

Carol Wright will conclude her service as IYM's Ministerial Advocate at the end of the year. She has served in this role since August of 2012 and has been a great support to pastors and congregations. The IYM Ministerial Excellence Initiative will conclude at year's end as well.

Kerry Baker will take a leave of absence from West Milton Friends where he has served as pastor for eight years.

Jericho USFW fundraiser, Harvest and Harmony, brought approximately 200 people to a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, and the fantastic Edwards family singers. The event raised over \$2000 for missions.

Shirley Friends' Candlelight Service will be held Sunday evening, December 20 at 6 pm.

Walnut Ridge Friends will hold their annual Christmas Eve service on December 24, at 10 pm.

Westland Friends will celebrate their 175th Anniversary, Sunday, December 20, 10:30 am with a reception at 1 pm and sharing of memories and history at 2:30.

Iglesia Amigos will have a Christmas dinner for immigrant families, December 20, 5:30 pm. If you would like to contribute toward gifts for these families, mail your donation to 831 N. Edmondson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219. Also, Iglesia Amigos will have a "Birthday Party for Jesus" for their children on December 18, funded by World Renewal.



CE Spotlight

Over the years, the IYM Christian Education Committee has accumulated tons of resources, games, and other materials to be used at Quaker Haven summer camps. CE clerk, Brock Sizelove, decided it would be good to categorize this material so churches would be able to make use of them. If you need a game, an activity, or some other material for a youth or other church function, contact Brock at brock@quakerhaven.com to see the material list.

The annual Winter Sneak (teen winter retreat) at Quaker Haven will be February 5-7. More information will be coming out soon, but we just wanted to make sure everyone had it on their calendar!

Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses is scheduled for January 29-31 at Das Dutchman Essenhaus Inn and Confer-

ence Center in Middlebury, IN. Reservations and payment are due by December 31.

From the IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: As I celebrate the birth of our Savior during this Christmas season, I am so thankful for all of his blessings for our family and for the wonderful response to our 2017 budget fundraising campaign. We continue to increase the donations and pledges which now totals \$37,518.90, 39.5% of the \$95,000 goal. As we move toward the end of 2015, please keep in mind the possibility of additional support for IYM, our fundraising campaign, and all the worthy activities and programs of IYM. Please remember the importance of getting the 2015 assessments paid to keep our cash flow in place for all IYM programs. At the end of November, we had 3 meetings that had paid over 100% of their assessments, 17 paying 100% and 16 meetings current with monthly payments. We also have 4 meetings that were behind on monthly payments, 5 meetings that had not paid any assessments, and 1 meeting that does not report membership. If your meeting is behind in assessments, please consider getting those caught up by the end of the year. Thank you so much to all who have or are paying in a timely manner.

Informative seminars here in February: Craig Foor, Financial Advisor with Everence Financial, will present "Estate Planning and Charitable Giving" this February at three central Indiana churches. Plan now to attend, and learn how estate planning can help you reduce taxes, support ministries important to you, and care for those you leave behind. You'll also learn about wills and who makes medical decisions on your behalf if you can't. Finally, you'll learn some charitable giving techniques that will help maximize your efforts. Join Craig for one of the Saturday seminars: February 6, 10 am, Bethel Friends; February 6, 2 pm, Bear Creek Friends; and February 20, 2 pm, Knightstown Friends.

The IYM Investment board has interviewed five investment firms and has chosen iAB Financial Bank of Fort Wayne to serve as the new investment manager for the yearly meeting endowment. Transfer of our endowment, treasurer's investment account, and revolving loan fund should be completed by December 31.

The Indiana Yearly Meeting office will be closed from Christmas Eve through

January 3, but our staff will still be available to assist you during that time. Contact Doug Shoemaker at doug@iym.org or 765-744-8136.

Thank you to the many meetings who have already paid your 2015 assessments and missions goals in full. The IYM office will continue to accept payment towards 2015 assessments or missions goals through January 15.

The Program Committee announces that yearly meeting sessions in 2016 are scheduled for July 28-30. We plan to conclude on Saturday night, but an afterglow option will be available for Friends wishing to stay at Quaker Haven Saturday night and enjoy breakfast, lunch, and worship on Sunday morning.

The Communications & Publications Committee has produced a new IYM brochure that would be ideal to use as a handout on IYM Sunday. Please call the IYM office to let us know how many copies your meeting would like to receive.

Quaker Haven thanks you for giving them the ability to do electrical upgrades on the cabins. The need now is to finish this project. For \$750 you or your church could cover the costs of upgrading an entire cabin. If you know someone who has experience in doing this type of work or is willing to help someone who does, please contact Quaker Haven at info@quakerhaven.com or 574-834-4193. Also work has begun on transforming the Pavilion from storage to a beautiful picnic area. They would gladly receive donations for this project.

Friends Theological College is now a candidate for accreditation but is limited in its ability to progress as a serious center for academic work by a notoriously unreliable power supply. Jim Hoeksema of William Penn University is an expert in solar power technologies, and has felt God leading him to return to Kaimosi, the place of his childhood, to offer his expertise to accomplish a critical priority for the college. FUM is seeking to raise the money to purchase the necessary solar equipment and hire a Kenyan-licensed installer. They have about 10% of the total project goal. It is hoped that the full amount will be raised by February 6 when the Hoeksemas will arrive in Kaimosi. For more information contact FUM at 765-962-7573 or info@fum.org.

Good Morning,

This is the 19th and last of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.

Dear George,

I often notice the similarities between the accounts of the early church recorded in the Book of Acts and the accounts of the early days of the spiritual movement that came to be known as the Society of Friends. In both cases, the Holy Spirit moved in power, large numbers of people came to faith, and there were key people, like you, who served as catalysts. On

Pendle Hill you had a vision of "a great people to be gathered." I continue to be impressed with how your heart was gripped with a passion to bring people to Christ.

In one of your doctrinal books you spoke about God's love for all mankind by saying: *For as God's love through Christ hath been shed abroad in our hearts, we cannot but in the same love desire the eternal good, and salvation of all mankind, and would have them to repent, and turn to Jesus Christ, whom God hath given in his love to be their Way,*

Leader and Captain of their Salvation, and hath tasted death for every man, and hath bought them with a price, therefore, that they all might serve and live to him, and glorify God with their bodies, souls and spirits, which are the Lord's that he hath made, and Christ's, who hath redeemed and bought them.

I wonder what would happen if every church in IYM had key leaders carrying a similar vision and passion for souls. I want to be that kind of leader. -Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

12/24-1/2 IYM Office Closed
12/29 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/07 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/11 Recording Committee, IYM office, 6 pm
1/18 Investment Board, IYM office, 10 am
1/19 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/21 Faith & Practice Review Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/23 Executive Committee Retreat, location TBA, 9:30 am
1/25 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/26 East Africa Mission Team, IYM office, 6:30 pm
1/29-31 Pastors' Mid-Winter Retreat, Das Dutchman Essenhaus
2/06 Estate Planning Workshop, Bethel Friends, 10 am
2/06 Estate Planning Workshop, Bear Creek Friends, 2 pm

2015

Statistical Reports have been mailed to each meeting. Completed reports are to be returned to the IYM office by January 31. These reports can also be downloaded from www.iym.org.