

Yearly Meeting Sessions will be held July 24-27 at Quaker Haven Camp. Friday afternoon will include these workshops: **Opening Doors to All While Maintaining Biblical Standards** led by Linda Ostewig, **Safe Bunkers** led by Alex Falder; **Building Bridges with Your Community** led by Scott Miller; **Entrepreneurship to Build the Church** led by Eric Fleck; **Building Bridges with Youth in Your Community** led by Jeff Mosier, and a **Treasurer's Workshop** led by Carol Wright. Please pray for all our leaders and plan to attend!

Barclay Concert Choir is cancelling the concert tour to Indiana. Their bus needs costly repairs which prohibits them from traveling this year. However, they do plan to come next Spring.

Hemlock Friends Church was accepted into Indiana Yearly Meeting as a Preparative Meeting under the care of Amboy Monthly Meeting at our recent Representative Council meeting. Hemlock is a small meeting located on state road 26 in Howard County near Kokomo, Indiana. Hemlock left Western Yearly Meeting in 2011. We are pleased to welcome Hemlock Friends into the IYM family!

Portland Friends has called Herb Hummel, a former member who grew up in the Meeting, to serve as a part time pastoral assistant.

Westfield Friends is hosting two concerts. The Kramers are performing **April 25, at 7 pm**. The Coffee House will open at 6 pm and there will be a dessert reception to follow. A Gospel Concert on **May 3 at 6 pm** will feature Leroy Driscoll, the singing policeman from Indy, Gregory "Dr. G" Baranovsky, concert pianist from Russia, and Rush Harmon Jr., soloist. **His Purpose** will perform featuring H.D. Hollingsead, Dr. "G", and Westfield's own Robbie Shuck.

Camp Counselors and Counselors-In-Training (young adults age 15½+) are still needed. For more information contact Aaron Hughs at the IYM Office or go to (www.iym.org).

IYM Summer Event Scholarship: Announcing another scholarship opportunity for the youth of IYM. With the

fact there are four stellar events (Live Your Life Leadership Camp, FUM Youth Triennials, Summer Camp at QHC and Youth Yearly Meeting Sessions) for our youth to attend, IYM's Christian Education Committee is offering twenty (20) \$100 scholarships to youth who attend three of the four events. Scholarship checks will be issued at the end of the summer once all attendances to the events can be confirmed. If you have any questions, contact Dwight Elliott (Clerk of CE) or Aaron Hughs (DYCM).

The Financial Work Group made an extensive report at Representative Council earlier this month. Two major recommendations will be forwarded to yearly meeting sessions:

(1) Several concerns that surfaced during the "Shaping the Future of IYM" sessions will be assigned to appropriate committees or staff members for follow-up. These include expanded communication efforts, expansion of the Director of Youth & Camping Ministries' job description, the creation of a planned giving effort, a review of the Quarterly Meeting system, attention to ways to grow our membership, and prayer.

(2) A new system of funding beginning in 2016 which will reduce current "assessments" for most meetings, maximize potential endowment income, and depend upon individuals and monthly meetings to voluntarily make donations or faith promises to cover our needs.

2015 IYM Budget proposal was presented by Stewardship & Finance Committee at Representative Council. We were encouraged to hear that through God's provision and the generosity of Friends we are close to funding the proposed budget if all meetings continue to honor their assessment obligations.

Certificates of Recognition; Ministry & Oversight oversees the recording of gifts of ministry for those who evidence gifts and a calling to public ministry. Not everyone who serves effectively has a calling to "public ministry" so for several years now IYM M&O has been inviting local churches to nominate a member of their Meeting to receive a

"Certificate of Recognition" at yearly meeting sessions. Nominations are due by June 1. M&O asks that nominations be approved by a local M&O or Monthly Meeting, then submitted to www.surveymonkey.com/s/PXZJGHH.

Gifts to IYM continue to be received. Since yearly meeting sessions we have received \$47,430 that is being held in reserve, designated for the 2015 budget. Several meetings have already paid their 2014 assessments in full, and a \$1000 gift designated for the 2016 budget has already been received.

Faith & Practice revisions were reviewed at Representative Council. Five proposed revisions will be considered at yearly meeting sessions. One removes the possibility of churches holding dual membership in more than one yearly meeting and a second proposal makes it easier for established meetings to join IYM without needing to transfer title of their real estate.

National Friends Church Multiplication Conference is August 6-8 at Barclay College. Registration fees increase after May 1. Scholarship requests must be submitted to the IYM office by May 1. For conference info email jim.leshana@barclaycollege.edu.

FUM Belize School: Over the past two years, FUM has been in a discernment process regarding how to more faithfully carry out its purpose statement in this region of the world. As FUM prepares to launch an expanded ministry in Belize, Sam and Becky Barber will be concluding their ministry at Belize Friends School by the end of August 2014.

Needed FUM Field Officer: FUM is reopening the search for qualified applicants from North America to serve as Field Officer in the Africa Ministries Office. This full-time, Kisumu, Kenya-based staff person will receive a competitive salary, including benefits. Job description is available at www.fum.org or by contacting the FUM office at info@fum.org or (765) 962-7573.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of **Ruth Pohlenz**, who died April 20, 2014. Ruth's husband, Kenneth, pastored at Spiceland Friends and Jericho Friends.

Good Morning!

My favorite NBA team, the Indiana Pacers, got off to a great start this season but has been struggling down the stretch. As I listened to radio play by play on a recent drive home from the yearly meeting office the Pacer's announcer was frustrated. He was particularly bothered by one of the starters who complained to the officials every time down the floor. At one point the announcer, tired by this attitude, blurted out something like, "And again he complains to the ref – he's really diminishing himself out there." In this case the announcer clearly longed for less whining,

and more fundamental basketball. One of the signs that I'm aging is a growing awareness of how different our culture is from when I was a child, or when I was a young adult, or even just five years ago. American Christians face huge social issues that many of us regard as fundamentally moral in nature. Many are frustrated by a growing hostility to Christian principles in what used to feel like a "Christian nation". If you are concerned about the course of our culture, I am too! My caution, how-

ever, is that in our response to great cultural shifts, we run the risk of diminishing ourselves if our approach is primarily whiney.

A night light in my bathroom has a really nifty sensor that turns off the light when the room is bright, but increasingly brightens the room as the darkness deepens. I wish I could install that sensor in my heart and in our churches. Our world needs less protests and more fundamental Christianity. How's our light shining?

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

4/24 *Triennial Host Committee; IWU, 6:00 pm*
4/27 *Christian Education Committee Retreat; Amboy, 3:00 pm*
4/29 *Trustees; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
5/13 *Committee Night; Upland, 6:30 pm*
5/19 *Nominating Committee; IYM Office, 6:30 pm*
5/20 *Recording Committee; Upland, 5:30 pm*

FUM Triennial sessions will be June 11-15 at Indiana Wesleyan University. Please pre-register at www.fum.org. Registration fees will increase by \$50 on May 1, so don't delay.