

# † The Quakeress †

Spring 2013

## 2012-2013 USFW

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## *Peace and Praise in Kenya*

As I write this, I'm continuing to watch for news about the elections in Kenya, which were held on March 4. I am very happy to see that so far, there is very little news, even after the results have been announced. Friends in Kenya and around the world have worked hard to help assure this would be a peaceful election, and their work appears to have been fruitful. Praises!

The election margin was very thin, and losing candidate Raila Odinga was also the losing candidate in 2007. At that time, Odinga said that he did not trust the courts and called for peaceful mass protests against the results. The protests happened...but they were not peaceful. Over 1200 people died, and hundreds of thousands were displaced.

This year, Odinga has been defeated by Uhuru Kenyatta. Again, Odinga feels that the election was tainted, and has refused to concede. The difference is that this year he plans to take his challenge to the courts. The work of Quakers and others to make peace, and to teach peacemaking, has paid off.

We too worked for peace in Kenya, and I want to thank everyone who helped meet the challenge from USFWI, the IYM Peace & Christian Social Concerns Committee, and Indiana USFW.

Penny Sitler  
Presiding Clerk, Indiana USFW



## *A Peace Challenge Met!*

The Indiana Yearly Meeting Peace and Christian Social Concerns Committee has been partnering over the last few months with the IYM United Society of Friends Women (IN-USFW) to raise \$5,000. This money will be used to help print peace curriculum for 240 Friends Church High Schools and 1200 Friends Primary Schools in Kenya. We did this to match the \$5,000 that USFW International has pledged for the peace curriculum project. The \$10,000 aimed at teaching peacemaking skills to students is especially needed right now since elections in Kenya were held this month. In 2007 after Kenyan national elections the country erupted in shocking violence.

Here is what FUM General Secretary Colin Saxton said about this partnership initiative in a recent email:

*Regarding your efforts to raise funds for the peace curriculum...thank you!!! I am in Kenya now and the need for this work continues to be pressing. With our new FUM education secretary, Zadock Malesi, on staff, it feels like we are building the personnel and infrastructure here to make sure the curriculum is well implemented. I am really excited about what will occur through the expansion of this ministry.*

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And here is the great news...IYM & IN-USFW exceeded the \$5,000 goal! IN-USFW has received and sent to USFWI \$2,742.14 for the project. Additionally, IYM Meetings have sent over \$4,200 directly to FUM. It is truly a blessing to work together – here in the US, in Kenya, and around the world – as we uphold Christ’s message of love, peace and reconciliation. Heartfelt thanks goes to each individual, meeting and organization that contributed to this wonderful, cooperative effort.

In Christ,  
Noell Krughoff, clerk  
IYM Peace and Christian Social Concerns Committee

## Highlights of Fall Gathering

### October 27, 2012, Spiceland

The Indiana USFW 2012 Fall Gathering was hosted by Spiceland Friends Meeting. Our speaker was Mary Lord, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting. She has spent her life working for many non-profit and Quaker organizations. Mary was in Kenya when the violence broke out after the 2007 elections. She witnessed the violence, had the opportunity to help facilitate some of the first steps toward peacemaking, and was on the spot when the idea of a peace curriculum for Kenyan schools was born. Her first-person account of these events was powerful. Mary asked that we hold the Kenya Friends in prayer, and especially the Kenyan women.

The challenge was issued to raise funds for the peace curriculum in Kenya. Just \$80 per IYM meeting would result in a fund of \$10,000. At the Gathering, a grant of \$500 was received from Pennies For Peace, and the offering totaled \$757.64 for the Peace Curriculum. Forty-four women attended, representing 15 different Meetings.

## Upcoming Events

### USFW Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 13  
Muncie Friends Memorial  
Registration 9:00 AM  
Convening 9:30 AM  
Lunch will be served  
Speaker: Joyce Ajlouny, Ramallah Friends School



### SFWI / Quaker Men Triennial

July 4-7, 2013  
Radisson Hotel Indianapolis Airport  
Hosted by Western Yearly Meeting USFW  
Registration at [www.usfwi.org](http://www.usfwi.org)

## Indiana Yearly Meeting USFW/ Quaker Men Luncheon

Saturday, July 27, 2013  
Noon – 1:45 PM  
Quaker Haven Dining Hall



This fellowship meal will be a luncheon, rather than a banquet as we have had in recent years. We have requested the same menu as the standard Yearly Meeting lunch, but we will gather separately from the rest of the group so that we can conduct a short meeting and enjoy a speaker. This means that our meal will be lighter and less expensive than it has been in recent years. The Feast of Faith will be held Saturday evening as it has been in recent years, and it seemed to members of our board that two banquets in one day do not represent the testimony of simplicity very well! We hope that you will enjoy lunching with us. Register through the IYM brochure/ registration form.

## Indiana/Western USFW Fall Retreat

September 9-10, 2013  
Quaker Haven Camp  
Details will be announced at the Spring Gathering.



## Collections

At our Spring Gathering, we will be collecting several items, as we usually do!

**-General offering:** Our offering will be dedicated to the work of Ramallah Friends School

**-Least Coin offering:** The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a world-wide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation. Through this movement Christian women around the world seek fellowship with each other and are reminded to live a reconciled and forgiving life with others. You can learn more about the Fellowship of the Least Coin here: <http://www.flc.net.ph/>

**-Pennies for Peace:** The goal of Pennies for Peace is to liberate the pennies and small coins that litter our dressers and collect in jars, and put the money to work for peace. Pennies for Peace makes grants to peace work from time to time, most recently contributing \$500 to the Kenya peace curriculum project.

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**-Stamps:** All kinds of used stamps are welcome, except flag stamps. If you have foreign stamps, please bring the whole envelope. US stamps may be trimmed but do not need to be steamed off the envelopes. These are sold through Friends in California, who dedicate the proceeds to peace projects.

**-Soup labels and box tops:** The Richmond Friends School welcomes these contributions.

## Keeping in Touch

If you use Facebook, please “Like” Indiana USFW so that our news and announcements will show in your timeline!

**Join our new mailing list!**

We have a new email address:

[IndianaUSFW@gmail.com](mailto:IndianaUSFW@gmail.com)

Please just send us an email if you would like to receive our future emails, or we'll share a signup sheet at the Spring Gathering!

## USFWI Triennial

The USFWI Triennial is just around the corner! This is always a wonderful opportunity to gather in fellowship with Friends from near and far. It's in Indiana this year, so travel will be easier and less expensive for all of us—don't miss it!

**Here's a word from Peggy Hollingsworth, president of Western Yearly Meeting USFW, about the Triennial:**

My copy of *The Advocate* for March-April 2013 arrived in the mail yesterday! The main emphasis is on “**Racing to Indy**” as Editor Sarabeth Marcinko outlines the **July 4-7** program for the **44<sup>th</sup> Triennial** in terms of Speedway jargon. The centerfold provides the registration form [must be submitted by May 15 to avoid a late fee] and hotel registration information. Yes, the **Radisson Hotel Indianapolis Airport** is **RIGHT HERE**. You will receive “Showers of Blessings” as we consider together the theme “Take Courage” from *1 Corinthians 16:13-14*.

Daily themes are “Be on your guard,” “Stand firm in your faith,” “Be strong,” and “Do everything in love.” Linda Garrison (Iowa), leader of FUM work teams to Cuba, will speak at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Sylvia Graves (Western) will speak at the concluding worship on Sunday morning.

Registrations are due by May 15, 2013, with forms, information on hotel meals and lodging, and fees also available in the January/February 2013 issue of *The Advocate* and on the USFWI home page, [www.usfwi.org](http://www.usfwi.org)

Please seriously consider staying “On Site” at the Radisson to get the full benefit of this brief but intense opportunity to meet Quakers from throughout the world, right here in Indiana!

Peggy Hollingsworth

President, Western Yearly Meeting USFW, hosts for the USFWI Triennial

## The Treasurer's Tidbits

Good Morning, Treasurers,

What a beautiful morning as I enjoy the beautiful Atlantic Ocean and dolphins feeding and swimming along as we vacation.

Looking back over the 2012 year, I become excited about how you all have been so faithful and generous in your support of the USFW-I budget. I've been thinking about lifelines recently...how God is our lifeline and how we are lifelines to our mission areas.

The total contributions in 2012 were \$4,459.56 of which \$2,617.14 was for the Kenya Peace Curriculum. I am aware of additional contributions that were sent directly to FUM.

I would love to hear ways that you raised money to support our missionaries. Women are known to step up and work hard to raise money. Our missionaries DO depend on us “back home” for financial support so they can continue their work “on the field.”

I will send NEW report forms as soon as I receive the info from the USFWI Treasurer. In the meantime, use the 2012 forms. The new budget line items will be on the back page of the *Advocate*.

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**Rejoice! The tomb is empty!**