

Representative Council
Saturday, November 9, 9 am
South Marion Friends

Reconfiguration Update

On October 1, representatives of IYM met with representatives of the New Association of Friends to transfer funds approved in the reconfiguration plan to the New Association. A Quit Claim deed for the Fountain City Meetinghouse was also given to the New Association. Two monthly meetings, now members of the New Association, were presented with IYM endowment funds originally designated for the benefit of those meetings. Meetings who provided adequate deeds and/or legal descriptions of their properties were granted Quit Claim deeds.

Amboy Friends will host Billy Hodges for Sunday service on November 17. Mr. Hodges is a southern Gospel recording artist who regularly performs at Dollywood theme park (<http://www.billyhodges.com/>). He will also perform at Amboy Friends, November 17 at 6 p.m. as part of Quarterly Meeting. Amboy Friends will have their Upward Basketball league again this year for boys and girls in K—4th grade. Registrations need to be submitted by October 25. For more information contact Scott Dubois at 765-251-4225.

IYM Pastors, take note! Wabash Counseling Center has a special registration rate of \$10 (normally \$40) for IYM pastors for their 21st annual *Live Life to the Fullest: A Spiritual Growth Conference*, held on Saturday, October 26, 8:30 am to 4:15 pm at the Honeywell Center in Wabash (275 West Market Street). Dr. Gary Oliver will be the keynote speaker and will be joined by 23 professional counselors and educators presenting 30 workshops. To register you can email to scott@wabashfriends.org or go to www.wabashfriendscounseling.com and check the box labeled "Partner Churches" - IYM churches are listed.

The IYM Treasurers' Workshop scheduled for October 26 has been cancelled due to lack of registrations.

Westfield Young Friends Children's Ministry was recently launched for neighborhood children. They are served dinner and have a one-on-one tutor for homework, math skills, reading, and a gratitude journal. At 7 pm, the children join in singing, a puppet show, devotional talk, arts & crafts, and recreation. On Saturday, November 9, Westfield Friends will have a chicken/noodle dinner with all the trimmings from 11 am—3 pm (\$8; children 3-11, \$5). There will be a quilt auction at 12:30 pm. The ladies of the church had their annual Women's Retreat at Quaker Haven this past weekend.

IYM Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses is scheduled for January 31-February 2, 2014. We will be returning to Das Dutchman Essenhaus Inn and Conference Center in Middlebury, Indiana, for a weekend of inspiration, training, and valuable time apart from the daily demands of ministry. If you are a pastor, save the date and plan to attend. If you are not a pastor, encourage yours to come.

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IYM will host the FUM Triennial, June 11-15, 2014, at Indiana Wesleyan University. A host committee is working on details for this major undertaking and many volunteers are still needed (call or email the IYM office if you can help). Please plan to take advantage of this rare opportunity to rub shoulders with FUM Field Staff and Friends from across the world. Of special interest to many will be the Johnson Lecture presented on the evening of June 13 featuring well-known author, Richard Foster.

"Building Bridges to Change the World" (2 Cor. 16-12) will be the

theme of **Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions planned for July 24-27, 2014**, at Quaker Haven Camp. Jim LeShana, former pastor of Rose Drive Friends in California and now on staff at Barclay College, will be the 2014 IYM Session guest speaker. Doug Newnum, pastor of Rush Creek Friends, will be our worship leader. Exciting plans are being made for these landmark sessions. Please plan now to attend!

Many individuals have been sending financial contributions to IYM to help alleviate the approximately \$75,000 reduction of assessment income that will influence future budgets. Since yearly meeting, Friends from Amboy, Arba, Bear Creek, Bethel, Hinkle Creek, Knightstown, Raysville, Spiceland, Sycamore, Upland and West River have blessed IYM with generous contributions totaling \$12,600. Other meetings and individuals have indicated their plan to also contribute. Thank You!

"Local Meeting Leadership Development" will be held, November 8 and 9 at Marshalltown Friends Church, Iowa. This retreat is part of series of regional workshops titled, "Unleashing the Power of Your Meeting/Church" and is coordinated by the North American Ministries Committee of FUM. Workshops will be "Clerking led by Lon Fendall, former professor at George Fox University; "Elders" led by Colin Saxton, FUM General Secretary; and "Stewardship" led by Lloyd Stangeland, Chair of IAYM Board of Trustees/former CFO for two corporations. \$15 per person with a freewill offering to cover cost of food. Contact FUM for more information.

The Peace & Christian Social Concerns Committee still needs our meeting's surveys mailed to them a few weeks ago. Please submit them to the IYM office by November 1. Thank you for helping us with this information!!

Good Morning,

The following account from Martha Vancise, Fort Pierce, Florida, originally appeared in the *Christian Reader*: During a thunder storm in the Midwest, my parents turned on the TV to watch for tornado warnings. Just as the screen flashed a warning, a limb crashed outside the living room window. Mom bolted toward a safer spot in the dining room, but a terrific lightning strike stopped her in the doorway. Wringing her hands, she shouted to Dad above the storm, "Where are we

going?" "I guess," he said calmly, "it depends on how we've lived."

Choices we make today do impact our future. That's true for individuals, but also for organizations including churches. Today Indiana Yearly Meeting is facing a unique opportunity. Where we are going in the future depends upon directions that we choose now.

"Shaping the Future of IYM" is the theme for a series of meetings to be held across the yearly meeting in the coming months. These meetings will

include a brief presentation looking at the blessings and the challenges facing us, and ample opportunity for Friends to reflect on the value of Indiana Yearly Meeting - and have a real voice in shaping our future. A task group is working now on scheduling these meetings to be held in the coming months. We greatly value your thoughts, visions, and insights as together we will be shaping the future of IYM.

—Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

10/28 Program Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
10/29 IYM Trustees, IYM office 6:30 pm
11/9 Representative Council, South Marion Friends, 9 am
11/12 Westfield Area Pastors, Little Blue River Friends, 9:30 am
11/13 Van Wert Area Pastors, Winchester Restaurant/Jericho Friends, 12:30 pm
11/14 Triennial Host Committee Conference call, 4 pm
11/14 Faith & Practice Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm
11/20 Marion Area Pastors Meeting, Liberty Friends, 9:30 am

Fall Impact for junior high and senior high youth
November 1-3, Quaker Haven Camp
Contact Aaron Hughs for more details.
aaronhughs@iym.org or 800-292-5238

Quaker Haven

will have work days, November 2 and 23. They need help with putting items away for the winter; painting if the weather allows; cutting many trees and hauling the brush; and leaf pick up. Meals will be provided to all volunteers, but they need RSVP's. Call 574-834-4193 or email info@quakerhaven.com.