

Highlights from Yearly Meeting:

*Danville Friends Church was granted full Monthly Meeting status in IYM. Welcome to our newest meeting!

*Paul Bravard (Westland), Jim Mooreland (White River), Brock Meyer (Fairmount), and Mike Thornburg (Danville) were recorded as ministers of the Gospel in IYM.

*Iglesia Amigos' status as a worship group ("Gathering for Worship and Fellowship") in IYM was approved.

*Two revisions to *Faith & Practice* were approved. One provides flexibility to delegate authority to care for specified tasks to a Coordinating Committee. The other removes the requirement for Quarterly Meetings from our *Faith & Practice*.

*Dee and Kathy Gibson were honored at a reception recognizing their years of service at White's Residential & Family Services.

*The 2018 assessment for IYM churches will remain at \$50 per attendance/adult membership average. Assessments have not risen since 2011 and were actually reduced for most meetings in 2016.

*Our statistical report showed an increase in total membership, junior membership, and Sunday school attendance in 2016.

*\$1686 was collected at our missions' luncheon for the Turkana Friends Mission in Kenya.

*We were delighted to welcome several guests this year including six members of Georgetown Friends Church, Georgetown, Illinois, and four Friends from a congregation made up of Congolese and Burundian Friends living in Louisville, Kentucky.

*Pat Byers received a call to a second three-year term as Assistant Superintendent and Doug Shoemaker's call as General Superintendent was extended for two more years through 2020.

*238 attended the Feast of Faith where attendance award banners were presented to Hemlock, Knightstown, and Fairmount Meetings.

*Paul Bravard, Pat Byers, Bob Lines, Ray Slick, Ben Snyder, and Martin Wells were presented certificates for successfully completing the Friends Leadership Development Program (LDP). Others not present who also completed the program included Debi Howell, Herb Hummel, Peggy Lewis, and Brian Mauller.

*Attendance was strong and a spirit of unity and celebration characterized our sessions.

To God be the glory!

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:

Praise God for all his blessings upon IYM. As announced at the sessions, we finished up the 2018 Fundraising Campaign with a total of \$87,568.85. Thank you to all who contributed this year. Although that did not meet our goal, God has provided in that with carryover funds from last year's budget, we have enough to fund the 2018 budget. Susan Kirkpatrick Dennis launched the 2019 campaign at the sessions, and with pledges and donations during the sessions, we start the campaign with \$12,480, 12+% of the \$102,000 goal. The financial Ad Hoc Committee will meet later this month to plan the 2019 campaign, so look for additional information soon. We look forward to another successful campaign to fund the programs of the 2019 budget.

Farmland Friends welcomes you to The "Awakening Tour" featuring John Waller (songs in Fireproof and The War Room), Ayiesha Woods (Dove and Grammy award nominee), and Justin Teseniar. The concert is Friday, August 25 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. A love offering will be taken during the concert to help support this ministry. Also, Farmland Friends Youth Group will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 16, from 2-7 pm in the gym. Appointments for this drive can be made online at: redcrossblood.org, by phone: 1-800-733-2767, or walk-ins are always welcome. The online Sponsor Code is: **farmlandfriends**

Awaken Ministries, a discipleship ministry for college-aged young adults, is expanding to Muncie/Ball State and Upland/Taylor University areas this fall. Garrett Howell, founder of Awaken, has been the speaker at our Quaker Haven Jr-Sr High Camps and events. Young adults are invited to a cookout and worship time with Pat Byers and Awaken staff on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm at the home of Keith and Robin Huffman, 7400 W Isanogel Rd, Muncie, IN. Please text or call 765-717-7205 to RSVP or for more info.

Van Wert First Friends is enjoying the ministry of Charles Richtmyer, who previously had served in IYM as pastor of St. Mary's Friends.

At **White's Residential & Family Services**, they see God's work in action every day, but on Saturday, September

30, they are going to celebrate it! Their theme is "Pray 17 – Joyful – Patient – Faithful." Social Hour and Campus Tours at 5 pm – Dinner at 6 pm – Celebration Program at 7:30 pm, featuring Jonny Diaz, pop Christian recording artist. For more info contact Shari at shari.smith@whitesrfs.org or 260-563-1158 ex 1221.

Committee Day for IYM committees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, at Upland Friends beginning at 6:30 pm. The following committees are scheduled to meet that night: Evangelism & Outreach, Communications & Publications, Missions, Christian Education, S&F, and Peace & Christian Social Concerns. Ministry & Oversight will also meet.

Peace & Christian Social Concerns Committee has selected the Talitha Koum Ministry for IYM's 2017/18 Compassionate Ministry Project. Talitha Koum Women's Recovery House in Greenfield will have a work day August 19 from 8:30 am - 4 pm to place siding on the house. The home is going to reach out to women who need a place to learn how to live a recovery life. Lunch will be provided. The address is 527 E Main St, Greenfield. For more information contact Carol Wright, 317-513-9052 or cwright@friendsofrecoveryinc.org.

Have you discovered God's unique calling in your life? Do you need help knowing what to say 'yes' to and what to say 'no' to? If you are struggling to answer these questions and are seeking PERSONAL GROWTH, then this workshop is for YOU! The Focused Living Workshop draws from both Biblical foundations and research on the lives of Christian leaders. The goal of this workshop is to give you tools to identify your personal life purpose and to map a path for life-long spiritual growth. **Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane** will lead this workshop on Saturday, August 19, 8:30-4:00. Cost is \$40 per person, and includes the workshop, materials, and a light lunch. To sign up, call Dave Phillips at 260-563-5497 ASAP.

FOR SALE: IYM T-shirts sizes small, 1XL, and 2XL at \$5 each. Also the "Letters to George Fox" by Doug Shoemaker, a booklet recently published by IYM's Communication and Publications is for sale at \$1.00 each plus postage. To obtain a T-shirt or the "Letters," contact the IYM office at iyminfo@iym.org or call 800-292-5238 or 765-284-6900.

Good Morning!

Earlier this summer beachgoers at Panama City Beach in Florida experienced something frightening. Two boys were caught in a rip tide and began crying out for help. Their mother immediately entered the water trying to rescue the boys as did other family members. All were caught in the waters pulling them out to sea. It was the quick thinking of others on the beach that saved their lives. About eighty people locked arms creating a human chain that reached the stranded swimmers and brought all safely back to shore.

Our recent yearly meeting sessions

were characterized by a beautiful sense of unity. It felt like Friends from churches across the yearly meeting had come together to “lock arms” to be able to provide a lifeline for all our churches and those who could be reached for Christ through them. Our culture is full of dangerous currents making it especially important to avoid isolation. If your church is part of IYM, know that we are arm-in-arm for your well-being.

One decision made at yearly meeting was to remove the requirement of having Quarterly Meetings, but the

need to be arm-in-arm with other meetings in your area is as strong as ever. I’ve seen some of our churches cooperate in short-term mission trips, and others join for special worship services or prayer meetings. Some churches have partnered with our Hispanic congregations for special projects and some have partnered with other churches for community-wide ministries. I first met Jesus in a community revival at White Oak Friends years ago. Has your church locked arms with other churches?
-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

8/21 *Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee, IYM office, 4:30 pm*
8/22 *Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*
8/29 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
9/18 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*

Did you attend yearly meeting? The following link will take you to a brief three questions survey that will assist the program committee in evaluating this year’s program and planning for future ones.

Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5B9D5BW>