

### Yearly Meeting Minute

Some Friends leave yearly meeting sessions at the conclusion of the Saturday evening program, but for many a highlight of the weekend is Sunday morning when we gather with no other agenda than to worship the Living Christ together. Many enjoy the 8:30 am Boat-in service, and then Dewart Lake Community Friends will host the final worship service at 10 am. Ron Selleck will be speaking.

**Anderson First Friends** will have Friendship Sunday on July 28 as an outreach to family and friends. Earlier in the week, members of the congregation will fan out and distribute door hangers inviting the neighbors in the immediate proximity of the meetinghouse to join them for this worship service and for Indiana State Fair award winning Bar-B-Que after the service.

**Brian and Lisa Mauller from Maple Run Friends** will be going with CSI Ministries, Muncie, IN to Belize for full-time ministry. They will minister to teams coming there and working on discipleship in the Western Paradise Village. They are in the process of raising support and are very excited about this new chapter in their lives. As many challenges lie ahead, they ask that you partner with them in this ministry by keeping them lifted up in prayer. They thank Maple Run Friends and all of IYM for supporting them with their prayers and finances that has gotten them to where they are today. It has been a huge blessing to their lives. If you would like for the Mauller's to share about how God has changed their lives over the last six years to bring them to this ministry, you can contact them at [bmauller@csiministries.org](mailto:bmauller@csiministries.org) or by phone 765-661-8127.

**Wabash Friends** announces that they will host Dr. John Townsend, Friday, July 26, 12 noon to 1 pm (a light lunch will be provided). He will speak on "How to Have that Difficult Conversation and Maintain the Relationship." The pre-registration fee is \$25, \$30 at the door. Register at [www.wabashfriendscounseling.com](http://www.wabashfriendscounseling.com) and click on "Leadership Series" or email [scott@wabashfriends.org](mailto:scott@wabashfriends.org) or call 260-877-3560.

**Wabash Friends** is partnering with Oakbrook Church in Kokomo to provide a live satellite location for the August 8-9 Global Leadership Summit originating from Willow Creek Church. Call Wabash Friends at 260-563-8452 to register.

**A Ministerial Excellence Initiative lunch** will be held Friday noon at IYM Sessions. If you received a grant, if you are interested in giving to see the grants continue, or if you are interested in receiving a grant, come join us Friday during the noon meal.

**Thank you for praying for the recent Pastors Short Course** held at Quaker Haven, July 1-4. Pastors and spouses from across the yearly meeting enjoyed the worship led by Doug Newnum of Rush Creek Friends and the messages shared by Chuck Mylander, Southwest Yearly Meeting. The week included workshops, great food, relaxing free time, the opportunity to pray with one another, and a blessing that sent us on our way home. Here are a few reflections from pastors who attended this year's Short Course:

*"I really enjoyed the Pastors Short Course. The speakers and worship leader were excellent; I felt they were led of the Lord. What I liked best was the interaction among all the attendees."* - Thomas White (Long Lake)

*"The short course is a time for pastors to recharge, refresh, and re-launch. It's where you can enjoy a slow-paced schedule, good conversation with other leaders, and applicable teaching for your personal and ministry life."* – Brock Meyer (Fairmount)

*"Recent reconfiguration has positioned IYM for something new. In my opinion that isn't a new beginning. We're not starting over. We are building upon already established solid ground. We have a true opportunity to gain solidarity— "a new beginning." A real sense of optimism was present at Pastors Short Course. Participants were at ease talking and sharing with one another. Meals were shared with peace and friendship. Our hearts were focused on God, Christ, ministry and not division. We do have a great opportunity for "a new beginning." Recent gains at Pastor's Short Course are a wonderful start."* –Tim Basford (Knightstown)

**The Advance Report** is sent to IYM representatives, monthly meeting clerks, Ministry & Oversight clerks and pastors. So if you received one and would like to refer to it at yearly meeting sessions, it would be good if you would bring it with you. We will have some extra copies there.

**The IYM Trustees will meet on Tuesday, August 6, at the yearly meeting office for their organizational meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.**

**The Stewardship & Finance Committee will meet at Quaker Haven during yearly meeting sessions on Friday, July 26, at 2:30 pm.**

### **Save These Dates**

The next IYM "Committee Day" is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 20**. Ministry & Oversight, Evangelism & Outreach, Christian Education, Communication & Publications, Peace and Christian Social Concerns, Stewardship & Finance, and Missions Committee will meet beginning at 6:30 pm at Upland Friends.

The next meeting of IYM Representative Council is scheduled for Saturday morning, **November 9**. A location for this meeting has yet to be determined. If your meeting is interested in hosting Representative Council please contact Doug Shoemaker at the yearly meeting office.

USFW's Women's Fall Retreat will be held **September 9 & 10** at Quaker Haven.

MEI Day will be **September 15** throughout IYM. More details to come, but start praying for the Ministerial Excellence Initiative today.

Friends United Meeting will have a gathering, **September 20-22**, to explore what it means to practice ongoing care for and ministry to youth and young adults.

Attention all Treasurers and Finance Committee members: We are offering a workshop Saturday, **October 26**. More details later and mark your calendars now!!

National Friends Church Multiplication Conference, **May 7-9, 2014** on the campus of Barclay College, Haviland, KS. Watch for more information to come later.

Good Morning,

In his book *The Colors of Hope*, Richard Dahlstrom describes what he calls "the safety first mentality." According to this perspective, "the key to living well is living safely." So Dahlstrom writes: "Lock your doors at night. Get an alarm system. Save 10 percent and make sure your investment is insured .... Take your vitamins, minerals, omega-3s, ginko bilboa, and St. John's Wort. Eat lots of soluble fibers. Exercise. Get eight hours of sleep .... Go to church regularly, being certain to drive carefully both on the way there and on the way home (it's best if your car's the biggest, because then you're the safest). Don't go on mission trips to places where you might contract staph infection, malaria, intestinal parasites, or face a terrorist plot. Risky hobbies? Forget it. Read books instead .... Eat organic. Get a colonoscopy."

I will never forget a conversation I had with my mother when I was very young. I was just beginning to become aware of the many dangers in the world and said something to Mom about them. Her response was one that has stuck with me for decades. She said, "You can't be so afraid to die that you never live."

It strikes me that many Christians choose to play it safe and many churches are in preservation mode. I'm not advocating unnecessary risky behaviors, but I am remembering the words of Jesus who taught that the person who is always seeking to save his life will lose it, while it is those who "lose" their lives that truly find life. Fear plays it safe. Love takes huge risks. Go for it!

#### ***IYM Upcoming Calendar***

***7/21-24 Little Friends Camp, Quaker Haven***

***7/25-28 IYM Sessions, Quaker Haven***

***8/6 IYM Trustees Mtg, IYM office, 6:30 pm***

***8/20 Committee Day, Upland Friends, 6:30 pm***