

**Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions will be held July 23-26 at Quaker Haven Camp. Full details can be found at [www.iym.org/yearlymeeting](http://www.iym.org/yearlymeeting) Check the brochure and registration form for special reduced-price packages for youth, young adults, and those who can only attend on Saturday.**

**Iglesia Amigos** will host an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 14. Iglesia Amigos currently meets at the Irvington Friends Meetinghouse, 831 N Edmondson, in Indianapolis.

**Liberty Friends** has called Clay Davis to serve as their new pastor beginning July 1.

**Sycamore Friends** is offering a new Sunday School class during the summer. "A Future for Friends...gaining perspective on the past, present, and future message of Quakers," has been written by their pastor, Jesse Vore, who will be teaching this class.

**Wabash Friends Youth Group**, led by youth pastor, Brandon Eaton, is doing mission work in Belize this week where Andy and Lisa Stout are serving. Fifteen teens and five adults make up the team, painting at Belize Boys School and at the Red Cross and doing other upkeep projects.

**Marion Quarterly Meeting** has planned a "fun day" at Play Acres Park in Fairmount on June 13, from 10 am—4 pm. Games will include plinko, corn hole, croquet, and three-legged races, plus there will be inflatables, a hay ride and food. For worship they will sing familiar gospel songs, led by Alissa Meyer, and a message by Brock Meyer.

**From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith:** As of May 31, we have a total of \$59,883.78 cash and pledges toward the 2016 budget, 70% of our \$85,000 goal. Please continue to pray for how you and your meeting can be a part of filling this important goal to fund our 2016 programs and activities. 2015 Program Assessments continue to be received on

a regular basis. Thank you to all the meetings that are current on monthly payments and especially to those who have paid ahead or even have paid the total for the year. As of May 31, we are slightly ahead of the monthly schedule which is a big help in maintaining our cash flow.

**Pastors and Recorded Ministers** are asked to complete an annual report and submit it to the IYM office by June 15. Report forms can be downloaded from [www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org).

**2015 is the last year for our MEI (Ministrial Excellence Initiative).** We have seen 67 different grants awarded since 2009. If your meeting received a grant for your pastor, would you be willing to send a photo with a short caption of the result of the grant? I would like to have them displayed during IYM's session at Quaker Haven in July. Thanks for helping your pastors and IYM. Send the photo and caption to Carol Wright, 206 S 850 E, Greenfield, IN 46140 or email me [carol@iym.org](mailto:carol@iym.org). Looking forward to seeing and reading about God's blessings.

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***The IYM Office email account was compromised the week of May 24. Steps have been taken to address this issue and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We know that some emails sent to [iyminfo@iym.org](mailto:iyminfo@iym.org) were lost. Please contact us again if we have not responded to emails sent by you recently.***

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**Pastors Short Course** registrations are being received. Tony Wheeler of Barclay College will speak on the theme "Building and Helping Others Build Healthy and Christ-Centered Lives, Marriages, and Families." All IYM pastoral staff members, recorded ministers, retired pastors, and recording candidates (and their families) are welcome to attend. This year's Short Course will

be held July 6-9 at Quaker Haven Camp. For more info see [www.iym.org/psc](http://www.iym.org/psc).

**Mesquakie Friends Center** in Tama, Iowa, has announced that John (Mac) McDonald will be their new director. Mac and his wife, Bernie, plan to visit IYM this summer. Please note that the Mesquakie Friends Center also has a new mailing address: PO Box 163, Tama, Iowa 52339.

**Quivering Arrow Friends Camp** at Counsel House Friends Church needs help in preparing their camp grounds for the summer, plus they need counselors, cooks, recreation leaders and music leaders for the week of June 22. Departure for preparing the camp is Sunday, June 14, returning on Thursday, June 18. If you can help, please contact Jeff Beals at 317-460-4844 or [j.l.beals@att.net](mailto:j.l.beals@att.net)

**Friends United Meeting (FUM)** is seeking qualified applicants for the Communication Director position. This full-time, Richmond, Indiana-based staff person will receive a competitive salary, including retirement/health benefits. For more information see [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org).

**Solar Grants** are being offered by Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light. These grants for solar panels and energy conservation provide congregations with an opportunity to reduce their utility bills by 25% to 40%. All congregations/denominations are eligible and the grant size is \$24,000 with no financial match required. The application deadline is June 30, 2015. The deadline for installation is December 31, 2015. If a governing body is not able to provide final approval to apply by June 30, the congregation may still submit a provisional application. Contact [info@seventhdayinitiative.org](mailto:info@seventhdayinitiative.org) or (317) 654-1524. Orientation sessions will be held in Fort Wayne, Muncie and South Bend.

Good Morning!  
*This is the 11th of a series of letters I'm writing to George Fox, the founder of Quakerism.*

Dear George,

I wish you could clarify what it means to be "convinced!" You used this term often, but I don't think we are using it in the same way that you did. In modern usage, conviction seems to describe a mental process where some kind of argument leads to assent or belief. I worry that when many today describe themselves as "Convinced Friends" they are indicating their belief that Quakerism has won the argument,

and is superior, in their minds, to other sects or religions.

Most other Christian groups don't use the term "convinced" like we do. Non-Friends are more likely to describe their experience as a new birth, or receiving Christ, or being converted. What many Friends forget is that you used all of those terms freely! In fact you personally testified to receiving Christ, and experiencing a new birth. You weren't trying to convince people to embrace a new teaching; you longed for all people to be transformed by a personal encounter with God!

I like the way you described this concept in one of your doctrinal books (Volume III): "Now consider, what good all the Christians' or the Jews, or Turk's outward worships, religions, or professions do them; if they be not new creatures, and born again, it availeth them nothing, neither shall they see the kingdom of God, or enter into it, except they be born again of the spirit..."

I agree. We don't need a new idea; we need a new birth. I'm thankful to be convinced!

-Doug Shoemaker

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### IYM Upcoming Calendar

6/9 MEI Steering Committee, IYM office, 4:30 pm  
6/11 F&P Review Committee Meeting, IYM office, 6:30 pm  
6/15 Work Group on Pastoral Training, IYM office, 5 pm  
6/15 Recording Committee, IYM office, 7 pm  
6/22 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am  
6/30 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm

IYM Ministry & Oversight is recommending a significant change in determining minimum compensation guidelines for IYM pastors. We ask that churches use the minimum pay for a first-year teacher in your local public school system as the benchmark for a full-time pastor's salary. For more information contact [doug@iym.org](mailto:doug@iym.org).