist with worship and visitation. Susann is also under the care of the Western Yearly Meeting Training & Recording Committee and is a member of Danville Friends Church. Susann also is active in ministry at Rockville Women's Correctional Center.

### Leadership Training Classes

Western Yearly Meeting Training & Recording Committee will offer another class this fall, "Introduction to Christian Theology," taught by Mike Thornburg (pastor of Danville Friends). The second class will be held, November 14-15. Classes gather at the Western Yearly Meetinghouse. For more information contact the WYM Office, (317) 839-2789.

### *"Introduction to Christian Theology"*

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*November 14-15*

At

*WYM Kelley  
Conference Room*

### Upcoming Opportunities

#### Quaker Haven Fall Clean-up

On October 11, all Friends are invited to Quaker Haven Camp for a Fall Clean-up Work Day! Lunch is free for all volunteers. Everyone is welcome!

#### Hurricane Relief Efforts

In a recent e-mail from Mary Glenn Hadley, President of USFW International, she requested we "get the word out" about an urgent appeal for Hygiene Kits and Infant Kits for Haiti following the great damage caused in that area by the recent hurricane. Send completed kits to: AFSC Emergency & Material Assistance Program, 606 E. Springfield Rd., High Point, NC 27263

**Hygiene Kit:** 1 tube toothpaste, 1 toothbrush, 1 bottle shampoo, 1 bar soap (Antibacterial or Ivory), a comb (wide-toothed), 1 washcloth, 1 small towel.

**Infant Kit:** 2 receiving blankets, 4 baby washcloths, 1 baby towel, 1 bar baby soap (Ivory or Baby Liquid Soap), 1 small tube or jar petroleum jelly, 2 pairs infant socks or booties.

#### Trunk & Treat at Second Friends

Are you interested in a new opportunity for outreach? On October 31, 6-8 p.m., we will have a Trunk & Treat at Second Friends. If you are willing to load your trunk with candy to give out to children or donate candy for the event, call Jessica Thornburg, (317) 745-2519.

#### New London Annual Fish Fry

New London Meeting's Annual Fish Fry will be held on November 1, 2008, serving 4-7 p.m. The dinner includes fish which is hand breaded and cooked over wood burning stoves in the pavilion at the east end of the meetinghouse, homemade potato salad, and baked beans. Please join us for the delicious evening meal!

### Angel Food Ministry

Two Western Yearly Meeting Churches, Westfield and Ridge Farm, have become sites for the Angel Food Ministries this fall. For the past fourteen years, Angel Food has provided balanced nutrition and a variety of food through its regular box---enough food to feed a family of four for a week (includes steak, chicken breast, pizza, sausage, green beans, macaroni & cheese, rice, beans, eggs, etc. For \$25 you can purchase 10 individual meals fully-cooked with heating instructions, ideal for seniors. This is a great outreach activity for the community!

For more information you can visit their website: [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).

### Administrative Council Meeting

Fall Administrative Council of Western Yearly Meeting will be held at Carmel Friends Church on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

The lunch menu includes: chicken casserole, green beans, assorted salads, assorted desserts, lemonade, tea, and coffee. The cost is \$6.50

If you need child care, please call (317) 839-2789.

#### Friends Disaster Service Work Project

Friends Disaster Service plans to work on storm cleanup in Columbus, Indiana until October 10. This work crew will focus on rehabilitation of several houses---electrical wiring, plumbing and drywall. Tools are provided by Friends Disaster Service. Sandcreek-Azalea Friends will provide sleeping facilities. If you prefer, you may also bring your own camping equipment or bedding. Please call Bob Winn, FDS Director, if you plan to come: (330) 332-2381 (office); or (330) 692-2682 (cell phone) or e-mail him at [bobwinn@copper.net](mailto:bobwinn@copper.net)

#### West Newton Fund Raiser for John Muhanji Truck

West Newton Friends will have its fall fundraiser, "Cooking & Crafts," on Saturday, November 8, from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm. Cooking & Crafts includes an all-you-can-eat meal of chicken & noodles or stew, including salad and dessert; a bake sale, and a craft/fine arts sale. All items for sale are made by members and friends of West Newton Meeting. Come join us for a really fun event and help purchase the new vehicle for John Muhanji. ALL proceeds will go directly toward the purchase of John's truck.

### Statistical Report

#### Births

Niall Matthew Duncan, (Owen & Joy Duncan, 57<sup>th</sup> Street), b. 7-10-08

#### Deaths

Marjorie Martin Jones (Plainfield) b. 11-26-1911 d. 7-13-2008

#### New Members

Dan & Brenda Dunham (Mooresville)

Jerry & Nadine Cox, Marcia Miller, Kathy Hendershot, Brad & Glenda Myers, Jason & Amy Grant, Ryan & Michelle Gilbert (New London)

Luke & Tori Grant, Charlie Gilbert (New London Junior Members)

## Christian Education Opportunities

### Fall Impact Retreat

The Young Friends FALL IMPACT RETREAT is almost here! Let the Jr./Sr. Highers in your Meeting know about this great event planned specifically for them and help make it financially possible for them to attend. The dates are Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at Jameson Camp here in Indianapolis. We're planning great activities, worship and fun. Brochures have been sent out and more are available on our website or at the WYM office. Don't let this great opportunity sneak up on you and miss out!

### Youth Cabinet Road

#### Shows

Oct. 5

@ Plainfield Friends

Nov. 9

@ Georgetown Friends

### Prayer Warriors

Do you wish you could help with the different Children and Youth ministries of WYM but, for whatever reason, find that you are unable? There might be a solution. We are looking for people who feel they are gifted in intercessory prayer to be Prayer Warriors on behalf of the Children and Youth ministries of WYM. The only requirement is that you feel led to use your gifts toward this ministry and have regular access to e-mail in order to receive e-mail prayer requests and updates. Contact Katy at [katypwym@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katypwym@sbcglobal.net) if you feel God leading you to enter into this aspect of our ministry. Prayer is powerful and we want our ministries to be continually lifted up and surrounded in prayer.

### Fun Fall Outreach Activities

Is your Meeting wondering how you can reach out to your community this fall? Why not sponsor a Fall Family Event? Without too much effort you can invite your neighbors to have some fun and get to know you and your Meeting a little better. Rent some inflatable games, have a pie judging contest, a free community meal, a bible costume contest, etc. Be creative. Check out the attached articles for Fall Festival Ideas.

### Youth Cabinet

Our new WYM Youth Cabinet is ready and excited about this new year. We're going to be exploring ways to "Let Yo Light Shine!" this year with a new Road Show worship service. Please plan on participating in this experience this year and be blessed by these young leaders of WYM.

Upcoming Road Shows:

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Youth Cabinet Road Show @ Plainfield Friends

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – Youth Cabinet Road Show @ Georgetown Friends

### Outreach Board

The Outreach Board wishes to remind Friends that our Special Project for 2008 is to raise \$10,000 to help support educational and spiritual development in Belize. To date we have raised about one half of that goal and the year is rapidly coming to an end. The Board is challenging each Area to raise \$1,000. There is a Power Point CD that is available from the YM office that gives up-to-date information and can be used without having a person especially knowledgeable. One of the following Friends would be willing to come and speak, along with the CD: Wayne Carter, Donna Evans, Kathy Vincent, or Florence Peery. Dale Graves has slides of our work in Belize he could bring or Pat Shrock, who has spent a few months there and will be going to be acting principal in January, could be asked to speak. Send contributions to Nadine Kemp, Benevolence Treasurer, 305 S. East Street, #14, Plainfield, IN 46068. Mark it clearly, 2008 Outreach Special Project.

### Friends United Meeting Update

*Are you looking for a fund raising idea for the fall??? Why not plan to get a fund raiser together this fall to raise money for these special projects:*

#### Friends Theological College

Ben and Jody Richmond, currently serving at Friends Theological College in Kaimosi, Kenya, have given a significant matching gift to the college to complete the renovation of the administrative building. They still need \$7,000 to help complete this project.

#### Cuba Work Team

Help build the long awaited Yearly Meeting building in Holguin. The 2008 Work Team broke ground for this building; in 2009 we invite you to take part in the construction. This work team is limited to fifteen team members and will be held January 24-February 7, 2009. Approximate cost is \$1,800. For application go to: [www.fum.org/worldmissions/workteams/workteamapplication.htm](http://www.fum.org/worldmissions/workteams/workteamapplication.htm).

### Quaker Men Fund Raiser

WYM Quaker Men have kicked off a fundraising effort sponsored by Quaker Men International to purchase a new truck for John Muhanji. At the yearly meeting sessions, President Dale Graves challenged the men by letting them know that he had a donor who would match \$1 for each \$2 received during the yearly meeting sessions---up to \$1,000 which would make a total contribution of \$3,000. The final tally, sent to Quaker Men International was \$2,855. That's a good start but obviously, that is only a beginning in raising \$40,000. If your meeting would like to participate and would like Dale to come and speak to you, or participate in an event at your meeting, please call him at (317) 831-7171 or email [dgraves@pdswireless.com](mailto:dgraves@pdswireless.com).

### RSWR

Right Sharing Board has approved \$252,500 in projects for 2008. They currently have 58 project partners in India, Kenya, Uganda, and Sierra Leone. Gifts are needed to meet the needs of all these projects. For twelve projects 100% of the contribution given is restricted directly for that project. For description of the work go to the website: [www.rswr.org](http://www.rswr.org). Send contributions to: RSWR, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374.

### Indianapolis First Friends

Join Rachel Stacy in a discussion about convergent Friends at Indianapolis First Friends on October 11-12. Call the church office for details (317) 255-2485.



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## Western Yearly Meeting Calendar

**MATERIALS DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

10/20/08, 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

Tenth Month

- 4 Newport Friends Ham & Beans Dinner, 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Carmel Friends 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration with Hog Roast
- 4 Quaker Day Celebration at Plainfield Friends
- 5 Youth Cabinet at Plainfield Friends
- 9-12 Friends United Mtg. General Board
- 10 Bloomingdale Friends, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Covered Bridge Festival
- 10-11 FALL IMPACT RETREAT
- 11 Quaker Haven Camp Fall Clean-up
- 11-12 Convergent Friends at Indianapolis First Friends
- 14 North Central Area Pastors, 9:30 a.m. at Noblesville Friends
- 16 Training & Recording Committee, 9:30 a.m. at Office Conf. Room
- 18 Executive Committee
- 21 Program Committee, 2 p.m.
- 26 WYM Purdue Student Gathering at 5:00 p.m.
- 31 "Trunk & Treat" at Second Friends, 6-8 p.m.

Eleventh Month

- 1 Quaker Haven Camp Board
- New London Friends Fish Fry, 4-7
- Fairfield Fall Feast
- 8 West Newton "Cooking & Crafts," 11:00-7:30
- 9 Youth Cabinet Road Show at Georgetown Friends
- 15 WYM Administrative Council at Carmel Friends, 10:00 a.m.