

Highlights from Yearly Meeting

**Five pastors were recognized at this year's recording service: Scott Miller (Lynn), David Oakes (Little Blue River), Duane Cox (Center), Jeff Nagell (Marion First Friends), and Randy Thornburg (Bethel).

**Worship leaders, the Kramer family, and speaker, Amy Cornell, led evening worship services that will long be remembered.

**Keith Huffman spoke on behalf of the team of IYM Friends who traveled to Kenya earlier this year at the Missions Luncheon. A large crowd enjoyed the presentation and \$1600 was raised for scholarships supporting FTC students to serve in the Congo or other countries hungry for the gospel.

**We were delighted to hear the report that our fundraising goal of \$95,000 to supplement the 2017 budget was met. By the end of yearly meeting over \$100,000 had been pledged or given.

**Attendance awards at the Saturday night banquet were presented to Bethel, Knightstown, and Hemlock Friends.

**The Feast of Faith was attended by 186 Friends.

**2017 Assessments and Missions Goals will not be increased. The formula for calculating each will continue to be adult membership plus average worship attendance divided by two, and then multiplied by \$50. This formula replaces the old rate of \$75 per adult member and actually reduces assessments for 80% of our meetings.

**IYM has approved signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Barclay College that will enable us to partner with them to provide online college level courses, using IYM instructors, to assist recording candidates to meet their educational requirements. Courses would also be available to other interested Friends.

**Max Smith was approved as the IYM representative to the SEEDS Board, a Kenyan project that uses the proceeds from raising seed maize to pay back interest-free loans from start-up investors, and then support capital projects at Friends Theological College (FTC).

**Two revisions to *Faith & Practice* were given final approval and two others were introduced and will be forwarded to monthly meetings for input and review.

**Friends enjoyed a variety of informative workshops.

**Guests were welcomed from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Barclay College, Mesquakie Friends Center, Georgetown Friends (IL), Danville Friends (IN) as well as our own affiliate organizations.

**Those who attended yearly meeting are invited to follow this link to an online survey. We highly value your feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3JX72Q7>

Attendance at Yearly Meeting

Thursday PM Business Meeting: 80

Thursday PM Worship: 76

Friday AM Business Meeting: 105

Friday PM Worship: 136

Missions Luncheon 168

Saturday AM Business Meeting: 92

PM Business Meeting: 151

Feast of Faith 186

From Your IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:

"Showers of Blessings" fell on IYM all through the sessions at Quaker Haven last week. One of those "Showers of Blessings" was on the 2017 Budget Fundraising Campaign. As we close out the campaign it is so humbling to report we have exceeded the \$95,000 goal with a total of donations and pledges of \$100,506.50 at this writing. That is 105.8% of our goal. Praise God! I want to thank the special Ad Hoc Committee that was formed late in the campaign to help finish the effort: Susan and Randy Dennis, Howard Lee, Greg Hinshaw, and Doug Shoemaker. Thank you to each individual, family, and meeting that contributed to this campaign. The S&F Committee will be putting together the details for the 2018 Budget Fundraising Campaign and will announce them soon.

\$9000 has already been given or pledged toward the 2018 budget. We are so appreciative of Friends who have volunteered support before we ask for it!

Jonesboro Friends has called Mark McKnight to serve as their pastor.

Westfield Friends has called Shane Brown to serve as full-time youth pastor.

Cadiz/Kennard Friends report that 23 children attended their joint VBS! The underwater-themed program flooded the sanctuary.

Center Friends has been doing some much needed repairs and are glad to have a new roof on the church and parsonage. They are thankful to all who gave to help make this a possibility. They are planning more updates.

Danville Friends in Danville, IN, has requested membership in Indiana Yearly Meeting. We were delighted to have three Friends from Danville attend part of yearly meeting sessions. They are an independent Friends church, formerly affiliated with Western Yearly Meeting. Danville Friends invites you to join them for a celebration marking 140 years of ministry, August 28, with an outdoor worship service and picnic at 10:30 am. After lunch music will be provided by Bill Larrison and Kathy Caton.

Committee Night will be held at Upland Friends on August 16 beginning at 6:30 pm. The evening will include some orientation for all that will especially benefit new committee members. Committees scheduled to meet include: Christian Education, Communications & Publications, Evangelism & Outreach, Ministry & Oversight, Missions, and Stewardship & Finance.

The Friends Leadership Development Program (LDP) will soon be accepting applicants for the next session which will begin with two Friday/Saturday workshop this fall and then monthly Saturday sessions throughout 2017. An information meeting for interested participants will be held August 14 at Wabash Friends beginning at 4 pm.

Faith & Practice has been reprinted with revisions approved through 2015 included. Free copies were given out at yearly meeting. If your meeting has not received your copies, please contact the yearly meeting office to arrange for their pick up or delivery.

The IYM Office in Muncie has recently received even more upgrades. New windows were installed this week. The sign along Wheeling Avenue has been updated with our new logo and a new lighted sign hangs from the ceiling just outside the front door. Thank you to the Trustees for keeping our property up-to-date.

What people are saying about yearly meeting sessions:

The workshops that I attended were very informative. The presenters were very well prepared and enjoyable to listen to.

**Workshops are a great idea. Each individual can attend the workshop they are interested in, and not have to sit through reports that they have already read or they are not interested in.

**It was absolutely fantastic and Spirit-filled. What a blessing. Thank You, Lord!

**IYM was a time of Spiritual Renewal for me. I enjoyed every part of the two days that I attended.

**I wouldn't want to change anything, and would even be happy with the Kramers and Amy Cornell returning for another year. The Program committee did an excellent job with everything. Thank You!!

**I wish that each person who reads this could have been transported to Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday!

Wow! Our evening worship services were almost "out of this world." Music by the Kramer's brought the Holy Spirit right to us. Speaker Amy Cornell, Chaplain at White's, spoke deeply into our souls. There was a Holy hush in the chapel like I haven't experienced in several years. At the close of service people sat in silence not wanting to leave the room. A Holy hush is a glorious thing to bask in! The whole weekend impacted us greatly!

We would love to hear from you! To share your unique experiences at the Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions this year, please use **#IYMSessions2016** in your Facebook posts. You can add this hashtag to photos, videos, and general posts about IYM 2016. This will enable us to gather pictures and information to share this awesome event from everyone's individual perspectives. By using the hashtag, we will all have access to the wonderful memories and important information in everyone's posts.

The 45th annual USFW Fall Retreat will be September 12 & 13, featuring Eden Grace, Director of Global Ministries at FUM. She will speak on the topic, "Here I am Lord, Send Me," at Quaker Haven. Please contact Andrea Long at along@pceaze.com for more details or for a flyer.

*Praise God
from Whom all blessings flow!*

Good Morning,

Today I'm sharing excerpts from my report presented at yearly meeting: For years I have dreamed of being part of a yearly meeting with laser clarity that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God and the only way to a relationship with God. I have dreamed of being a part of a yearly meeting where the authenticity, authority, and value of the Bible are readily embraced. I have dreamed of being part of a yearly meeting that encourages and supports local congregations. I have dreamed of being part of a yearly meeting that seeks to be a catalyst for revival. If

you've had similar dreams I say, "Welcome to Indiana Yearly Meeting!" It's better than I ever dreamed.

I began this report by expressing how grateful I am to serve alongside people like you as Superintendent of Indiana Yearly Meeting. I've been in this role for over eleven years. Recently, someone asked me how long I was going to continue. I honestly don't know the answer to that question. I have no retirement plans, but I've checked the calendar and realize

that if I'm not already in the fourth quarter of my ministry it's very near.

What I do know is that I have a clear sense of calling to continue to serve alongside you in this season, and I pray that when it's time to pass the baton along to someone else that I won't be the last one to know it. For now, I've still got plenty of dreams and I've come to the conclusion that it's not Disney World – it's Indiana Yearly Meeting where dreams come true. -Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

8/14 *IYM Sunday, Maple Run Friends*
8/14 *Friends LDP Info Meeting, Wabash Friends, 4 pm*
8/16 *IYM Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
8/28 *IYM Sunday, White River Friends*
8/30 *IYM Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
9/18 *IYM Sunday, Rural Friends*
9/26 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

New Committee appointments became effective at the conclusion of yearly meeting sessions. Thank you to those who have completed terms of service and welcome to new members who will be joining a committee.

A workshop, "Quakers and Peace: How Effective Can the Peace Testimony Be in 2016?" to be held August 19 & 20 at Quaker Hill Conference Center, will be led by Diana Hadley. It will begin at 6 pm for dinner on the 19th and close around 3 pm on the 20th. They have 8-10 scholarships to cover the full cost of this workshop. Contact Ron Waltz at 765-962-5741 or go to info@qhcc.org or www.qhcc.org