

Arba Friends held their 37th Annual Missions Conference in October. They had music by "All 4 Christ" worship team and Brock Sizelove, Development and Program Coordinator for Quaker Haven, inspired them with the work of the Camping Program. This was followed by a "Pizza Party" for the Youth. They were also blessed by music provided by their youth, speakers Marggy Hensley from Christian Service International, Max and Anne Smith speaking about the IYM trip to East Africa along with others. In the past year Faith Promises of \$8410 were given to support Arba's various mission projects and \$9750 has been promised for their next year's Faith Promise ministry. A carry-in dinner and great fellowship was enjoyed by all. They praise God for His faithfulness!

Dewart Lake Community Friends has been working through some tough issues the weeks before the election. Anyone is invited to visit their website to listen to the sermons about pertinent issues facing our nation such as immigration, stewardship of the earth, and ethnic diversity, with biblical considerations of a faith-filled response. The series continued through to the election. Dewart Lake Friends has also been filling shoeboxes with blessings for operation Christmas Child. So far over 26 shoeboxes have already been filled!

Jericho Friends will host Dr. Tony Wheeler as he presents a seminar on "The Choice for Healthy Relationships" on Friday, November 11 from 6-8 pm.

Knightstown Friends had Carlos Moran, pastor at Iglesia Amigos, to speak at their Sunday morning service, November 6, and they had their meetinghouse open for prayer on Election Day.

Lynn Friends had a Trunk and Treat with over 1,000 kids attending. They enjoyed a safe night of fun and candy. Also their youth went to Fall Impact at Quaker Haven.

Marion First Friends will host "A Better Day" in concert featuring Mike Haemmerle and Kerry Davis on Sunday, November 13, 6:30 pm.

Sycamore Friends will hold a "Blush Event" on November 10 & 11. Thursday will be for parents and Friday will be for teens. Megan Fate Marshman will be the speaker for both. She will provide parents with some guidance in navigating our young people through the challenges of our culture. The powerful message on Friday is about true identity—"FAKE ID" is the topic!! See iblush.org for more.

Westfield Friends raised \$1600 at their Chicken & Noodle Dinner for the following missions: Kickapoo Friends Center, Mesquakie Friends Center, Iglesia Amigos, and the Giving Tree.

From IYM Treasurer, Max Smith: We continue to receive pledges and donations toward the 2018 Budget Fundraising Campaign now standing at a total of \$15,462.95 (donations and pledges) toward our \$102,000 goal. Thank you to all who have thus far engaged with us. Please continue to pray for guidance in how you and your meeting should support this important effort.

An APEX workshop will be presented by Dave Phillips and Paul Cochrane at Sycamore Friends on Saturday, December 3. Those who have participated in a Focused Living Workshop (a prerequisite) are eligible to participate in APEX. Contact Dave Phillips if you are interested in this opportunity at dave@wabashfriends.org.

Pastors and Spouses are invited to the annual IYM Pastors' Christmas Dinner. This year's dinner will be served at Back Creek Friends on Saturday, December 10, at 5 pm. The evening will include a complimentary meal and a brief program. RSVP to the yearly meeting office or doug@iym.org

Reservations are now being accepted for the pastors Mid-Winter Retreat, scheduled for January 27-29 at Clifty Inn in Clifty Falls State Park.

The Friends Leadership Development Program (LDP) for 2017 will not begin in January as previously planned due to low enrollment. If you are in ministry or sense a call to ministry it's not too late to enroll. We hope to be able to have enough participants to offer this program again soon.

The IYM/Barclay College Friends Ministry Training Certificate Program will soon be available. The program will offer online college level courses for those training for ministry. IYM instructors including Dave Phillips, Paul Cochrane, Greg Hinshaw, and Gary and Carol Wright, will lead courses that can be taken for college credit or audited at a discounted rate. The first class is scheduled to begin January 30. More information will be available soon.

IYM Sunday

All meetings are asked to schedule an "IYM Sunday" for March 12. This yearly meeting-wide event will be an opportunity to tell the story of what God is doing in IYM to your congregation. Resources will be provided to assist your meeting in planning and carrying out an observance in your meeting. Be watching for more information!

We want to know what's happening in your meeting! We are grateful that many churches regularly send copies of bulletins and newsletters to the yearly meeting office. Others send frequent emails with updates on what's happening in your church. We enjoy sharing the good news about our meetings in this *Communicator*. Please pass along your news to us.

2017 Yearly Meeting Sessions will be held at Quaker Haven Camp, July 27-30. Mark Wright, the founding pastor of Brandywine Community Church and a former pastor in IYM, will be the featured speaker. "Show Me Your Glory" from Exodus 33:18 will be our theme.

Multiplication Catalyst Ministries (MC) is a new organization led by Randy Littlefield focused on helping Friends Churches multiply. If your congregation is considering the possibility of planting a new church at some time, MCM can provide training and resources to equip and empower your leaders. MCM is available to consult with you, provide workshops for your church, and support services for churches wanting to multiply. For more information contact Randy Littlefield at 913-683-3831 or randyl@efcmaym.org.

Representative Council Preview
**It will be held at Maple Run Friends on Saturday, November 12, beginning at 9:30 am. Maple Run is located southwest of Marion at 4460 W 400 S.
**2016 Minute books will be available for distribution – please have someone from your meeting present to take yours home.
**Keep up-to-date on what's happening in IYM – committees will be reporting on significant work and discussions.
**There is a possibility that a new Preparative Meeting will be added to IYM at this meeting!

Good Morning!

A few years ago I saw something in my garage that was really disturbing – a rat! He sat motionless as I cautiously moved near. I logically concluded it had feasted on poison and died a peaceful death. Whew! Scooping him up with a shovel I headed outside to find a suitable place to dispose of the body. I'm glad no one was watching because just a few steps outside of the garage the rat moved resulting in me involuntarily dropping the shovel and screaming like a girl.

Recently, while enjoying one of our favorite trails in South Florida my wife and I noticed some other walkers stopped

ahead of us with cameras trained along the side of the path. As we neared we slowed our pace keeping a sharp eye for any signs of something interesting. We weren't disappointed, because soon we found ourselves just yards away from a very playful and curious otter. The other walkers had been enjoying quite a show and were gushing about the cuteness that exuded from the delightful creature that had been entertaining them.

And then I began to wonder, "Why are folks so attracted to otters yet repulsed by rats?" They aren't

identical by a long shot, but they do have several similarities. Their personalities, though, couldn't be more different. And then I began to wonder why folks are right at home at some churches, but wouldn't touch others with a ten-foot pole. Have you ever considered your church's "personality?" People are drawn to fellowships that are warm and inviting. Do neighbors sense that kind of fellowship at your church, or do they smell a rat?

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

11/10 Faith & Practice Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
11/12 Representative Council, Maple Run Friends, 9:30 am
11/15 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
11/29 Trustees, IYM office, 6:30 pm
12/03 Committee Day, Upland Friends, 9 am
12/10 Pastors Christmas Dinner, Back Creek Friends, 5 pm
12/19 Investment Board, Muncie Red Lobster, 11 am
12/23—1/1 IYM office will be closed.

Friends Disaster Service will work the week of November 14-18 in Kokomo. The work will be inside house repairs needed from their recent tornado. If you can help, please call FCS Coordinator Eldon Studer at 765-346-0587. Food and lodging provided.

Friends United Meeting is pleased to announce the appointment of Oscar Siema Mmbali to serve as the first pastoral minister for the Friends work in Belize. Oscar is a member of Nairobi Yearly Meeting in Kenya.