

Good Morning!

There is no doubt that two things are true about Indiana Yearly Meeting today: it is smaller than it has ever been, and it is more unified than it has been in a century or more. Faith groups like ours typically move in one of two directions: toward complete disappearance or toward significant growth. I believe that Indiana Yearly Meeting has taken some steps to move down the latter path: new cross-cultural ministries; healthier pastorates; expanded ministries to young adults; stable or growing worship attendance; and

ending affiliations that no longer reflect our mission of bringing others to Jesus Christ.

We do have areas upon which we must work: planting new churches and encouraging more independent churches to join us; expanding opportunities for pastoral training; sending out more missionaries; and increasing the sense of connection to one another.

Mostly, though, whether IYM survives to its 300th anniversary will be determined by whether or not our local churches offer a hurting world the things that make us Christians and Friends. We must continue to raise a

vision of "Primitive Christianity Revived," showing people that the historic Jesus Christ, as personal Savior, Teacher, Lord, and Friend, can be personally known and experienced without any required ritual or intermediary.

I believe that Indiana Yearly Meeting is headed in the right direction. In the long view of history, many of us may not live to see the fruits of this current labor, but I believe that a harvest will come. I am glad to have been a part of this historic time, and I hope that you are, too!
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IYM Upcoming Calendar

10/15 Marion Area Pastors' Meeting: White's, 9:30 am

11/6 F&P Meeting, IYM office, 6:30 pm

11/12 Financial Development Meeting, IYM office, 5:30 pm

11/15 Representative Council Meeting, Lynn Friends, 9:30 am

11/17 Doug Shoemaker back in IYM office

Representative Council
November 15, 9:30 am
Lynn Friends

Indiana USFW Fall Gathering, Saturday, October 18, 10 AM, Winchester Friends

What's Up With Jamaica? Come to learn! We will have a panel discussion about the work in Jamaica over the years, where it stands with FUM presently and the state of Jamaica Yearly Meeting. Take a quiz...check out photos and displays...and report back to your meeting! This is not just for the ladies, there will be plenty of information for everyone! Lunch will be served. There is no cost to attend. A free will offering will be taken for lunch.

Amboy Friends is happy to share that they've had nine new Friends complete their membership class, and will welcome them into membership in the next few weeks.

Bethel Friends will host General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, Colin Saxton, on October 26 during their Sunday morning worship service. He will discuss the Belize Boys School during their Sunday School hour and then talk about the broader ministry of FUM during the worship time.

Jericho Friends will hold their "Autumn Auction," November 15, 6 pm, with a live auction of crafts, food and services. Their menu will include chicken pot pie and ham sandwiches from 5-7 pm. Proceeds will go to the Jericho USFW for various mission projects.

Van Wert First Friends will hold a one-day revival with Gary Wright, president of World Renewal, on November 2 at 10:30 am and again at 6:30 pm. Gary's worship team will also minister during these services. Everyone is welcome!

Fundraising from the Heart: Cultivating Passion and Generosity for the Work and Witness of the Church will be held Friday, October 31, 5 pm and throughout the evening and Saturday, November 1, 8 am to 3 pm, at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond. The retreat leaders will be Colin Saxton, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, and Henry Freeman, president of H. Freeman Associates. Please join these leaders and other church leaders as they explore congregational stewardship from the perspective of releasing God's abundance in harmony with God's leading for the community. Cost includes program, meals, and overnight housing at \$165. For more information, contact 765-962-5741, info@qhcc.org or www.qhcc.org.

Quaker Haven will hold its 4th Annual Lumber Jack Day on November 1,

and will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Their goal is to cut and split enough wood to last until spring. They will begin this process at 9 am, but if you can't make it until later, just let them know. If you have a chain saw, please bring it. For more information or if you are planning to come, please email to info@quakerhaven.com or call 574-834-4193.

Word from IYM Treasurer:

We are slowly working toward our goal of \$85,000 with pledges now totaling \$23,180. Please keep praying about how you and your meeting can help IYM meet the important goal of funding the 2016 budget.

Please do not forget about the FUM Quaker Hill Workshop on Fundraising Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, held at Quaker Hill. Several IYM members are planning to attend so join us and learn more about raising funds for your meetings or any other groups you might be affiliated with. Details can be found on Quaker Hill's website www.qhcc.org. Assessments for the 2014 budget are almost on track as of September 30. Thank you to all the meetings that are current with their assessments or have paid the full years amount.

A Reminder

****Anderson First Friends** will host Mike Haemmerle who will bring special inspirational music during their worship service, October 19, 10 am. They (along with Community Hospital) will also host a neighborhood Health Fair, November 8, 10-2 pm.

**** Farmland Friends** will host Dr. Michael Barry, Sunday morning, October 26, 9 am and 10:45 am, and again that evening at 6 pm. Dr. Barry was the Director of Pastoral Care at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia.

**** Sycamore Friends** will host Tab Beechler, a celebrated pianist/vocalist and seasoned worship leader, Sunday, October 19, 10:30 am.

**** Wabash Friends Church/Counseling Center** will hold their annual Live Life to the Fullest Conference (formerly known as Day of Healing) for the 22nd year, Saturday, October 25 at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

****A seminar, "Christmas Blitz,"** will be presented on October 19, 6:30 pm at West River Friends. This seminar will highlight how we reach people for Christ during the holiday seasons? This is part of IYM's E&O Committee's focus to bring growth and vitality to our local meetings.

****Youth (junior high and up) Work Day** will be held October 25 at Quaker Haven. Youth, junior high and up, are invited to join in this service ministry. For more information, contact Brock Sizelove at bwsizelove@hotmail.com.

****Winchester Quarterly Meeting** will meet at West River Friends on Sunday, October 19—business at 6 pm followed with worship at 6:30 pm. Van Wert First pastor, Paul Hamrick, will share about how to conduct a "Christmas Blitz" for outreach in your community.

**** Friends Summit 2014** (a national summit for youth ages 16-25) will be held December 28—January 1 at the Hyatt Regency in San Diego, CA. For more information go to friendssummit.com, facebook.com/FriendsSummit2014, twitter.com/FriendsSummit.

