

**Tim Roehl** was the speaker at the Friends Church Multiplication Conference at Barclay College last summer. We are delighted that he will also be the speaker at an IYM Pastors Summit scheduled for 7 pm, April 28, at **Anderson First Friends**. We are opening this summit to all church leaders, so pastors are invited to attend and bring their whole leadership team. "How to be Better Missionaries to Your Community" will be the theme. There will be no charge for this event, but pre-registration is requested.

**Bethel Friends** recently had a "Meal for Missions," and movie night showing "The Passion of the Christ." On February 22, they will have "Gift and Talent Night" with a silent auction to benefit their mission trip to Mesquakie Friends Center in June. Also they will serve the Rescue Mission a noon meal, and on March 1, former IYM Presiding Clerk, Greg Hinshaw, will bring the morning message.

**Cadiz Friends** will hold a Chili Cook-off, Saturday, March 14, 5-6:30 pm to raise funds to send their youth to Quaker Haven this summer. They invite you to join them to vote for the favorite chili. For a free-will offering, you will receive tickets to vote, a big bowl of chili, all the fixin's, a drink, and a brownie (hot dogs also available). One of the judges is our own Doug Shoemaker.

**Farmland Friends** has scheduled a time of worship in which Friends are invited to seek the Lord's healing on February 22 at 6 pm. Those needing healing for a physical, emotional, or spiritual condition, and those willing to pray for healing, are invited to attend.

**Iglesia Amigos Meeting** will present pianist Jonatan Pinto in concert at **Westfield Friends**, Saturday, March 21, 5 pm. Jonatan is from Guatemala Yearly Meeting. A Mexican dinner will be served, and a free will donation will be accepted to benefit Iglesia Amigos.

**Long Lake Friends** is IYM's only meeting in Michigan. They are presently in a series of messages on "Victory Through the Lamb," a study in the book of Revelation. They hold a Bible study year round, family movie nights, and men's breakfasts.

**Westfield Friends** will hold a retreat for men of their congregation March 13-15 at Quaker Haven Camp. Their theme will be "Stepping Up! A Call to Courageous Manhood."

**Statistical Reports** are used to determine accurate assessments for our yearly meeting program budget. Thank you to all meetings that have already submitted reports for 2014! We look forward to receiving the remaining reports as soon as possible.

**Tri-County Quarterly Meeting** will meet, March 22, at Sycamore Friends. There will be a meal at 5:30 and worship/program at 6:30 pm. Newly appointed IYM Assistant Superintendent Pat Byers will be the speaker for the evening.

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"**Uncharted Territory**" will be the theme for Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions, July 23-26, at Quaker Haven Camp. Our theme scripture comes from Joshua 3:4a-5 where we read, *Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before... Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.* IYM is facing uncharted territory and we are convinced that God plans to do amazing things among us. It's already happening!

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**Quaker Haven Sap Run** will be held March 14. Funds raised by this event support youth ministries at Quaker Haven. Race registration opens at 7:30 am and the run begins at 9 am. Following the race, awards will be presented during a pancake breakfast. The fee is \$25 which includes your entry, long sleeved shirt, and

breakfast! If you are just coming to enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, breakfast is \$8 for adults / \$5 under age 13. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 10:30. For registration go to <http://quakerhaven.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2015-saprun-regist.pdf>.

**News from Kickapoo Friends Center:** Directors Brad and Christine Wood send word to IYM that volunteers are needed for their Quivering Arrow Camp, June 22-27. They need a camp pastor, cook, recreation leader, teachers, music leaders, and counselors. Also needed are NIV paperback Bibles to give away during their ministry activities. Here's your opportunity to minister to Native Americans.

**Friends Disaster Service work week** will be held March 15, Sunday night, through Friday, March 20. Men and women are needed to help work on a new house in Dunkirk. The former home was destroyed by flooding, and due to lack of funds the present house has only framed walls and a roof. For more information, please contact Don Wimmer, 765-384-7429, [dwimmer@comteck.com](mailto:dwimmer@comteck.com) or Eldon Studer, 812-879-4236, [Eldon.studer@yahoo.com](mailto:Eldon.studer@yahoo.com). All your expenses will be covered.

**Cuba Yearly Meeting** continues to minister into its 115th year. On November 14, 1900, five Friends landed ashore (three Americans and two Mexicans), and according to legend, the first act on Cuban soil was to sing "What a Friend we have in Jesus" in English. Every year on November 14, Cuban Friends celebrate this anniversary with a sunrise worship at the seashore (including singing the song in Spanish) and a special service focusing on missions.

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*Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Matt 4:4*

Good Morning!

*This is the 5th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.*

Dear George,

My parents used to laugh about finding someone from White Oak Friends Church to serve on its Peace Committee. A neighbor finally volunteered by saying, "I'm all for peace and quiet!" IYM has struggled to find Friends to serve on our Peace Committee too. I imagine this would make you sad. Over the years the peace testimony has weakened among some Friends, while becoming the center-

piece of Quakerism for others. Secular peace activists are often drawn to Friends and use the Quaker voice to espouse political viewpoints. Unfortunately such "militant pacifism" has left a bad taste in many of our mouths.

But for you it wasn't about national politics as much as it was about personal faith. You lived in a culture where both church and government leaders used cruel and violent methods to suppress the early Quaker movement, and you appropriately advocated for peaceful Christ-like methods instead. You also lived in a culture where Christian extremist groups

like the Fifth Monarchists were seeking to usher in the Kingdom of God by even the overthrow of earthly governments. In contrast, you operated out of a deep belief that God's Kingdom was a present reality that used spiritual weapons, not worldly ones, to accomplish its purposes (2 Cor. 10:3-4).

I'm really sorry that so many of your ancestors have misunderstood or misapplied the Friends peace testimony. My prayer is that we can understand the present reality of the Kingdom of God today like you did over three centuries ago.

*-Doug Shoemaker*

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

2/19 *Faith & Practice Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
2/21 *Communications & Publications Committee, Maple Run Friends, 10 am*  
2/24 *Area Pastors Meeting, Jericho Friends, 10:30 am*  
3/7 *Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am*  
3/9 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
3/10 *Area Pastors Meeting, Cadiz Friends, 8:30 am*  
3/16 *Work Group on Pastoral Ministry, IYM office, 6 pm*  
3/18 *Area Pastors Meeting, Maple Run Friends, 8:30 am*  
3/22 *Tri-County Quarterly Meeting, Sycamore Friends, 5:30 pm*  
3/30 *Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*  
3/31 *Area Pastors Meeting, Van Wert First Friends, 10:30 am*  
3/31 *Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm*