

Yearly Meeting Sessions will be held at Quaker Haven Camp, July 23-26. Watch for brochures and registration information to be mailed next month. A special invitation is being extended to young adults to attend IYM this year. A young adult worship service will be held at 10 pm on Friday night and the first 30 young adults to register will receive free lodging on Friday night and free meals Friday night and Saturday. Encourage your college-age and twenty-something adults from your meeting to take advantage of this opportunity.

Anderson First Friends will host "How to Be Better Missionaries to Your Community" for a one-night summit, Tuesday, April 28, 7-9 pm. Tim Roehl, Director of Training and Development for One Mission Society, will be the presenter. Bring your whole leadership team and contact the IYM office to let us know how many will attend from your church. No charge.

Bethel Friends held IYM Sunday on April 19 with Greg Hinshaw speaking.

Center Friends will hold revival services April 26 and 27 with Paul Hamrick speaking. Sunday morning service will be at 10:30, Sunday evening at 6 pm, and Monday evening at 7 pm.

Charlottesville Friends will hold revival services April 26-29 with Claude Creel speaking, Fred Powers leading music, and Rowena Holliday playing the piano. The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:30 am, Sunday evening service at 6 pm, Monday through Wednesday services at 7 pm.

Farmland Friends will host a "Focused Living Workshop, April 25, led by Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane. The \$35 fee includes a workbook.

Knightstown Friends will host the last two Quaker History sessions with Greg Hinshaw speaking, April 22 and 29 at 6:30 pm.

Wabash Friends will hold a huge rummage sale, "Rummage for a Reason" on April 25, 8 am—1 pm. All proceeds will go to support "Peter's Team" Missions Trip.

West River Friends will hold their annual Pork Chop Supper, Saturday, May 2, 5-7 pm. Call 765-489-5512 for carry-out meals. There will be a free-will offering.

Westfield Friends asks you to join them in prayer for revival in the hearts of their people and a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The Barclay College Choir will present concerts at Knightstown Friends (May 5), Amboy Friends (May 6), Liberty Friends (May 7), and Lynn Friends (May 8). Come enjoy great music and learn about the college's no tuition benefits.

Calling all former Teen Ambassadors! We are trying to contact all who participated in this teen choir that got its start 50 year ago. A reunion is being planned at Quaker Haven during yearly meeting sessions in July. Please contact Ed Weirrick cowboyed72@embarqmail.com or Stephanie (Varner) Morgan sam5986@yahoo.com.

Ron and Haven Howard, former participants in the Teen Ambassadors, hope to be in Indiana for the Teen Ambassador reunion at yearly meeting sessions. You can book them now to share their music ministry with your congregation before or after yearly meeting sessions. They can be contacted at 417-263-0424. For more information go to www.ronandhaven.com.

We are a congregation looking for help with... How would you complete this sentence? What are your congregation's challenges? Do you want help with technology, building issues, financial matters, conflict resolution? The Congregational Resource Guide (CRG) can give you a curated list of top-notch resources related to your topic of choice. A short explanation is provided about each of those resources so your research time is greatly abbreviated. You can search, save, and discuss your findings on this interactive web application. Give it a try at <http://thecrg.org>.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: In the past three weeks, the Lord has blessed IYM's Fund Raising effort increasing the total by \$2,598, now totaling \$57,518 cash donations and pledges equaling 67.77% of the \$85,000 goal. We pray that you will continue to keep the IYM 2016 budget in mind and contribute to keep IYM growing and serving the Lord through our many programs. As of the end of March, our assessments collected slightly exceeds where we should be with a quarter of the year passed. Thank you to all the meetings that have paid their full assessments for the year as well as those who are current on the monthly payments. It is such a blessing for IYM to have ample cash flow to meet our needs. Thank you Lord!

The IYM Christian Education Committee will channel their intern funds into a more permanent position at Quaker Haven for Youth Camp programs, engaging camp alumni in order to foster relationships, and eventually a good donor base. Brock Sizelove will head this position starting in June.

White's Residential & Family Services has acquired Christian Haven, a residential treatment center for boys and girls in Wheatfield near Valparaiso, IN. The acquisition is the result of careful planning by White's and its board, and it will allow them to expand their level of care to open residential and secure care programs.

Live Your Life Young Adult Camp: Now it's possible for recently graduated campers to continue as a camper! June 5-7, IYM is presenting the Live Your Life Young Adult Camp targeting (but not limited to) 16-25 year olds. Cost is \$50! We will have ample time to relax, reconnect with God and with others, and soak in the camp atmosphere. Registration information can be found on the camp page at iym.org or at quakerhaven.com.

Good Morning!

This is the 8th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.

Dear George,

Those of us living in Indiana have felt the heat of a culture war in recent weeks. Do you have any guidance for those of us seeking to maintain a faithful Quaker witness in the midst of culture wars? Many point to "tolerance" as the Quaker way to deal with differences. While you seldom used that word in your writings you did seem to model it in your life. I've got this un-

easy feeling, though, that the kind of tolerance that some would attribute to Friends is not the kind of tolerance that you exhibited.

It's unfortunate that some of us more conservative folks have come to eschew tolerance because we think it means to accept all beliefs and behaviors as equally valid. In fact there's more than a little pressure to do just that today. This seems far from your mode of operation, though. In your Journal you said to not "make bargains with that which is out of the Truth," but that didn't make you an

intolerant person. In another of your writings, *The Great Mystery*, you said, "...let us war with the weapons of the Spirit against error and false religion one in the other, but let us not hurt nor imprison persons..."

You were a victim of intolerance, often imprisoned, sometimes beaten for what you believed. You called for a more civil response. Thanks for reminding us to not make bargains with that which is out of the Truth while also admonishing us to not hurt people. *-Doug Shoemaker*

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

4/28 *Pastors Summit, Anderson First Friends, 7 pm*
5/4 *Recording Committee, Upland Friends, 5:30 pm*
5/4 *Work Group on Pastoral Ministry, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
5/12 *Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
6/1 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

Evangelism & Outreach of IYM announces that they have financial aid available for churches who send campers to Quaker Haven this summer if the church nor the camper can pay the fee.

June 1 is the deadline for the applications for the MEI (Ministerial Excellence Initiative) matching grants for pastors. For more information please contact Carol Wright (carol@iym.org). We encourage you to explore the possibility of a matching grant of \$500 to give your pastor a \$1,000 addition to their retirement fund.

Committee Night, May 12, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm