

IYM Sessions Highlights

**Our treasurer reported that on the day prior to Yearly Meeting Sessions we exceeded our fundraising goal for the 2016 budget. If all of the expected pledges come in, we will have raised over \$87,000 toward the \$85,000 goal!

**We approved the recommendation from the Trustees that \$70,563.50 from the sale of the Fort Wayne property be added to the Evangelism & Outreach "Church Extension Fund" in the IYM endowment.

**The 2016 budget was approved with an increase of just slightly more than 2%.

**Assessments for churches will no longer be calculated on adult membership alone. The new formula for calculating assessments will take a church's 2014 average worship attendance and its adult membership – average these two numbers – then multiply by \$50 to determine the 2016 assessment. This will reduce assessments for most of our churches.

**Revisions to *Faith & Practice* were approved, including changes strengthening our testimony on marriage.

**The call of our General Superintendent, Doug Shoemaker, was extended for two more years through 2018.

**The Lorelei Lacy Scholarship Fund was merged with the existing Scholarship and Loan Fund. New guidelines were also approved for the new Lacy Scholarship & Loan Fund which will now provide financial assistance for graduate as well as post-graduate education for those called into ministry.

**Although the Ministerial Excellence Initiative will conclude at the end of this calendar year, any funds given by the Lilly Endowment remaining in the Ministerial Excellence Fund will be added to the Lacy Scholarship & Loan Fund at year's end.

**We joyfully recorded the gifts of ministry of three Friends, Tim Basford, Dwight Elliott, and Katy Palmer

**The Missions Luncheon was attended by 163, and an offering of \$1,227.44 was collected to support a new "Samburu Friends Empowerment Center"

**IYM has approved an intentional relationship with Everence Financial, that will give us access to their educational resources as well as their expertise in assisting Friends with financial planning; Everence will also serve as IYM's primary provider of planned giving services.

**Amboy, Knightstown and Hemlock all received this year's attendance awards for

having the highest percentage of their worship attendance at the Feast of Faith. (Knightstown had 76% of their normal attendance at the banquet!)

**Friends from Baltimore, Mid-America, Iowa and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings as well as the New Association of Friends attended IYM this year.

**Mac & Berny McDonald, new directors of the Mesquakie Friends Center in Tama, Iowa, were present as well as representatives of Barclay College.

**A record attendance of 284 enjoyed the Feast of Faith and the 50-year reunion concert of the Teen Ambassadors.

Anderson First Friends will have a "Legacy Celebration," Sunday, August 30. They invite you to this special service as they transition into a new phase of ministry. A male singing duo, "Water Into Wine" will minister at 10 am. The service will be followed by a carry-in.

Arba Friends is hosting its 13th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show, August 15, 1-4 pm, rain or shine. Free food and beverages. Awards given at 4 pm. Pre-registration fee, \$5; Day of show fee, \$7. For more information, call 765-874-1848.

Iglesia Amigos will host Festival de Amigos on Saturday, August 29 at 11 am, with music, food, and games. Friends are welcome to come and enjoy the day or volunteer. If Friends can't come to the festival but would like to come and see how Iglesia Amigos works there will be an opportunity to do outreach during the week. Contact information (317) 909-3106, 831 N. Edmondson Ave, Indianapolis 46219.

The Pastors Mid-Winter Retreat is scheduled for January 29-31 at the Essenhau Inn & Conference Center in Middlebury, IN. Pastors, mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Churches, plan to release your pastor(s) to participate. Encourage them to attend, offer to watch their children or pets, and pay their way. It's a great investment!



CE Highlight: -Pat Byers
All of the camp videos are now up on the Youth Ministries tab at iym.org. As you click on each link you will be directed

to a Dropbox file of the video where you can view or download the video. If you choose to view them online, you will only get the first 15 minutes of each one. If you choose to download the video, you can use that file to burn your own DVD if

you need it in that format. If you don't have the capacity to view the videos, we have DVD copies in the IYM office.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:
What a wonderful time we had at the IYM sessions, seeing and hearing of God's marvelous works within IYM. Praise the Lord, our 2016 budget fundraising topped the \$85,000 goal at \$87,004 with a \$10,000 check in Wednesday's mail. We only have \$3,275 of pledges yet to receive. Thank you to all who contributed to this important effort!

We had not planned to kick off the 2017 budget fundraising campaign at the sessions, waiting until the 2016 effort was completed, but obviously God had other plans for us. After announcing we had surpassed our goal, Doug starting announcing he had an envelope for donations and a card to note pledges if anyone felt so led. By Saturday evening, we had collected \$3,250 in donations and \$1,500 in pledges. Stewardship and Finance will be developing the 2017 Fundraising Campaign this fall, setting the goal required to supplement the assessments and other revenue sources to fully fund the 2017 budget. Look for details this fall but if you desire to make a donation or pledge toward the 2017 budget now, please let the office know. Again, thank you to all individuals, families, and meetings that contributed to our 2016 fundraising campaign.

USFW's 44th Annual Retreat: Women's Fall Retreat will be held September 14-15 at Quaker Haven with retreat leader, Katherine Murray. She is a hospice chaplain, spiritual director, publications coordinator for Quaker Earthcare Witness, and adjunct faculty at ESR. The retreat theme she is "Choose Gratitude" - a mode of worship, a means of relationship, a change agent, an antidote to despair, a true hope for peace and plenty in the world. Talent Time will be Tuesday morning so come prepared to share your talent. Cost is \$65 (includes 3 meals and a night's lodging). Bring bedding, towels, Bible, notebook and flashlight. Fun ends after lunch on Tuesday. Make checks payable to WYM USFW to Liz Nielander, 1503 S Union, Kokomo, IN 46902. Registration due by Sept 5.

Good Morning!

So, my first summer serving IYM as the Assistant Superintendent is in the record books. And, what a summer it was! As a part of our programming at Quaker Haven this summer, we saw kids make some deep and meaningful decisions. Some made commitments to Christ for the first time. Some made reconnections to Christ. Some developed and/or deepened relationships with camp friends, counselors or other adults. Others leaned into their leadership potential, hearing, maybe for the first time, that they have gifts that God will use to build His Kingdom. As I sat in the meetinghouse for the worship service that closed out the IYM sessions this year, I was taken back by the

Kingdom potential of what happened in that room over the course of the summer. I am agreeing with the Holy Spirit that at least one of those kids will become a pastor, a youth pastor, a missionary or a church leader... and there is potential for hundreds of these! God is in the business of making this happen... we just get to foster it!

Those who served at camp, however, are not the only ones who get to foster this... you can do it too! No matter what your relationship to Quaker Haven was this summer, we need you to help be a part of the process of kids going from new decisions for Christ to being life-long followers

of Him. We need you to ask them about their camp experience. We need you to listen to them as they tell their stories. We need you to encourage them to be in God's Word, to be in prayer, to be taking what they learned at camp and building on it. These are the ones who will build upon what God has accomplished through us in the Church, and in the Quaker Movement. They are in such a crucial period of their journey with Christ, and they are going to need all of us! Will you answer the call to be involved?

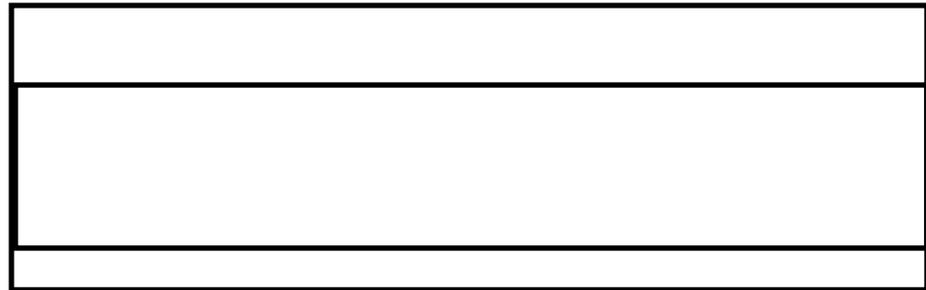
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IYM Upcoming Calendar

- 8/17 *Work Group on Pastoral Training, IYM office, 5 pm*
- 8/17 *Recording Committee, IYM office, 7 pm*
- 8/18 *Committee Night, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm*

Fundraising for the 2017 budget has not officially begun, but already we have received \$6,120 in cash and pledges toward it!

If you have pictures taken at IYM Sessions, may the IYM office have them for use in our publications. If so, please email them to iyminfo@iym.org.

Thank you.

If you attended Yearly Meeting Sessions, please take a few moments to complete a brief evaluation that can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5VMJCWC>.

Does your church have a newsletter or regular announcements distributed by email? The IYM office would love to be on your mailing list! The *Communicator* is normally published every other week and we would like to share what God is doing in your meeting.
neighbors!

USE in August: **Farmland Friends** will host a live simulcast, Living Proof , with Beth Moore, September 12 at 10:30 am until 5:15 pm. This day will offer days of renewal in your spiritual life. Beth has authored dozens of Bible studies, books, and devotionals specifically for women. Tickets are \$10 until July 31, \$15 after that. A box lunch is available for \$7 but must be purchased prior to August 28. One free ticket will be given with every ten purchased. Call 765-468-6485.

USE in August: **The yearly meeting office** will be undergoing renovation soon which will include new flooring, ceiling tiles, fresh paint and several upgrades. The work hasn't been scheduled yet, but it is hoped that it will be completed during the month of August. The office in Muncie will be closed for up to two weeks while this work is done.

USE in August: **Dewart Lake Community Friends:** Indiana Yearly Meeting is our extended family. It is made up of churches who hold to the same beliefs outlined in *Faith & Practice*. It provides oversight to the churches; assisting churches find pastors, providing training opportunities, incredible camp ministry at Quaker Haven for a variety of ages and stages, and reaches the world through carefully chosen mission partners. Dewart Lake Community Friends is proud to be a part of IYM, being part of something bigger to transform the world together.