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## AT OHIO YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, HELD BY ADJOURNMENTS AT THE STILLWATER MEETING HOUSE FROM THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup> OF EIGHTH MONTH, INCLUSIVE, 2009.

Friends have gathered from across North America for the 197th session of Ohio Yearly Meeting. We desire to look to Christ Jesus, allowing Him to evaluate our past year, leaven our gifts, and show us the new things He has for us. We desire to learn to better love God and each other, knowing we have a Healer ready to speak to our condition and transform us into the people He would have us to be. We have an obligation to share the Good News of Christ Jesus that we have heard, encouraging others to turn to and learn from the Lord.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward (Matthew 10: 37-42).

The meeting received reports from our Quarterly Meetings, wherein the following Friends have been appointed as Representatives to this meeting—of whom 15 are present.

Salem QM: Nancy A. Hawkins, Rebecca J. Hawkins, Lois G. Edgerton, Winifred E. Stratton, Robert W. Stratton, Conrad Lindes, Myrtle E. Bailey, and Rose M. Sidwell.

Stillwater QM: Susan Bailey, Philip Helms, Elvina Krekler, Dorothy Smith, David Eley, Lily Rockwell, John Smith, Burton Doudna, and Evelyn Groves.

The following Friends have been appointed to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee: Rebecca J. Hawkins, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Winifred E. Stratton, Conrad Lindes, Jim Creighton, Mike Kinch, David Eley, John C. Smith, Sara Kirk, Bernard A. Naylor, and Shawna Roberts.

We give thanks to the Lord for sending us several visitors. A letter of introduction was read for Micah Bales, signed by Carole Revard, Clerk of Great Plains Yearly Meeting. Another letter was read for our visitor LeRoy Curtis, signed by Philip Balderston, Clerk of Wooster Monthly Meeting. Our Clerk is directed to endorse the minutes on behalf of the meeting.

We are also glad to have with us Nancy Craft of Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Isabel and Tabitha Penreath and

Laura Young of Colorado; Nan Dodge of New Jersey; Jim Eblin of Oregon; and Janet Reddy of South Carolina.

### Treasurer's Report

The meeting read the following Treasurer's Report. We thank Dorothy Smith for her report and work on our behalf. One Friend explained that the reason we spent more than was budgeted was that yearly meeting attendance monies had not been originally budgeted, but that more funds were received than needed to cover the expense. One Friend was concerned some meetings struggled to raise our amount last year.

#### 2008-2009 Treasurer's Report

##### Report of Receipts and Disbursements

Balance on hand 7/31/2008 Checking Account \$1,128.30

##### Income

Monthly Meeting Donations	24,570.00
Other Donations	3,565.00
Disciplines & mailing	70.00
Book Sales	32.00
Income from Ohio YM '08	3,850.00
<b>Total Income –</b>	<b>\$32,087.00</b>

##### Expenses / Disbursements

Walton Home	14,000.00
Friends Center	25.00
Christian Education Camp,	1500.00
OYM Travel Fund	500.00
ACFIA	100.00
Hominy Center	100.00
FCNL	500.00
FWCC	500.00
Outreach Committee	300.00
Book and Children's Literature Cte	25.00
WFCF	250.00
Peace and Human Relations	100.00
Historical Committee	100.00
Junior Yearly Meeting	100.00
RSWR	500.00

Friends Disaster Service	500.00
Printing	1,682.00
Correspondent's Expense	100.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,000.00
Copy Machine Supplies	100.00
Insurance	1,466.00
Water	139.36
Agenda Committee	1,032.00
Olney Meals – OYM 2008	3,679.00
Clerk's Expense	300.00
Yearly Meeting Speaker Expense	368.00
Stillwater Camping – OYM 2008	175.50
Miscellaneous (new checks)	11.95

Total Expense – \$29,153.81

Income over Expense \$2,933.19

Balance on Hand, 7/31/2009 Checking Account \$4,061.49

Funds invested with Fiduciary Trustees: [Note from Fiduciary Trustees: We are grateful for your confidence in asking the Fiduciary Trustees to manage your funds. While the past year has been an extraordinary and disappointing one for our investments, we are still thankful to be able to pay 3.0% interest on the trust funds in our care for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2009.]

Fund	Beg. Balance	Interest (all re-invested)	Ending Balance
L.J. & Francis Taber	\$4,788.10	\$143.58	\$4,929.68
Property Sale	86,343.18	2,590.30	88,933.48
General Funds	20,674.03	620.22	21,294.25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>111,803.31</b>	<b>3,354.10</b>	<b>115,157.41</b>

##### OYM Physical Assets, 2009

Walton Retirement Home	Free stall barn
281 acres – approximately 100 tillable	Manure pit
Friends Center and garage	Loafing shed
Taber House	2,000 bushels corn storage
Plummer House	1 non-producing oil well
2 barns for livestock, hay storage	40 tree orchard
Machinery storage shed	Towe House

As an audit and budget committee to join with Robert Stratton and John C. Smith to audit the books, propose a budget for the following year, and recommend a Friend for Treasurer for the following year, we appoint David Eley and Phil Helms.

### Yearly Meeting Property Trustees

Bob Rockwell gave the following Yearly Meeting Property Trustees report. They have upgraded the meeting house electricity during the past year, removing overhead wires outside. We thank those Friends who contributed to the effort. Stillwater Monthly Meeting will address some smaller Meeting House needs. The committee asks for \$1,000 for the coming year if way opens and the money is available. It is possible that some funds from the Fiduciary Trustees could help, depending on what the Property Trustees might decide to do in the coming year.

#### Report of OYM Property Trustees, 8/4/09

The big project for this year was upgrading of electric service into the meeting house from 100 Amp to 200 Amp. This work came under the scrutiny of the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance. I was pleased with the expeditious way the plan of work was approved, and the finished project was deemed satisfactory by a helpful inspector. This involved a fee of \$228.25.

Major components of the project included a combination 200 Amp meter base / outdoor service disconnect, underground cable in conduit under drive into building, 200 Amp breaker panel, and moving existing wiring from old fuse boxes into new breaker panel. Overhead wires are gone. All circuits are identified. Cost for permit, materials, and ditch totals \$1,372.49. This was a group effort, with labor and ideas coming from Carl Smith, Dennis Rockwell, Bob Rockwell, Paul Livezey, Vic Peacock, and Myron Johnson.

We hope to move to the next phase of running cable to a 100 Amp breaker panel in the North End of the building. We are looking at several smaller improvements that are now possible.

We continue to be concerned about the condition of brick and mortar joints at many points on the exterior of the building. Any ideas for funding and solutions will be greatly appreciated.

There are several smaller improvements around the building that will be addressed by Stillwater Monthly Meeting.

Financial statement by Vic Peacock is included.

For the committee, Robert Rockwell.

Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends Improvements

Carry over from 2008	\$3,893.16
Deposit from OYM allotment	1,000.00
Total Income –	\$4,893.16
Expenses / Disbursements	
Ditch for entrance cable	\$300.00
Stillwater for reimbursement	36.77
Bob Rockwell: electric permit and inspection	228.25
Rockwell Orchards – Lowes	210.73
Stillwater – Lowes	307.26
Robert Rockwell – Lowes	14.35
Robert Rockwell – Cardello's	275.13
Total –	\$1,372.49
Balance Remaining –	\$3,520.67

We would ask for an appropriation of \$1,000 for next year if way opens.  
On behalf of the Ohio Yearly Meeting Trustees, Victor G. Peacock

### Queries

The Meeting read the First through the Fifth Queries with the answers from the Quarterly Meetings. The meeting approved the following Yearly Meeting summaries. During the reading and summarizing, a Friend recommended that meetings next year answer in terms of the meeting as a whole instead of as individuals.

**First Query.** Our meetings for worship are faithfully and punctually attended by most resident members, some of whom feel especially committed to attend because of the small size of their meetings. However, for many meetings the majority of people listed in membership do not regularly attend any Friends meeting. In our meetings for worship we customarily wait for the Lord's spirit to minister to us and are usually ready to respond to Christ's immediate motion. One meeting reports being glad to have young children among them during worship; other meetings miss their presence. Some affiliate members engage in personal First Day worship at the same time as their meeting is worshipping. Although some meetings know the blessing of many visitors and others have only a few, we all welcome those who come, encourage them in fellowship, and trust that visitors unfamiliar with our waiting worship "learn in the silence to bow to the power of God." (OYM Advice # 16)

**Second Query.** We have allowed critical and judgmental attitudes, the spirit of fear, public media intrusions, impatience, carelessness with others' reputations, and words we regret to hinder the harmony among us. We have

sometimes failed in forgiveness. However, even when there are differences among us, our love for the Lord and for each other is precious to us, and our goal is to love others as Christ loves us. Reaching that goal has been possible only when we have yielded to the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior. With many of us engaging in electronic communication across great distances, we realize that labor, time and openness to Christ's love enable us to walk in love even with those neighbors we may never see.

**Third Query.** By eating meals together, putting aside differences, and enjoying being together, we help our homes become places of support and refuge from the stresses of secular living. However, we have sometimes become too busy with worldly tasks, even "good" ones, and have thus lost our sense of the Lord's presence. We find that our homes reflect Christ's joy, peace, and contentment when we invite Jesus to live with us and when we then abide with Him in meekness, patience, and love. Whether we live alone or with family, we are grateful for Christ's covering and for the peace that comes from following Him. Our children, our grandchildren, and the guests who come into our homes experience saying grace before meals, Bible reading, and praying to a loving Savior. In fact, our children have sometimes become examples for us, revealing what we have taught them. We hold in prayer our children who have yet to exemplify our faith, having patience and faith that seeds planted will give forth to blossoms. We feel that community members with whom we are involved beyond our meetings often sense our peace with and dependence on God.

**Fourth Query.** Meetings report that Friends understand their bodies to be the Temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19) and understand our individual responsibility to nourish and maintain it. We give thought and action to caring for our bodies by eating a balanced diet of healthy food, but one Quarter reported more awareness of the benefits of exercise was needed. We are grateful for God's reminders and sustaining grace when we experience health problems. Both Quarters noted the perils of stress on our mental health. Some Friends who experienced damaging effects from stress in the past year have found relief through turning to Christ and through sharing problems with others.

Friends are able to live temperate lives through the Father's inward power. A positive attitude (faith) and undertaking a reasonable workload, combined with reserving time for spiritual recharging, help us meet these goals. Most members and affiliates are clear of the use of tobacco, intoxicants, and the improper use of drugs. One Quarter recommended that Friends beware of drug dependency and overmedication. Friends do not do all we can to witness to non-members on this issue.

**Fifth Query.** Most feel we are sensitive to the needs of those of less for-

fortunate circumstances. Though we are challenged by being too busy with our own concerns or lacking the time or ability to help, Friends usually desire to help when needs are made known. We sometimes are more aware of needs of people on the other side of the world than of those in our own communities. God gives us what we need to help others when He wants us to do so.

Friends value prayerful discernment how to share one another's burdens. Ways of helping in the past year have included giving food to needy families or food pantries, giving money to charity, helping with clothing or utility payments, providing transportation, or giving verbal encouragement.

In the past year, we have found a limited number of opportunities to counsel lovingly and prayerfully with members. Through proper discernment of His direction, we allow a heartfelt love for the person in need to be our motivating factor and avoid problems with unsolicited advice.

After a time of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until tomorrow morning.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 5<sup>th</sup> Morning Session**

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isaiah 9:5-7).

We welcome several visitors: Gordon Thompson of Markham, Ontario, Canada; Helen Bayes of O'Connor, Australia; and Autumn Wooling of Rennick, West Virginia.

### **Document Committee**

The meeting received and read the report of the Document Committee. We approve the report and approve the Friends named for the Epistle Committee.

Document Committee Report 2009

The document committee met and agreed that when and if the epistles from Iowa and North Carolina Yearly Meetings arrive in time that they be read. Also an epistle, especially written for us, from Friends in Britain.

Twenty five different Yearly Meetings sent their greetings, some expressing their economic issues. Of these we have chosen excerpts from Central, Illinois, New England and Northern Yearly Meetings. These documents may be found for your reading, in Olney's library.

We felt that Phil Helms, David Eley, and Steve Geyer could write inspiring epistles from our Meeting.

On behalf of the committee, Dorothy Guindon

The following excerpt was read from Central Yearly Meeting's Epistle. David Eley attended that Yearly Meeting and brings us their good wishes.

From Central Yearly Meeting held near Muncie Indiana

The first Lord's Day morning's message was given by our yearly Meeting Superintendent, Michael Williams. He spoke on "The six Essentials of Worship". Much that passes for worship today, in fact is not, but is performance-based, entertainment-oriented and self-focused. Authentic worship involves a joyful approach to God, a willing acknowledgment of Him, a profound awe of who He is, a constant allegiance to Him, a diligent attention to God and, finally, authentic worship will result in a faithful witness to those outside of our fellowship.

### Membership Report

We have heard the Membership Report. Dorothy Smith has done an excellent job keeping the records with our Monthly Meeting Recorders and extracting the information for the report. It is a blessing that the Lord has brought us an increase in membership. We wish the Lord's blessings on newly married Friends. Two members have been acknowledged as ministers during the past year, for whom we each need to pray for their nurture and growth in that gift. Friends are pained by the loss of several members. We will miss the exercise of the gifts as well as the wisdom they had been granted for our meetings.

#### 2009 Membership Report for Ohio Yearly Meeting

Total Membership Seventh Month First, 2008 (Last Year)		532
Gains:	Births or adoptions	0
	Certificates Received	1
	Requests	21
	Total Gains	22
Losses:	Deaths	4
	Certificates Transferred	1

Membership Discontinued	12
Total Losses	17
Net Gain for the year	5

Total Membership Seventh Month First, 2009 (This Year) 537

Affiliate Member	65
Affiliate Associate Members	18
Associate Members	38
Sojourning Members	1
Waiting	9

Membership Summary (Including Associate Members)

Membership under 5 years of age	8
Membership from 5 to 18	36
Membership 18 and over	493
Total ( Same as above)	537

Resident Status of Members

Resident Members	146
Non-Resident Members*	391
Total	537

\*Members shall be considered non-resident when they live at least 30 miles from the meeting and attend less than one First Day Meeting per month.

School Report (Members attending schools)

Attending Pre-School	0
Attending Olney Friends School	2
Attending Public Schools	25
Attending Private Schools	7
Attending Home Schools	6
Attending College	20
Total	60

1. Number of weddings under the care of this Yearly Meeting— 0
  2. Number of members married this year under the care of Friends— 1
  3. Number of members married this year NOT under the care of Friends— 4
- Total members married this year (Total of 2&3) 5

Names of those married and dates of the marriages:

- 8-16-08 Donald M. Doudna to Caroline Jackson
- 9-13-08 Nancy Irene Kirk to David Carl Jones
- 10-11-08 Barbara Warrington Diffenderfer to Brian Pasternak

11-8-08 Rachel Dianne Osborn to Shon David Steger

1-5-09 Nathaniel Kaufmann to Shoshanna Jones

Names of ministers recorded this year: 2

John C. Benson

Burton M. Doudna

Names of new elders appointed this year: 1

John C. Benson

Names of members received by birth, certificate or request:

Date	Name	Reason as above
7-20-08	Anna Creighton	request
7-20-08	Michael B. Conover	request
9-2008	Keith Maddison	request
1-10-09	Amelia Grace Nordskog	request
1-10-09	Jacob Alden Nordskog	request
1-10-09	Thomas Andrew Nordskog	request
1-18-09	Jaya Karsemeyer	sojourner
2-2009	Melissa Green	request
3-08-09	Kenneth Lawrence Schroeder	request
3-2009	Don Shabkie	request
3-2009	Austin Wattles	request
3-22-09	Denise Troy	request
5-17-09	Jim Heil	request
5-17-09	John Laswell	request
5-17-09	Wendy Laswell	request
5-17-09	Emily Laswell	request
5-17-09	Michael Laswell	request
5-17-09	Gregory Laswell	request
5-17-09	Maximilian Laswell	request
5-17-09	Alexander Laswell	request
5-21-09	Mary Alice Pino	transfer from Chesterfield
5-31-09	Anika Hope Nagle	request of parents

Membership loses by death, certificate of removal, request to be released:

Date	Name	Reason as above
9-21-08	Harold Robert Carter	Lost contact
9-21-08	Nick Louis Miller	Lost contact
9-21-08	Ernest S. Motteram	Lost contact
10-20-08	Devonna Elaine Gamble	Death
12-21-08	Seth Christian Ravndal	request

12-21-08	Helen (Ravndal) Dennis	request
1-2009	Joshua Kaufmann	request
1-18-09	Ethel M. Gamble	death
2-2009	Anna Dulin	request
2-21-09	Martha Newlin Hartley	death
4-2009	Keith Maddison	death
4-24-09	Ralph Warman	released
4-24-09	Sushila Warman	released
4-24-09	John Warman	released
4-24-09	Robert Warman	released
5-2009	Christine McCarthy	request
5-17-09	Mary Alice (Cope) Pino	transfer to Middleton

Names of Overseers: Myrtle E. Bailey, Susan D. Bailey, Eunice M. Burkey, Faye M. Chapman, Verna Cope, Anthony J. Edgerton, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Mildred S. Henderson, D. Raye Hodgson, Sara L. Kirk, Elvina M. Krekler, Barbara M. Newlin, Kimberly A. Newlin, Victor G. Peacock, Louis F. Rockwell, Dean A. Sidwell, Rose M. Sidwell, Huldah L. Stanley, Frances I. Taber, Karen L. Walsh

Names of Elders: John C. Benson, Mildred E. Cooper, James L. Creighton, Lois G. Edgerton, Rebecca J. Hawkins, Katharine Jacobsen, Diana Kaul, Kathleen Kovalick, Conrad Lindes, Anna S. Peacock, Robert Rothwell, Richard A. Simon, Susan S. Smith, Robert W. Stratton, Winifred E. Stratton, Richard Wetzel

Names of Ministers: Myrtle E. Bailey, John C. Benson, Burton M. Doudna, Seth B. Hinshaw, Martha M. Giffen, Richard A. Hall, Nancy H. Hawkins, Edward N. Kirk, Conrad Lindes, Archie L. Newlin, John C. Smith, Winifred E. Stratton, Robert Wilber.

Monthly Meeting Clerks:

Chesterfield:	James L. Creighton
Chestnut Ridge:	Burton Doudna, Carolyn McGinnis, Reading Clerk
Keystone Fellowship:	Steven Geyer
Middleton:	Lois G. Edgerton, Marlene T. Cooper, Asst.
Rockingham:	Susan S. Smith
Salem:	Carey L. Newlin, Eunice M. Burkey (Asst)
Short Creek:	Elvina M. Krekler
Stillwater:	Thomas F. Rockwell, Leonard D. Guindon
Winona:	Rose M. Sidwell, Dean A.. Sidwell

Recorders: Chesterfield: James L. Creighton

Chestnut Ridge: Evelyn M. Groves

Keystone Fellowship:	Charlotte Geyer
Middleton:	Verna H. Cope
Rockingham:	Fred Ceppa
Salem:	Elma S. Dixon
Short Creek:	Elvina M. Krekler
Stillwater:	Dorothy R. Guindon
Winona:	Rose M. Sidwell

Submitted by Dorothy J. Smith, OYM

### General Queries

The Meeting read the Sixth through the Ninth General Queries with the answers approved by the Quarterly Meetings. We have approved the following Yearly Meeting summaries.

Sixth Query. We live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of war when we acknowledge the Prince of Peace in all our ways. This daily focus brings forth peace within ourselves, our families, and our communities by allowing His love to flow into us and the lives of those around us. Friends have tried to minimize envy, greed, vengeance, selfishness, and dishonesty in our hearts by the strength Christ has granted us to keep ourselves aligned with Him. Some conflict will invade the life of each of us, but turning to Him will help us manage this conflict through His guidance, grace, and love.

Friends do not actively support military action. We support it indirectly through a portion of our tax payments and through our role in consumerism. We avoid determining right and wrong in international conflicts and restate our experience that violence begets violence. It is a higher calling not to fight.

During the past year, Friends have undertaken several measures to work actively for peace. One parent has distributed materials on the military implications of the No Child Left Behind Act. Friends have counseled people who have been considering volunteering for the military, worked with FCNL and the Peace and Human Relations Committee, distributed literature at fairs, and exercised conflict resolution.

In our dealings with others, we seek to conduct ourselves as if we were interacting with Jesus Himself. We need wisdom when we speak with people with other perspectives, focusing on common ground and emphasizing the positive aspects of others as we attempt to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people. Though we have fallen short, we have seen that we can overcome the evil in a situation with the good that Christ shows us.

Seventh Query. Friends strive to be sincere in what we say and do and lead

lives that reflect who we are. We generally have a simple lifestyle, purchasing only what we need and avoiding consumerism. We could live more simply, and some Friends have been led to lower their level of income to that end. Friends are modest in apparel, choosing or making comfortable and serviceable clothing. Focusing our inner lives on the Lord has helped keep His inward peace and reflect it to others as well as increasing our concern for wise use of His resources.

Most Friends have a time of daily devotions and spiritual refreshment to ensure that spiritual growth is not hindered by temporal affairs. This discipline helps us evaluate the Lord's leadings about when to take on more, do less, or make other choices to align ourselves with the greater promise of the peace experienced through God's Kingdom on earth.

Friends are reported to be just in our dealings and willing to pursue forgiveness. We generally carry through on our obligations as we work for the Lord, sometimes hindered by forgetfulness.

We have been mindful to make our Christian faith part of our daily work, with a desire to live as Christ would have us to live each day. His living presence supports us through the challenges of our times, showing us how to overcome our failures, temptations, and difficulties.

Eighth Query. All meetings report that Friends choose the affirmation in legal situations. Some Friends have had opportunities to explain our position that Christ admonishes us to be truthful and that truthfulness is part of our daily living.

Friends are concerned to make an honest living rather than participating in "get rich quick" schemes. Living simply and making wise financial decisions can extend our resources in a time in which life savings have not prospered. Both Quarters mention that Friends avoid gambling, speculation, and games of chance. Giving donations to a worthy cause rather than buying tickets for a reward help us follow the advice of the Apostle James that we abstain from the appearance of evil (James 4:7-8) and provide opportunities to encourage others to understand the Lord's direction.

Ninth Query. Family life is changing. Friends have experienced complex challenges, including media proliferation, living as Christians in a secular world, the troubled economy, and other influences beyond our control. Some post-marriage counseling has taken place in the past year, though meetings usually do not use formal procedures for offering it. Couples may ask for it, and it is given to couples intending marriage. One Quarter mentioned a reluctance to offer counseling, since few Friends have professional training.

Friends have tried to be open, ready to listen, and sensitive to the Lord's direction to nurture the family units in our meetings. We have shown interest

and encouragement to individuals and families, continually holding them in prayer while keeping open communications and faithful obedience, even in small things. One Quarter mentioned the importance of setting a good moral example for children and encouraging parents to set and enforce boundaries. Keeping a list of potential babysitters and offering help through a “needy fund” have assisted Friends nurture family units. Being followers of Christ and maintaining His loving forgiveness are essential to our efforts.

A member of this meeting raised a concern this spring on the text of the oath section of the Discipline. Her concern was minuted by her Monthly Meeting and was forwarded to this Meeting through Stillwater Quarterly Meeting and our Representative Meeting. She restated her concerns to us today. A paper by our member Michael Hatfield outlines the legal definitions of swearing oaths, taking an affirmation, and declaring under penalties of perjury.

A proposed change to the Oath section previously drafted was read during the discussion. The meeting asks Friends with a concern on the matter to look over the proposed text and report back to us later this week.

### Travel Fund

We read the following report of the Travel Fund. We appreciate the work of the committee.

#### Travel Fund Report

Balance 8/1/2008	\$3,872.46	
	Income	Expenses
Ohio Yearly Meeting	500.00	Raye Hodgson \$800.00
Interest (12 months)	56.74	
Total Income	556.74	Total Expenses 800.00
Balance 7/31/2009		\$3,629.20

Raye Hodgson is an OYM FCNL Representative.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Rockwell, Treasurer

Following a time of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 2:00 this afternoon.

### Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 5<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Session

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that

liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen (Revelation 1:17-18).

We welcome Tom and Judy Smith, members of Granville Monthly Meeting, new Walton residents and visitors at Stillwater, also Dave Casterline of Plainfield, New Jersey, and Mary Jo Moore, Assistant Manager and nurse at the Walton Home.

### Walton Home Report

The meeting heard the report of the Walton Home. We are encouraged that the Lord has blessed the Walton during these trying economic times, keeping all independent living residences occupied, completing expensive maintenance projects, and making it possible to make substantial progress on the North Wing account. These items took place though private donations are down from previous years. Friends thank Nirmal for his Lord-directed care and vision. We thank Diana for her work with Nirmal and wish her well as she leaves for other work, and we welcome Mary Jo Moore as Assistant Manager and Denise Troy as Accountant. We also thank Susan Price for serving on the Board for nine years, with six years as President.

Friends recognize the difficulty we face as Nirmal looks to retirement, and we pray for divine assistance as the Board considers Nirmal’s replacement and the proposed South Wing.

#### Walton Retirement Home Annual Report – 2009

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.” (Psalm 103:1).

Dear Friends,

We continually praise the Lord and bless His holy Name here at Walton. He has continued to pour out His blessings upon this ministry and guided those of us who have the privilege of being directly responsible for the welfare of the residents. In every situation, we have seen His guiding hand helping us—Mary Jo Moore, the Staff and myself—to make the right decisions as we take care of the residents entrusted into our care.

We praise the Lord for being able to report to all of you, members of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, that your caring and compassionate ministry to people in their sunset years has enjoyed another good year. There have been many challenges, of course, but with the help of a good team of workers we have been blessed with, challenges have often turned into opportunities to demonstrate our love and commitment to this very vital ministry of OYM. We pray that God will continue to guide us and provide for Walton as He has over the years.

Our Director of Nursing, Mary Jo Moore, RN, is also our Assistant Manager, as of 1/1/2009. She keeps busy with her task as the DON, but is gradually getting immersed into administrative responsibilities as well. Diana has continued to help when available.

While Mary Jo Moore is in the process of slowly taking more administrative responsibilities as Assistant Manager, Diana's other responsibilities have been divided among four other workers besides Mary Jo. Wendy Mankin has been appointed Food Manager, in order to take care of menu-making and supervision of dietary needs of our residents, as well as making sure that we have enough supplies on hand to feed them. She also buys groceries from St. Clairsville. Vicki Lowry, our Activities Director, takes care of local grocery purchases as well as transporting residents for medical appointments, shopping trips, and outings. Bob Kester, our Maintenance and Yard Worker, also helps in transporting residents for medical appointments. Denise Troy, our new Bookkeeper, helps with office work that Diana used to do. Many residents tell me how much they miss Diana, and I tell them I miss her, too, but we are blessed with people who take good care of them.

The Barnesville Area Ministerial Association continues to provide spiritual nurture to our residents by conducting Sunday afternoon worship services. Agnes Timmons continues to conduct Sing Along every Thursday, which brings a great deal of joy to our residents. Diana Polinski, another volunteer, continues to conduct musical afternoons twice a week, always concluding with a game of Bingo, which is very popular with our residents. Whether it is because of the joy of the game or the chocolate bars they receive when they win a game of Bingo, it is difficult to tell. Whatever the case, it does make them happy. They play Bingo at other times also as planned by the Activities Director, combined with exercises, games, crafts, etc. Martha Giffen continues to conduct the Bible Study on Saturdays, and is always available for all kinds of help whenever needed. Martha also puts together "Walton News" for the local newspaper, the Barnesville Enterprise. All our residents and the staff wish to express our deep appreciation for the spiritual and social nurture the residents receive. We are profoundly grateful to all these wonderful people for their dedication, commitment, and involvement in Walton Home's ministry to people in their golden years.

We are grateful to God that our occupancy has improved somewhat, especially during the last four months of this year. Also, we have seven residents receiving help through Medicate Waiver for Assisted Living. Early on this year we had eight people on the program, but one of the residents passed away early in April. All this has resulted in a modest increase in our income. As a result, we were able to transfer \$48,000 to the Growth Fund to help pay

the debt we owe to the Hampton Bank for the North Wing. As of 6/30/2009, we owe the Bank \$216,773.60. We hope and pray that God will motivate many of you to give us a donation so that we can be free from this debt. You will find all the relevant figures in the Financial Profile, as well as the Auditor's Report.

All our independent living residences are occupied. Early this year a Quaker couple, Tom & Judy Smith, came to live here. Recently, they have moved into the apartment vacated by Richard & Maryon Hall. Richard is now a resident of Walton Home, while Maryon lives close to her daughter in Illinois. We are delighted that Ruth Bailey has recently come to live at Walton for a few months. We hope she will decide to stay on.

With a few more small amounts coming from the Haworth Estate, and \$1,000.00 donation each from Ernest Hartley and Susan Fredericks, to establish a Memorial Fund for Elmer C. Hartley, who enjoyed many years as a resident at Walton Home, our Endowment Fund now stands at \$736,066.00 as of 6/30/2009. If any of you wish to establish a memorial fund for a loved one, please feel free to get in touch with any member of the Walton Home Board or the Manager, or just send your donation to the Fiduciary Trustees. For, we do believe that one way to make sure that OYM's caring and compassionate ministry goes on unabated is to build a strong Endowment Fund, the interest of which can be used for contingencies and improvements. If you have not already done so, please include Walton Home in your will.

And, there will always be contingencies. Last year alone we spent over \$50,000 on projects which simply could not wait: such as running a new water and gas line to the Manager's House and replacing the broken down heating and cooling systems; replacements of heat pumps for Apartment #2, as well as the Cooper Cottage; improvements in hot water system in the North Wing where the water pressure was so low that residents had begun to complain; major repairs to the heating system in the Smith House; sprucing up the Main Entrance; repairing the deteriorating plaster walls in the original building and finishing them with special paintable wallpaper, and new steps on the south side of the Cooper Cottage with railings, as well as some landscaping, etc.

Last year was a dismal year for most people financially. So, we were not surprised that our donations fell by over 50% from the previous year. Basically, our donations have fallen to 20% of what they used to be a few years ago. We hope all of you will help us to remedy this downturn. This year, we have been told that there will be no cost of living increase in the Social Security payments to those who receive the benefit. This means that we will not be able to raise the room rates at all for those whose main income is from SS payments. Normally, we raise the room rates by 2 to 3% each year, basing

our increase on COLA increase. Come January, more residents will be in need of some OYM subsidy.

We are most grateful to you all for the annual grant of \$14,000 last year. It has been a great help to us in meeting the needs of those residents who cannot pay the room charges in full. During this fiscal year, the Annual Grant will be even more useful as there will be fewer Medicare Waiver slots available due to the budget crunch. Please accept our profound gratitude, in advance, for this very vital contribution to residents whose means are modest at best.

The Department of Aging requires that we have guest facilities available, at modest cost, for visiting families of residents on Medicare Waiver program. We have used the Ward Building Rec. Room for such purpose. We have two pull-out beds there that we have been using. But sleeping in such a big hall does not always appeal to people. Therefore, we feel it would be good to divide the Rec. Room into two guest facilities, each with a small kitchen and a refrigerator. We already have a small kitchen and a refrigerator on one side, but we will need to build and equip one on the other side. The members of Ohio Yearly Meeting will be welcome to use the guest rooms whenever they need a place to stay. And, the Friends Center also can use them to house those participating in their activities.

The spacious basement room in the North Wing will serve us well as a conference and meeting room. There are already two bathrooms there and we will need to take down the walls of two small storage rooms to build a kitchen. We will close up the garage with matching brick, window, and a door as on the other side. This would not only give us a bigger conference room but its location is more suitable for conferences and other occasions, while the Ward Building basement is ideal for a couple of large guest rooms.

Now, we come to our major project—the rebuilding of the South Annex. For the last two years, the Board has been looking at the plans to replace the present Annex with a two-story building so that we can serve people better. Here are some of the reasons why this project will help Walton to remain a viable ministry for a long, long time to come.

Demographics continue to indicate that more and more people will be seeking placement in assisted living facilities, as nursing homes have become too expensive. Skilled care will be available only to those who need it, because of financial stringency.

Physicians often tell us that if we had a Physical Therapy Unit, they could send more people to us. Also, we have constantly lost residents to other facilities where they were sent for therapy after an illness. Some of them are influenced not to return. A physical therapy unit will enable us to offer physical therapy services to our own residents when they are so prescribed after

an illness; it will allow us to accept referrals from other institutions as well. As of now, when one of our Medicare Waiver residents is required to have physical therapy, we lose \$60.00 a day. Recently, one of our residents came back after seven weeks long therapy. We did not receive payment for those seven weeks.

All residents like the idea of living in their own room and receiving in-house therapy. For prescribed therapy Medicare pays a specific rate on top of the \$60.00 a day. Not only would we not lose any revenue, but we will be able to charge for therapy as well. Also, all our residents can benefit from a physical therapy unit by participating in a regular geriatric exercise program designed to keep them fit and healthy.

While Walton Home received the highest marks for its caring and compassionate services to the residents during a recent Satisfaction Survey conducted by the State, some of our residents had complained that our Entranceway was drab, unattractive, and inconvenient. A new Entranceway, with automatic doors and an attached Carport, will ensure that residents can go in and out with ease, and they won't have to get into a car or an ambulance in rain and snow.

We will be able to decrease, considerably, the incline of the ramp from the Entranceway to the Main Floor to an easily manageable level for our residents. Many have complained that our present ramp is too steep for them to manage. Two residents, a husband and wife, left us for this reason about three years ago.

The new two-story South Annex will allow us to replace the present tiny rooms with good-sized rooms which meet the requirements of the Medicare Waiver program, as well as the modern resident. All of our residents prefer a nice big room with an attached bathroom.

It will also enable us to increase the number of our rooms from 32 to 45 or 46. We have planned the upper story in such a way that either a part of it, or all of it, can be used as an Alzheimer's Unit. This would prevent us from losing residents who suffer from acute dementia, and allow us to provide a special service to those who need it.

So, dear Friends, as people with a vision, let us go forward trusting the Lord to provide, as well as guide us to bring this very important project to fruition. As we give the Lord all the honor and glory for all that He has enabled us to accomplish here at Walton Home, the new project will take us yet another step forward so that Walton Home may continue to provide its unique ministry to people in their golden years.

All of us—Mary Jo, the Staff, and I—thank you and the members of Walton Home Board for affording us the privilege of being a part of your

vital ministry here at Walton Home. The help and guidance we have received from the Board has been invaluable.

With gratitude, and warm greeting,

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nirmal (N.N.) Kaul  
Manager

### Walton Home Board Annual Report, Eighth Month 2009

Dear Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends:

“The Walton Retirement Home, ‘a Friendly Community since 1944,’ is a non-profit ministry of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends giving loving and compassionate care to the elderly in a home-like setting, meeting physical and spiritual needs, regardless of race or religion, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.” This mission statement is the guiding principle behind the work of the Walton Home Board. We have met regularly this year, and our meetings have been well-attended by members and some guests.

It has been a blessing to see Nirmal return to full health and his characteristic boundless energy. Nirmal has indicated to the board that he anticipates retiring Eighth Month, 2011, being available to assist a new manager with Yearly Meeting of that year. The Board anticipates a great deal of work over the next two years finalizing the manager’s job description and forming a search committee to find a suitable manager whom we would like to start in Sixth Month 2011.

Residents on Medicaid Waiver and an increase in occupancy have eased the financial situation enough to allow for some of the maintenance and refurbishing projects to be completed. As always we are amazed and thankful for Nirmal’s ability to stretch every dollar of our limited budget.

We are pleased to see Mary Jo Moore taking on a little more responsibility as Asst. Manager. She researched and presented to the board a report on the need for Alzheimer’s Units and how they might dovetail with our proposed plans to rebuild the annex.

The proposed new building has been discussed at several meetings as we refine what the requirements for such a building would be based on the needs of our residents, future anticipated needs, and state regulations.

The staff at Walton continues to get rave reviews from residents, family members and state inspectors for their calm caring attitude to residents and of course the excellent meals. We are pleased that the new bookkeeper Denise Troy has been able to assist Nirmal with some of the other office and computer work.

We thank the Yearly Meeting for its financial support of the Walton Home. These funds help support residents that otherwise could not be here. We

would ask that individual members also consider gifts to the Walton Home. Your continued prayers and support are needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan R. Price, President

### WALTON RETIREMENT HOME Financial Profile as of 6/30/2009

Fiscal Year	Income	Expenditure	Renovations & Loan Payments	Loss (-) or Gain (+)
1991-92	198,489.75	183,054.12	13,565.00	(+) 1,870.63
1992-93	199,916.94	183,064.66	15,200.00	(+) 1,652.28
1993-94	216,154.11	184,294.78	31,239.85	(+) 619.48
1994-95	245,124.33	198,950.70	43,000.00	(+) 3,173.63
1995-96	256,887.40	206,052.16	49,000.00	(+) 1,835.24
1996-97	272,583.76	231,438.12	38,000.00	(+) 3,145.64
1997-98	281,520.21	235,438.99	44,000.00	(+) 2,081.22
1998-99	283,681.28	252,802.85	35,000.00	(-) 4,121.57
1999-00	368,627.40	291,116.36	81,250.00	(-) 3,738.96

#### Loan Payments

2000-01	396,063.71	344,764.93	49,000.00	(+) 2,298.78
2001-02	439,072.47	369,105.97	69,200.00	(+) 766.50
2002-03	481,718.52	422,252.03	57,000.00	(+) 2,466.49
2003-04	444,849.60	385,354.44	58,000.00	(+) 1,495.16
2004-05	461,501.31	388,442.75	55,000.00	(+)18,058.56
2005-06	440,966.92	412,195.78	24,000.00	(+) 4,771.14
2006-07	450,051.22	433,332.84	16,000.00	(+) 718.38
2007-08	523,436.94	502,389.65	20,000.00	(+) 1,047.29
2008-09	620,152.14	555,318.49	48,000.00	(+) 16,833.65

\$746,454.85

Deposited with the OYM Fiduciary Trustees

Endowment Fund (Restricted)	\$736,066.00
Building Fund (Unrestricted)	42,100.00
Outstanding debt to Huntington Bank, as of 6/30/09	\$216,773.60

Note: Since all the major renovations were completed by 6/2000, beginning with the 2000-2001 fiscal year, General Maintenance was added to the General Operating Account, and the Growth & Maintenance Fund was

changed to GROWTH FUND account. This change made it possible to deal with loan repayment, lease refunds, and contingencies from the Growth Fund Account, which makes the accounting process less complicated. Hence the adjusted figures since 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Accountant's Compilation Report to the Board of Trustees,  
Walton Retirement Home

We have compiled the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and equity (cash basis) of Walton Retirement Home as of June 30, 2009, and the related statements of revenues and expenses (cash basis) for the 2009 year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed your financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the Cash Basis of Accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

William A. Knox  
August 1, 2009

**Walton Retirement Home Balance Sheet**  
Cash Basis, 6/30/2009

	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted Growth Fund	Restricted Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$53,364	\$17,457		\$70,821
Investments – Fiduciary Trustees		42,100	736,066	778,166
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>53,364</b>	<b>59,557</b>	<b>736,066</b>	<b>848,987</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Note payable – Huntington Bank	0	216,774	0	216,774
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>216,774</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>216,774</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Unrestricted	53,364	(157,217)		(103,853)
Restricted			736,066	736,066
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>53,364</b>	<b>(157,217)</b>	<b>736,066</b>	<b>528,922</b>

<b>TOTAL LIABILITY AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
	53,364	59,557	736,066	848,987

**Walton Retirement Home**  
**Statement of Support, Revenues, and Expenses, and Fund Balances**  
For the Year Ended 6/30/2009

	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted Growth Fund	Restricted Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>				
Room and Board	540,720			540,720
Apartment lease		3,000		3,000
Maintenance fees	64,991			64,991
Food	10,102			10,102
Donations	1,600	21,490		23,090
Interest/ investment income		18	23,984	24,002
Other	2,738			2,738
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$620,151</b>	<b>\$24,508</b>	<b>\$23,984</b>	<b>\$668,643</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Utilities	54,776			54,776
Provisions	39,822			39,822
Payroll (including payroll taxes)	326,562			326,562
Taxes	24,997			24,997
Insurance	15,306			15,306
General operating expenses	24,993			24,993
Office supplies and equipment	5,963			5,963
Professional fees	1,160			1,160
Special projects				0
General maintenance	61,740			61,740
Interest	13,604			13,604
Principal payments	84,396			84,396
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>555,319</b>	<b>98,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>653,319</b>
<b>REVENUE &amp; SUPPORT EXCESS (DEFICIT)</b>				
	64,832	(73,492)	23,984	15,324
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>	<b>(48,000)</b>	<b>71,984</b>	<b>(23,984)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES, ENDING</b>	<b>53,364</b>	<b>(157,217)</b>	<b>736,066</b>	<b>632,213</b>

The following two excerpts from epistles from New York and New England Yearly Meetings were read.

New York Yearly Meeting, held at Silver Bay, Seventh Month 19-25, 2009

We spent many hours in extended worship. As a result, spiritual conversations have been occurring outside of sessions that open doors to deep fellowship and new possibilities.

On behalf of New York Yearly Meeting, Ernestine Buscemi, Clerk

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held Smithfield, Rhode Island

We heard from a Friend who had spent many hours in a hospital, hugging babies dying of AIDS, holding them as they died, so that they would know the warmth of loving arms and the beat of a human heart; she knew that God was holding them both. In the valley of the shadow of death, even when we may not be able to know it, the Healer's arms are holding us and will never abandon us.

We now adjourn this session and encourage Friends to attend the Walton Home Corporation Meeting.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 6<sup>th</sup> Morning Session.**

And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

The meeting heard a letter of introduction for Helen Bayes, signed by Lindsay Farrell, Clerk of Australia Yearly Meeting. Our Clerk is directed to endorse the minute on behalf of the meeting.

### **Christian Education Camp Report**

The Christian Education Camp committee reported on their past summer camp. We are glad to see the Lord raise up Friends to assist and serve as counselors during this time of transition. The campers are enthusiastic, and the counselors found it exciting as well. We note the timing of next year's camp as Sixth Month 20-23, 2010.

#### **Christian Education Camp – 2009 Report to Ohio Yearly Meeting**

“Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16 NIV).

Prayer was the theme for Christian Education Camp this year. This year's camp was blessed in so many ways. Many different people stepped up and took leadership roles in preparing for and during the camp. Johanna Rockwell and Janet Hammer collaborated on crafts this year. Some of the craft projects included decoupage plates, prayer journals, and decorated T-shirts. Johanna

also served as camp nurse. Judy Smith, a resident of the Walton Home, taught the little kids' Bible lessons. Lily Rockwell taught the girls Bible lessons, and Sam Puterbaugh taught the boys. What prayer is and how to pray was explored along with studying the Lord's Prayer. Other counselors, college and high school age, also helped out with all other aspects of the camp. Elvina Krekler joined us as camp grandma, keeping us well fed with snacks, having devotion time with a couple of small ones, and helping in various other ways.

We were blessed to have 22 campers who had completed kindergarten through eighth grade. We had six high school counselors and four college age counselors. Both the counselors and campers mixed well and became very close in just a few days.

Our Tuesday evening swim at the Barnesville pool was rained out, but we had an entertaining time playing various games in the gym. Wednesday and Thursday brought rain free afternoons, which allowed us to enjoy swimming and hiking at Barkcamp. We were grateful to Stillwater Friends Meeting members for their assistance with transportation, which made these swimming trips possible. We enjoyed two campfires with lots of singing and 'smores around each. One evening, we embarked on a prayer walk, which ended at the campfire. Campers and counselors alike entertained and were entertained on skit night. The boys' quadrant skit of David and Goliath was particularly good.

The camp was not only able to minister unto campers this year, but also unto the counselors in a special way. The campers and counselors similarly are gratefully and sincerely thankful to everyone for their assistance in making this camp a possibility through financial assistance, prayers, snack contributions, time, energy, and so much more. May the Lord truly bless you!

The dates of June 20-23, 2010, have been reserved for next year's Christian Education Camp.

On behalf of the Christian Education Camp, Lily Rockwell

#### **Financial Report 2009**

Income	Expenses
Balance on hand,	
8/15/2008 \$1,440.18	Deposit to Olney \$250.00
OYM Grant 1,500.00	Payment to Olney 2,814.00
Camp Registrations 1,185.00	Other Expenses 423.72
Donations 735.00	
Interest Income 6.36	
Totals 4,866.54	3,487.72
Balance remaining, 08/2009: \$1,378.82	

On behalf of the Christian Education Camp Committee, Diana Kaul

### Administrative Queries

The meeting considered the Administrative Queries. We read the Quarterly Meeting answers and approve the following summaries.

First Adm. Query. No meetings have been discontinued. Crossroads Worship Group in Flint, Michigan, has been granted monthly meeting status but has not yet held its first session. Chattahoochee Friends Worship Group near Atlanta, GA this year has come under the care of Rockingham Monthly Meeting, and North Main Friends Worship Group in Greenville SC has requested Rockingham's oversight. The last time that Ohio Yearly Meeting had two new Monthly Meetings established in a two-year period was 1866.

Second Adm. Query. No school is under the care of any of our meetings, but Friends take an active interest in the quality of teaching and administration of the schools which their children attend. Educational choices taken include homeschooling, Barnesville Independent Elementary School, Faith Community High School, Olney Friends School, and private and public schools and colleges. One meeting reported having First Day school for children, though high school students sometimes attend the adults' First Day school.

Third Adm. Query. All meetings report reading and deliberately pondering the General Queries and Advices. All meetings have answered the Queries, sometimes including portions of answers from affiliate members. Meetings choose different times for reading Advices—some at the beginning or end of the meeting and some at the discretion of the appointed reader.

Fourth Adm. Query. Known former minute books, interment charts, and records of similar importance are stored in fireproof vaults or safes. Many historic records in the safes at Olney, Salem, Malone, and Swarthmore have been microfilmed. On meeting reports its interment chart is posted on the wall in the meeting house. One meeting mentioned a marker recording burials has been placed at Flushing (Ohio) burial ground.

Fifth Adm. Query. Most monthly and all quarterly meetings are regularly held and moderately to fully attended. Meetings are conducted in a loving and solemn concern toward unity of spirit for His presence and guidance as we seek how the Lord is teaching and leading us.

After answering the Administrative Queries, a Friend expressed a concern that we refresh our members on the purpose of the Queries and how they are currently useful. A minute embodying the exercise of this session will be produced later for consideration.

### Memorial Committee

We heard the following report from the Memorial Committee. Friends are encouraged to submit recollections on the life and ministry of Bill Taber.

### Report

The Floyd and Mary Hawkins memorial is nearing completion. The Bill Taber memorial will be entering the beginning stages by the end of 2009. On behalf of the committee, Mike Kinch

### Epistle from Northern Yearly Meeting

The meeting heard the following extract from the epistle from Northern Yearly Meeting.

Northern Yearly Meeting held at Rosholt, Wisconsin.

We who write this epistle have witnessed our elders passing on or becoming fragile in physical health. We are in transition as we step up to fill their shoes and simultaneously welcome that generation behind us into its majority, ready to begin to add the role of significant service to our community, to their job as learners and competency builders.

### Visitors

The meeting was blessed to have Scott Miller and wife Jennifer Seif, attenders at Crossroads, and Peter Blood-Patterson of Mount Toby Meeting, New England YM, with us today.

After a time of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 2:00.

### Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 6<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Session.

“Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntache, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:1-7).

We welcome among us Patrick Burns of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

### Friends Center Report

The Friends Center Committee report was read. The committee held four programs in the past year in addition to assisting with Quaker Spring. They

have planned four events for the coming year, which have been chosen based on previous popular presentations. Brochures for coming events are available for Friends to take to their home meetings. We are encouraged by the increased use of the Morlan and appreciate the new entrance on the east side. We thank committee members for their contributions.

#### Friends Center Report to Ohio Yearly Meeting 2009

There has been much accomplished in the outside appearance of the Friends Center. Thanks to many hours of volunteer work by Carl Smith, Jonathan Rockwell, Bud Rockwell, and especially Bob Rockwell and Richard Simon, we now have a new front porch and walkway. A basement entrance ramp is in the planning.

The year's events began in Ninth Month with Barbarajene Williams leading the opening retreat for Stillwater's spiritual formation group. FWCC executive committee spent a weekend in Tenth Month. Friends Center hosted their first weekend workshop in Eleventh Month. Jackie Speicher led a group in finding ways to implement "Answering God's Call for Simplicity." Participants found it well worthwhile and were encouraged to share their leading and materials with their Monthly Meetings. The next scheduled event in Third Month was a second weekend on "Speaking About Christ Among Liberal Friends," led by Brian Drayton. This experience led to attenders continuing to be in contact with one another with encouragement and loving counsel. A Structured Sojourn was held in Fourth Month convened by Ken Jacobsen, with visitors from Chicago and Ontario again living with local members of Stillwater Meeting. Martha Giffen spoke on the witness of Conservative Friends. Richard Simon spoke on Conservative Friends and scripture. Ken framed in historical and current text the importance of Queries, followed by circles for worship with attention to Queries such as "When I say Christ Jesus, I mean ...". Ken and Katherine held a meaningful session on eldering to wind up the weekend. A weekend on "Journeys with Robert Barclay" was cancelled due to insufficient registration.

Two local Episcopalian groups, Olney, the Gathering of Conservative Friends, Music Camp, OYM members, and others continue to use the Friends Center.

This will be the third summer for a weeklong event started by former members of Young Friends of North America, formerly called Camp at Stillwater but now renamed Quaker Spring. This retreat is intended to help deepen one's spiritual life. Susan Smith and Susan Bailey have helped with the planning, and several OYM members were in attendance.

We feel that we have a strong program for the coming year. The week-

end of 10/9-11, Brent Bill will lead a retreat "Sacred Compass: The Hike to Holiness." "Reading the Bible with Early Friends" led by Michael Birkel will be held 11/13-15. Brian Drayton returns for "A Weekend for Friends Called to Vocal Ministry," 3/19-21. The Structured Sojourn with Conservative Friends will be held twice: 10/30-11/1/2009 and 4/9-11/2010, with Ken and Katherine Jacobsen again facilitating this popular event.

#### Friends Center Financial Report

	FY 08/09	FY 07/08
Income	6,289.00	5,830.00
Expenses	5,209.99	5,769.04
Income over Expenses	1,079.81	60.96

Increased revenue was due to increased use of Friends Center for overnights and rentals and decreased expenses due to reduction of certain costs including promotion.

The cost of the walk, ramp and porch to the front door was \$1,617.90. The money for that project came from money given to the Friends Center by OYM in 2003. The money for the walk and ramp to the basement will come from the remainder of the \$4,500 which was given that year.

#### Peace and Human Relations Committee

The following Peace and Human Relations Committee report was read. We appreciate their work, including efforts to coordinate among various national organizations. Friends are reminded of the conscientious objector forms available for young men and women Friends to sign in case Congress re-institutes the draft in the coming years. Attached to the report were updates by Friends representing us to FWCC and FCNL. Friends were interested in the work of those bodies and thank our Representatives.

#### Peace and Human Relations Committee Report 2009

The Peace and Human Relations Committee is in the process of some temporary restructuring. There is strong feeling that we don't want to lay it down. We know the Yearly Meeting members have not lost interest in promoting peace wherever there is need. Attention to human relations is essential to working for peace and we feel a need to pay attention to that aspect in our daily encounters. We encourage all members to support FCNL, our voice in Washington, D.C.

Most of our activities are concentrated in our local areas, such as working for "Every Church a Peace Church," writing letters to congresspeople, and giving financial support to FCNL and other organizations devoted to working

for peaceful solutions. Our hope is for more young people to get involved and we can again be a vital component of the Yearly Meeting.

We are pleased that there is continued interest in FWCC as a way of being a presence among the varied bodies of Friends. We thank Raye Hodgson for representing us at FCNL. We are saddened, but understand the decision to lay down ACFIA. Most of their centers are now under the care of yearly meetings.

“As members of a Society which has always been opposed to war, we must work unflinchingly for peace as a Yearly Meeting as well as in our local communities, ever keeping in mind that peace must begin with ourselves in each individual heart. Jesus Christ called His disciples, and still calls us, to a deep personal commitment to the way of love” (taken from our OYM Discipline).

For the committee, Lois G. Edgerton

#### Treasurer’s Report, Ohio YM Peace Committee

Date		
7/1/2008	Balance on hand	\$208.89
Receipts		
1/8/2008	Book Sales	19.00
8/24/2008	Book Sales	5.00
12/6/2007	Deposit YM approp.	100.00
10/15/2008	Book Sales	2.00
6/16/2009	Book Sales	5.00
Total Income		\$339.89
Paid Out		
8/2/2009	FCNL	\$100.00
	Quaker House	100.00
Total Expenses		\$200.00
8/2/2009	Balance on hand	139.89

Sincerely, Verna Cope, Peace Committee, OYM Treasurer

#### FWCC

In Third Month, 2009, Faye Chapman, Martha Giffen, and Marie Kirk Hawkins attended the annual session of Friends World Committee on Consultation—Section of the Americas, held in Portland, Oregon. Friends in the Northwest hosted us at Canby Grove Retreat Center. The general theme was “Finding a Prophetic Witness in Our Time.” The scripture chosen for the theme was Habakkuk 2:1-4. Plenary speaker, Jan Wood, cited this passage as appropriate for the current times. Members of the Friends World Committee

from all other Sections were among us. There was a true international spirit present.

Much of the business concerned the economic difficulty within the Section. However, there was a hopeful spirit that led us to approve the budget and to encourage the reorganization of the FWCC web site and some progressive changes within the Wider Quaker Fellowship Committee of FWCC.

The World Gathering of FWCC is to be held in Kenya in 2012. We are encouraged to consider sending representatives.

Faye M. Chapman

#### Friends Committee for National Legislation Annual Meeting

Held: Eleventh Month, 13 – 16, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

Report from Raye Hodgson, Ohio Yearly Meeting representative to FCNL Annual Meeting

Some of the topics of the annual meeting were the newly-elected President and national representatives, the effects of the economic downturn on the assets of the organization, the resulting cutbacks in staff, the relationship between the U.S. and Iran, and the “dividend” expected from extricating our country from its military involvements in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

It appeared difficult for the approximately two hundred representatives to the annual meeting to limit the goals for the following year, in spite of the many efforts to explain the limits of staff and monetary resources. The list of goals passed was long, longer than what staff had recommended for consideration.

Here is a list of categories of concern considered at the annual meeting:

Iran	Iraq
Conventional Weapons	Cluster Bomb Ban
Civil Liberties	Nuclear Disarmament
Torture	Federal Budget
Afghanistan	Environment
Middle East Peace	Health Care
Prevent War: Peaceful Prevention of Deadly Conflict	Immigration Native American

Within each of these categories are a number of detailed issues, such as redirecting funds in the Federal Budget from military action to other priorities, such as social safety net programs.

The details of the goals and the meeting have been posted on the FCNL’s web site. I encourage Friends to take a look at this material. If you don’t have a computer or internet access or are unsure how to navigate the web site, it

would be worthwhile to find time at a library or friend's home to spend a little while looking this over, to see some of the details of FCNL's activities.

The full report on the website is at [http://www.fcnl.org/am/am2008\\_reportback.htm](http://www.fcnl.org/am/am2008_reportback.htm)

As noted in the full report, participants at the annual meeting "agreed to:

- lobby new and returning members of Congress on budget priorities;
- organize 65 house parties to talk about the work of FCNL and urge financial contributions; and
- Listen to Joe Volk's description of the opportunities and challenges in the next year."

FCNL staff emphasized that while their lobbying efforts are important, that elected officials want to hear from their constituents. Therefore, they encouraged representatives to identify their congressional representatives and stay in contact with them, encouraging them to do what is right.

One panel explained that constituents need to be clear about what they are asking the representative to do, and to provide brief, concise information to support the request. Respect and an even-tempered approach have the most positive effect in the long run. Ways of communicating with members of Congress and their staff include telephone calls, e-mail, and written correspondence. All have their place in the process, and there was some discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each.

I encourage Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting to listen to the Lord's guidance on how they may be called to support the goals of FCNL. It could be through prayer, giving, becoming more aware of some of the priorities FCNL is involved with. It could be communicating more often with elected representatives. It may be directly through FCNL, or through some other channel.

There are times when the Lord's people are called by Him to directly address sin at the national level, or to redirect leaders when they are on the wrong path, or to provide wisdom in discussions that seem to lack it. There are times we are directed to intervene, to seek time in dialogue with political leaders, or otherwise step outside of our daily routines in order to do His will.

I pray that Friends will be willing to ask the Lord about working with FCNL. Here are a few scriptural and historical points of reference to consider:

*Esther – saved her people from the evil plot of Mordecai*  
(Esther)

*Moses – returned to Egypt, persuading the King to free the people of Israel*  
(Exodus)

*John the Baptist – confronted Herod's sin - taking his brother's wife*  
(Matthew)

Many of the prophets in the Old Testament, such as Jonah, Jeremiah, Elijah, Daniel

Stephen Grellet – spoke with a pope, a czar, and kings

### Fiduciary Trustees

The Fiduciary Trustees reported on the funds they have managed on the behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting and our Monthly Meetings. They report an annual return of 3%, which is remarkably good given the current economy and the catastrophic losses of many other investments. We thank them for the work they do on our behalf including keeping our money in investments we want to support in keeping with our principles. We approve the report, including the proposal to transfer the small parcel of land to Rockwell Orchards.

#### Fiduciary Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends Report for the Year Ending 6-30-2009

For the year ending 6-30-2009 the Fiduciary Trustees are managing trust funds as shown below:

Education Funds	\$573,741
Walton Retirement Home	\$778,166
Ohio Yearly Meeting	\$111,804
Monthly Meetings	\$384,252
Reserve Fund	\$137,949
Total Assets	\$1,985,912

We are thankful to be able to pay 3.0% return on the trust funds in our care for the year ended Sixth Month 30, 2009.

Total Income	\$84,875
Expenses	\$14,309
Distribution of Earnings:	
Return to Trust Funds	\$70,870
Added to Reserve Fund	\$(- 304)
Total same as above:	\$84,875

We currently have three (3) loans outstanding with Ohio Yearly Meeting members totaling \$222,481.

As directed by the Committee on Financing Educational Concerns, dur-

ing the past year the Fiduciary Trustees distributed \$1,250 to the families of five (5) Ohio Yearly Meeting children attending private secondary schools: two (2) attending Olney and three (3) attending other schools. Also as directed, \$2,950.57 was sent to Olney Friends School in support of scholarships, a Christian Quaker presence at Olney, the library, the farm, and for repairs and improvements.

In Seventh Month 2009, Olney Friends School made the final payment of \$20,000 for the purchase of the Main Campus. Olney has completed the agreed six annual payments and the mortgage held by the Fiduciary Trustees has been released. As of today, the total value of payments made and all interest earned to date is: \$108,933.48. The Fiduciary Trustees will continue to hold these funds and allow them to accrue interest until we receive instructions from the Yearly Meeting to take other action.

While the Fiduciary Trustees routinely monitor the performance of the different investments we hold, we also work to be mindful of how we invest the monies entrusted to us. In recent years we have reduced our investments in individual stocks because of the rapid and sometimes dramatic changes in value they can undergo with little warning. We have moved more of our investments into managed funds to take advantage of professional oversight. We have come to recognize a disadvantage of these types of managed funds is that we give up control or participation in the selection of the investments within the funds so that we avoid stocks, or investments, that might be inconsistent with Friends testimonies.

To address this concern and to gain more confidence that individual investments will be consistent with Friends testimonies, a little over a year ago we began to invest some of our assets with the Friends Fiduciary Corporation (FFC) of Philadelphia, PA. Friends Fiduciary serves many different Quaker organizations, meetings, and Friends schools as a not-for-profit corporation. The stated intention of FFC is to "...do its work with Divine guidance, and in a manner consistent with the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends." A board of directors, all of whom are Friends, manages FFC and many of these board members have financial management backgrounds. We currently have approximately 30% of our assets invested with FFC and are continuing to transfer more of our investments to their care as it seems appropriate.

During the past year it came to light during a survey at the main farm of Rockwell Orchards that a portion of the drive and mailboxes for the orchard on Sandy Ridge Road actually reside on a small sliver of adjoining farmland (~0.09 acre) owned by Ohio Yearly Meeting. No one knows for sure how long ago this might have happened but it seems that it must have been more than

forty years ago. The Fiduciary Trustees have consulted with our attorney, Thomas Hampton, and since this land has not been used or needed by the farm for so many years we would like to recommend to the Yearly Meeting that we formally transfer title for this parcel to the Rockwell's so ownership will be clearly resolved. This action will insure that future generations of Yearly Meeting members and Rockwell family members will not have to try again to recall the circumstances that created the parcel.

As part of the lease agreement between the Fiduciary Trustees and Olney Friends School, the school has the "right of first refusal" to purchase any land included in the lease that OYM might choose to sell or transfer ownership. Olney has informed the Fiduciary Trustees that they have decided to waive their right in the case of this transfer of ownership.

With the approval of this report by Ohio Yearly Meeting the Fiduciary Trustees will see that ownership of this small parcel is transferred to the Rockwell family.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Fiduciary Trustees,  
David E. Warrington  
President  
Fiduciary Trustees of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

### **Plummer House Management Committee**

The Plummer House Management Committee (PHMC) report was read. We are encouraged to hear of the progress and thank them for investigating innovative ways of raising funds for their overall plan. We appreciate the labors and report of the committee.

#### **Plummer House Report**

The Plummer House Management Committee submits the following report of our activities this past year and our plans toward the goal of renovation of the Plummer House for useful purposes which will benefit OYM, OFS, and the local community.

Although it is not apparent, significant progress was made this year. The sill replacement on the west side (back), which was estimated at \$1,100, has been completed at no cost. Timbers were donated by Lewis Stratton and labor was donated by Ron Hunkler and a visiting friend from Africa. Ron and his brother Dennis are very interested in this project and have been of great assistance in getting estimates and have valuable contacts for supplies. They also have heavy equipment and scaffolding that they have offered to let us use without cost.

The lawn has been kept mowed this summer, the sewer line repaired, and items stored in the attic were brought down and were disposed of with the exception of a couple of steel bed springs. The paint was peeling badly on the

north end of the building, and we scraped and put on a coat of primer / sealer. An electrician has been consulted to advise us on basic and long-term needs.

We will need to raise more money before we can begin the next phase which will involve the complete renovation of the west side of the house (the back). This is the side that gets the worst of the weather and has the most damage. The plan is to replace or repair the windows and doors, strip the wall back to the studs, put wiring lines in place, install insulation batting, vapor barrier and poplar siding. The estimated cost of materials is \$4,600. Labor costs will depend on how much volunteer labor is available. We are applying to the Belmont Correctional Institution regarding their program of volunteer prisoner labor for non-profit projects.

**Fundraising:** We are gathering information for two grants which look promising for this project. We will be sending out another letter to 240 interested persons, informing them of our project to date and requesting funds for our next phase of the project.

**Financial report:**

Beginning Balance	\$3,727.88
Income	\$315.00
Expenses Supplies/Equipment	\$211.62
Insurance	392.00
Total expenses	\$603.62
Balance, 8/1/2009	\$3,439.26

Although progress has been slow this year, we feel important groundwork has been laid for the coming year. Submitted by Marie Bundy, Don Guindon, Jan Chambers, Leonard Guindon, Thomas Rockwell, Debora Taber, and Robert Becerra.

### **Discipline Revision / Oaths Concern**

The committee to consider an amendment to the Oaths section of the Discipline and the Eighth Query recommended an alteration. After considering the new wording, the meeting approved the following new section on Oaths and the Eighth Query.

Our testimony against the use of oaths is founded upon the following positive command of Jesus: “But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne: nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communications be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” Matthew 5:34-37.

Many Friends suffered for keeping this commandment. While we should continue to be prepared to suffer for faithfulness, most civil authorities routinely allow a non-ceremonial affirmation or written statement of one’s intention to be truthful even though one declines to swear. These provide legal alternatives to swearing and still subject one to civil punishment for intentional untruthfulness (that is, “perjury”). These legal alternatives should not be used as a way of avoiding suffering for faithfulness to Christ’s command, but as an opening to be an even greater witness for Christ. Friends should understand and be prepared to share the scriptural basis of this testimony. But, most importantly, Friends need never be anxious when brought before the civil authorities, but rather mindful of Christ’s promise for such situations that “the Holy Ghost will teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.” Luke 12:12.

### **Eighth Query**

Are we faithful to Christ’s command to avoid swearing oaths? Are we watchful for and faithful to Christ’s promptings to share with others our testimony against the use of oaths? Do we avoid gambling and speculation based on the principles of chance?

### **Exercise of the Meeting on Queries**

A brief summary of the exercise this morning on the purpose of the Queries was read and approved.

Queries serve a number of purposes in Ohio Yearly Meeting. After the revisions of 1958, the Queries require more soul-searching to answer, so that usually a “yes” or “no” is usually no longer sufficient. They speak to all ages, from 10 to 85. Rather than having a top-down critique of the faithfulness of individuals under officers, we use the Queries to help us as individuals and meetings to be open to the Lord’s immediate direction for us. The local answers are forwarded up through the Quarterly Meeting and on to the Yearly Meeting to allow all to participate in this seeking to be true disciples of Christ Jesus. We are one of a few Friends bodies to retain this practice. As we answer them before the Cross, we do prevent them from becoming an empty ritual and among other things accomplish the following objectives:

#### 1) Corporately

- a. They establish and help us maintain our Christian identity and basic spiritual understandings as a corporate body, similar to the way that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (and many who have followed them) stood for their faith.
- b. They serve a function similar to that of a catechism, teaching us how we feel the Lord would have us live as Christians before the

world and each other and helping us be accountable to the rest of the world.

- c. New meetings have adopted the Queries (as well as the entire Discipline) to help establish themselves as a Christian body and bring them to the core relationship with Christ.

## 2) Individually

- a. They are a way that God challenges us to evaluate our individual faithfulness to His callings.
- b. They stimulate us to live more faithfully and disciple each other.
- c. They serve as a soul-searching way to keep us as individuals accountable to the meeting as a whole.
- d. Queries are used by affiliate members to maintain communication with the Monthly Meeting, as it provides a forum for correspondence.

### **Epistles from Illinois Yearly Meeting and Iowa Yearly Meeting**

An excerpt from the epistle of Illinois Yearly Meeting was read, followed by the reading of the Epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting.

From Illinois Yearly Meeting held near McNabb, Illinois.

A message we would like to share with you is this: Let us be mindful of simplicity as it allows us to refocus our efforts from just doing in response to what we see in the world around us to allowing us to refresh the spiritual foundation and leading of our actions. Let us become self-conscious of tendencies to substitute action in the world for divine relationship in our hearts and minds. Let us remember that our faithful responses to the circumstances around us should be based on a simple thought from Friends' practice: from turning inward comes forth outward action. And finally, let us be aware that the difficult aspect of this simple spiritual practice is not the listening to and receiving of inward guidance but in our setting things aside except for that guidance.

Epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Conservative  
08/01/2009

Dear Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting,

Greetings from the Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), gathering for our 132nd annual session on the campus of Scattergood Friends School. In our daily meetings for worship followed by meeting for business, we have listened with love and reverence to reports of Friends who are following the leadings of the Spirit as well as they may. We have heard the responses of our member meetings to our advices and queries and have listened to reports

of the monthly meetings, the annual reports from Scattergood School and Scattergood farm, and reports and concerns of our partners in the wider world: American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Quaker Earthcare Witness. We listened with special attention to the epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting. Hearing your warm greetings gives us comfort and reminds us of our connection to the wider Conservative community.

Our theme this year, Quaker Seeds, was inspired by the parable of the sower from Matthew chapter 13. In morning Bible study and evening collections, we have wrestled with and celebrated this seemingly simple, yet surprisingly complex, message. Our own Marshall Massey of Omaha Meeting, IYMC, spoke on the metaphors of the seed (God's Word), the soil (each of us), and the sunlight (the light that illumines our moral landscape) as described by early Friends. Debbie Humphries, of New England Yearly Meeting, and Peter Crysdale, of Pacific Yearly Meeting, spoke of ways of deepening the experience of meeting for worship. On Sixth Day evening, several Friends led a discussion on planting seed of hope, justice, and peace.

A continued concern is for the plight of undocumented immigrants. On Tuesday evening, two Friends brought us stories and pictures of life on both sides of the Border Fence, lending human faces to the oft-dehumanizing data and rhetoric of politicians and the nightly news. We are also much concerned with the poor living conditions and systemic injustices worldwide that force many to immigrate, often under dangerous, even deadly conditions, and trap others in cycles of desperation. On Fourth Day, Jean Smith shared her work with Kenyan women who are victims of HIV/AIDS themselves and who have lost husbands and, often, children to the disease. Jean brought the skillful handiwork of these women and many Friends made purchases, enabling the women to continue and expand their efforts.

The written responses to the advices and queries submitted by the individual monthly meetings provide specific examples of the life and vitality of spirit within our meetings. The many different ways in which individuals and meetings have responded to the needs and challenges within their communities inspires us to be more faithful within our own lives. We treasure these opportunities to share where we are on our spiritual paths.

On Sixth Day, we welcomed into full monthly meeting status the Yahara Friends Preparative Meeting of Madison, WI, complete with ringing of the school bell. The joy of this event has infused our entire session.

The increased presence of Young Friends this year heartens us. They are responsible for our annual talent show on Seventh Day evening, which is a

welcome highlight at the end of our busy week. Simply seeing our youth playing and working in the peaceful setting of Scattergood School gives us hope.

Yours in Christ and on behalf of Iowa Yearly Meeting, Conservative,  
Deborah Fisch, clerk

David Warrington answered some additional questions on the Fiduciary Trustee Report and gave an overview of their relationship with the Friends Fiduciary Corporation.

Following a time of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 7<sup>th</sup> Morning Session.**

“As He spake these words, many believed on Him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:30-32)

We welcome Kevin McMurtrey and Earl Smith of Chicago Monthly Meeting.

### **Photography During Yearly Meeting**

A visitor asked if Friends would be comfortable allowing a limited amount of photography during our business meeting. Friends expressed a variety of opinions on the issue, recognizing that the spirit of this meeting cannot be captured photographically. We have traditionally viewed meetings for worship as special times of solemnity and not appropriate for photography, and we consider our business sessions to be an extension of worship. Friends were generally in agreement to remain seated briefly at the end of this meeting for photography. We ask those taking photos to share their experience when sharing the images.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee report recommended Friends to serve on our various appointments and committees. They have done an excellent job trying to identify gifts and interests among our members, including some that have been overlooked in previous years. We thank them for their work and accept the report with some minor modifications made on the floor and some possible future adjustments. The list will be incorporated into the list of committees at the end of the Yearly Meeting's printed minutes. Additional names for committee appointments should be approved by our next Representative Meeting.

Committees are reminded to appoint new convenors each year and notify the Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

### **Book and Children's Literature Committee**

We heard the report of the Book and Children's Literature Committee. They continue to be an official means of nurturing the youth of our meetings and keeping the Yearly Meeting in touch with Olney, and we thank them for sharing spiritual things with the teachers and students. We approve the report and appreciate the committee's work.

### **Book and Children's Literature Committee Report 8<sup>th</sup> Month, 2009**

The Book and Children's Literature Committee met 9-28-2008 with the Olney Friends School family for Meeting for Worship. This was followed by passing out literature and serving refreshments.

18 Seniors received *Mind the Heavenly Treasure* and “Welcome to Our Meeting”. 28 new students received “Welcome to Our Meeting”. 12 new staff members were given *Mind the Heavenly Treasure*, “A Brief Introduction to Conservative Friends”, and “Advices and Queries of Ohio Yearly Meeting”.

In the fall we had ordered subscriptions of *Focus on the Family Christian* magazines for the libraries of Faith Community Christian High School, Belmont, Ohio; Heartland Christian School, Columbiana, Ohio; and Olney Friends School, Barnesville, Ohio. These magazines were soon discontinued by *Focus on the Family* for financial reasons and our money was refunded. We had felt these magazines would be good reading material for the teen-agers in these schools.

Two eight-year-old children in this past year received Bibles from the Book Committee.

We continue to sell some publications throughout the year.

We appreciate the allocation from the Yearly Meeting.

### **Financial Report**

Balance on hand, 8-11-2008	481.30
Income:	
Allocation from OYM	25.00
Sale of books and publications	31.50
Refund from Focus on the Family	120.00
Interest on savings account	1.79
Total Income	659.59

## Expenses:

Sale of <i>Mind the Heavenly Treasure</i> on consignment	80.00
Focus on the Family magazines for 3 schools	120.00
Postage	23.30
Membership in QUIP	50.00
Total expenses:	273.30
Balance on hand 8/3/2009	\$386.29

For the Committee,  
Elvina Krekler, Treasurer.

### Committee for Financing Educational Concerns

The Financing Educational Concerns Committee gave the following report. They have kept track of high school aged children but would appreciate Friends' care in notifying them of all members of that age range. Five members received monies during the past year. We commend the committee for their work.

Financing Educational Concerns Committee Report to the Yearly Meeting 2009

The Financing Educational Concerns Committee is aware of three members of the yearly meeting eligible for financial assistance this year. The funds in use for this purpose are intended for high school age members of the yearly meeting who are attending private schools or are home schooled. Our recommendation about the amount to be distributed will take into account information and advice from the Fiduciary Trustees about earnings in the past year.

On behalf of the committee,  
Fran Taber

During the consideration of the above report, a Friend asked about a fund for assisting primary schools or home-schooled Friends. Another Friend mentioned a concern among new members for a suitable curriculum. The Chesterfield series was mentioned as a good reflection of our faith for adult religious education.

### Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach

The meeting heard the report of the Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach. The Committee has been actively involved in keeping our faith before inquirers and considering appropriate materials for distribution.

We thank the committee for their work. A visitor mentioned his appreciation for the excellent way the Yearly Meeting website sets forth our principles and practice.

### Report of the Committee to Encourage and Support Outreach 8/6/2009

The Yearly Meeting continues to attract visitors, seekers, and new members from many regions. These visitors come to us through visits to our meetings, websites, and correspondence. Ohio Yearly Meeting has opportunities, then, to help meet people's needs to find deeper meaning in their lives, and their need to find wholeness and community. Ohio Yearly Meeting Friends have found that the only way those needs can truly be met is through faith in Jesus Christ.

Members of the committee maintain the Ohio Yearly Meeting website, correspond with inquirers through the website, and watch for ways that we can extend our outreach and support those who respond.

Jack Smith will continue to be the convenor for this committee for the coming year. Members of the committee appreciate the faithful work that he has done to guide and encourage us.

Ideas were considered for the re-design of the Ohio Yearly Meeting website. Further work will be done to determine the details. That will include different sections for members of the Yearly Meeting and inquirers, techniques (such as images) that can be used to make pages more inviting, and the evaluation and use of ways to make our website more visible. Current communications within the committee were reviewed. We are challenged to find ways to continue to improve communication.

Members discussed resources that could be recommended for devotionals, home schooling, and simplicity.

Before a list of specific books or other materials can be developed, we need to agree on what criteria these materials must meet. Unity about criteria was not reached during a subcommittee meeting. We did agree that it will be good to recognize that some need spiritual milk, others spiritual meat. We need to have resources appropriate for both. Recommended resources will support people as they learn about Conservative Friends faith and practice.

There are a number of families familiar with homeschooling materials, and Friends who are knowledgeable about materials appropriate for First Day School who may be able to assist the committee in selecting recommended resources.

### Summary of Budget

Income	
Starting Balance	\$242.13

OYM Allocation	300.00
Total	542.13
Expenditures	
Website fees	50.78
Total Expenses	50.78
Ending Bank balance	491.35
Proposed Yearly Meeting allocation, 2009:	\$0.00.

### Epistle Committee

The Epistle Committee produced drafts of three epistles for our consideration. We are thankful for their capturing the essence of our Yearly Meeting through interesting, well-written overviews of our recent leadings and approve them with some minor changes.

To Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative):

Dear Friends,

*“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 4:6

*“That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”*

John 1:9

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose light we have gathered near Barnesville, Ohio for our one hundred ninety-seventh annual session.

During our Yearly Meeting from Eighth Month 03 through Eighth Month 09, we have appreciated presentations and programs that guide us to deeper contemplation of God’s love, peace and nonviolence, the Beatitudes, and spiritual gifts. We are saddened by the state of the world and the human suffering that is found in so many regions of the world. We welcome these presentations that invite us to consider the possibilities for relieving suffering through our actions or our support of programs organized by Friends and others.

Junior Yearly Meeting has been conducted concurrently with Yearly Meeting, with some adult Friends devoting their time to programs for younger Friends during meetings for worship with a concern for business. Their presentation on Seventh Day evening is always a time of special blessing for us all.

Christian Education Camp, held in Sixth Month each year, was again well attended by young people seeking knowledge of the truth and reality of a personal relationship with Jesus, and greater understanding of our Quaker faith and practice of unprogrammed worship.

One of our monthly meetings organized a Gathering in Sixth Month which was attended by Friends from many parts of the country. We rejoiced with these Friends, too often isolated and remote from meetings as they enjoyed Christian fellowship and spiritual refreshment during the Gathering in Bird-in-Hand, PA. We were likewise encouraged by the presence of so many hearts, tender toward the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

We recall that you gained another monthly meeting in recent years, and we are glad to learn that our brothers and sisters in North Carolina Yearly Meeting added a monthly meeting at their recent sessions. We are pleased to share that, only a few weeks ago, our Crossroads Worship Group in Michigan became our newest monthly meeting. We perceive that Truth is prospering among Conservative Friends, and hope that our three yearly meetings will continue to share news of growth..

We were glad to have a North Carolina Friend with us this year, and Friends from both there and Iowa in years past. We look forward to future sessions when we again experience the strengthening presence of Friends from both our sister Conservative Yearly Meetings.

In the light and love of our Lord,

Seth B. Hinshaw, Clerk

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative)

### OHIO YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

61830 Sandy Ridge Rd.

Barnesville, OH 43713

To Friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative):

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John 1:9

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose light we have gathered for our one hundred ninety-seventh annual session at Stillwater meetinghouse near Barnesville, Ohio.

During our Yearly Meeting from Eighth Month 03 through Eighth Month 09, 2009, we have appreciated presentations and programs that guide us to deeper contemplation of God's love, peace and nonviolence, the Beatitudes, and spiritual gifts. We are saddened by the state of the world and the human suffering found in so many regions of the world, and we welcome these presentations which invite us to consider possibilities for relieving suffering through our actions or our support of programs organized by Friends and others.

Our Junior Yearly Meeting was held concurrently with Yearly Meeting, with some adult Friends devoting their time to programs for younger Friends during meetings for worship and business. Their presentation on Seventh Day evening is always a time of special blessing for us all.

Christian Education Camp, held in Sixth Month each year, was again well attended by young people seeking knowledge of Truth and the reality of a personal relationship with Jesus, and a greater understanding of our Quaker faith and practice of waiting worship.

One of our monthly meetings organized a Gathering in Sixth Month that was attended by Friends from many parts of the country. We rejoiced with these Friends, many of whom are isolated and remote from conservative meetings, as they enjoyed Christian fellowship and spiritual refreshment during the Gathering near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We were likewise encouraged by the presence of so many hearts tender toward the leadings of the Holy Spirit. We were particularly glad that Lloyd Lee Wilson joined us for this Gathering.

We were pleased to learn that the Davidson Meeting has become a part of your yearly meeting, and are pleased to share that, only a few weeks ago, our Crossroads Worship Group in Michigan became our newest monthly meeting. We perceive that Truth is prospering among Conservative Friends, and hope that both we and our brothers and sisters in North Carolina will continue to be sharing news of growth.

Nancy Craft has been among us again this year, a living reminder of our special relatedness as Conservative Friends. We hope not only that she will continue to join with us as the Lord allows, but also that other North Carolina Friends will come and share their strength with us in the years ahead.

In the light and love of our Lord,  
Seth Hinshaw  
Clerk

8/17/09

To Friends Everywhere:

Dear Friends,

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We were glad to be joined by visitors and Friends from other Yearly Meetings, some seeking a deeper understanding of Conservative Friends and our abiding relationship with our Lord. We welcome all visitors and rejoice in the leadings that brought them among us.

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Our numbers are growing, and we are glad to report that we have recognized a new monthly meeting in Michigan. Our hearts have been gladdened by the many children present with us during the yearly meeting sessions.

We look forward to the year ahead, with hope that Truth will continue to prosper among us and among all Friends.

In the light and love of our Lord,  
Seth B. Hinshaw, Clerk  
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

Following a time of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 2:00 this afternoon.

### Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 7<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Session.

“Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” Micah 6:7-8

### Historical Committee

The meeting read the following report of the Historical Committee. We thank them for their work managing the Heritage Room. We look forward to the committee's efforts to recognize the bicentennial of Ohio Yearly Meeting and encourage interested Friends to speak to a committee member.

A committee member reported that several minute books and records were recently deposited. She has received a quote to have these records microfilmed.

### Historical Committee Report 2009

The historical committee is very appreciative of the many families who took so much time to make the family histories for our display with the history of Barnesville's 200th year history and Stillwater Meeting's family history as well. We shall leave this display for another year; there is much to see and read. In the meantime, we hope any person or meeting would be thinking of a display they would like to contribute or have put forth for next spring.

We have purchased new filing cabinets and spent a great deal of time documenting and arranging some of the material of interest to the heritage of Stillwater and other meetings.

We had a nice group of home-schooled students come to learn about our

Quaker history and the Society as well (toddlers through high school ages, along with parents). We have had several favorable comments of appreciation from these visitors.

The “Meet our Ancestors” presentation went well with good attendance. The group enjoys doing this as well. Several folks from Barnesville attended.

We did have a larger number of visitors this past year, about 190. Most were from the United States, with one from Australia and one from the United Kingdom. As we start this report each year, the guest register is checked. Please when you visit these rooms, remember to sign the register and remind others to sign as well. Any purchases you wish to make please write down the item and leave funds to cover your purchases or a contribution in the basket provided. We try to have a committee member present during Yearly Meeting.

In connection with Ohio Yearly Meeting's bicentennial in 2012-2013, the Historical Committee is considering a program or project related to our history. Anyone that would be interested is welcome to join us to help plan some small events and possible publications.

We have now depleted our funds again, and are asking the Yearly Meeting for \$200.00 financial assistance. There is need for refurbishing the walls in the three areas.

Time spent by members of the committee and others is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by the convenor, Theodora M. Johnson.

### Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, 8/12/2008		\$402.66
Income		
Interest / savings account	\$1.07	
Yearly Meeting allocation	100.00	
Hinton family sales / donations	100.00	
Other sales	180.05	
Total Income	381.12	783.78
Expenses		
Office Furniture Warehouse (filing cabinet)	75.00	
“Presence in the Midst” for framing	42.38	
OYM Histories sold in Heritage Room	97.00	
Utilities / Heritage Room	150.00	
Total Expenses	\$364.38	
Balance on hand, 7/30/2009	26.58	

In savings account	392.82
Total	\$419.40

Loisanne Rockwell, Treasurer

### Ministry and Oversight

Ohio Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight reported on their work during the past year. They challenge us to be more mindful of the Lord's direction among our members and small groups of Friends across our continent.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends from  
The Ohio Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight  
Eighth Month 6, 2009

Dear Friends,

We have gathered twice this week, seeking to know our Lord's will for our work and renewing the bonds of fellowship among us. We have searched deeply as we answered our new queries, which can make us uncomfortable with their challenges but also open to us new awareness of how we are called to serve.

In considering a concern for resident members who do not attend our meetings, we were brought to look briefly at what membership means. There are many reasons why listed people do not attend, including fear of hurting Friends close to them, and many parents do indeed hope that their inactive children will return if they are kept on the membership list. If we are living in the joy of Jesus Christ, it will be evident to inactive resident members, including our children. Actively reaching out with nurture for and interest in non-attending members may bring them back among us, or it may open the way for them to tell us that they no longer feel right being listed in membership. When God tells us to phone inactive Friends or to invite them into our homes, may we be obedient; it may not be as difficult as we suppose. Besides phoning and visiting, a meeting might send inactive members birthday cards, including a note asking how the meeting can help them, with boxes by various suggestions they can check. We want to open ways to have each person on our membership involved in the joy of our fellowship in Christ.

We noted in addition that the sense of kinship we express in a membership list comes not just through blood but also directly through bonds in Christ. As meetings we should be clear, slow, and purposeful as we work through the process of admitting new members. It is important that those seeking membership be well-acquainted with our beliefs and our ways of living in them.

Although our Friends Center offers Structured Sojourn weekends as an effective introduction to Conservative Friends, people often need to live and worship with us for months or more before they have a working understanding of the manner of living that expresses our faith. Attenders and inquirers among us need to be actively nurtured. We should lovingly include them in our ongoing fellowship, and also meet them in new ways that speak to their individual conditions.

When interested people cannot come to us, we can perhaps go to them. The "Traveling Meeting" was an effort some years ago in which a group of OYM Friends went regularly, by invitation, to join in First Day worship with other meetings, thus letting other Friends know more about our Christian faith and practice. Last year, two OYM ministers traveled extensively in this country, connecting isolated Friends groups with the large body of OYM Friends. These efforts are important, have been a spiritual encouragement for a number of people, and could be continued. We particularly encourage Friends resident in Ohio to reach out, perhaps by invitation, by going in groups to non-OYM meetings and to small worship groups already under OYM's care.

It behooves us to use more ways to make publicly known the times and places of our meetings for worship. We also need to do more, both in person and on the Internet, to let interested people know what our beliefs are and how we live them. The Lord is raising up small groups of Conservative Friends in many places, and He calls us to this work.

On behalf of the meeting for Ministry and Oversight and in Christ's love, Susan S. Smith and Myrtle E. Bailey, clerks.

### Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends

The report of the Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends was read. They have done a commendable job representing the Conservative Friends understanding. While we will miss the nurturing we have received through Susan Smith's editing of *The Conservative Friend*, we look forward to Raye Hodgson serving in that role. Friends appreciate the report and anticipate the proposed Gathering next year.

2009 Report for the Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends:

This committee has reserved the weekend of Sixth Month 25 – 27, 2010 for the next gathering of Conservative Friends, using the Yearly Meeting facilities & the Olney campus.

We have also printed the 2009 Conservative Friends Community Directory with a few changes. Those that were mailed included a letter reminding us

that a true community shares responsibility. It continues... "What hast thou done this past year to extend heavenly courage toward the Friends who are listed in this directory? This year thee might plan a side trip to visit someone in this community when traveling. If a visit is not possible would thee call or send a letter of Christian love to one or more in our listing? God has gifted us with a growing number of like-minded believers. What a wonderful blessing He is bestowing on us. Why should it matter that He has seen fit to plant us quite far apart? Or for that matter that we might be in a somewhat different place in our growth? As we are each one faithful to Him, Jesus grows in us. As we walk with Him our darkness is brightened, dispersed by His light and our obedience to it. So, dear friends, in the coming months I hope to hear many stories of connections every one of you have made to further this community committed to the original understanding of Friends in Christ Jesus."

We are deeply appreciative to Susan Smith for the fine publications of *The Conservative Friend* she has edited these past five years. Susan is feeling that her service to us through that publication is coming to an end. She is willing to help a new editor ease into the extensive ins and outs of the editorship. We have asked a few gifted writers in the Yearly Meeting if they felt called to this service. Raye Hodgson has accepted this position. We are very grateful for her willingness and enthusiasm in taking on this work.

Production costs for *The Conservative Friend* run a bit over \$200 per issue. Contributions are so far sufficient to support the paper. The U.S. mailing list numbers about 204, just over the 200 required for bulk mailing. OYM members get "permanent" subscriptions. Others from whom there has been no response after having been sent a reminder card are removed from the list. Subscriptions sent outside the US number 30; 13 of those are sent electronically. Countries represented are Canada, UK, Norway, Finland, Ireland, Bolivia, Australia, Greece, and Ghana.

Since WFCF will be hosting the Sixth Month gathering in 2010, additional money this year will be a great help.

For the Committee, Nancy Hawkins

Our treasurer Elvina Krekler has kept careful watch on our finances. Her report follows.

Income		
Balance on hand 8-11-2008		727.70
Allocation from OYM	250.00	
Donations for TCF	673.00	
Interest on savings account	4.76	
Total income	927.76	1655.46

Expenses		
TCCF #34-37 printing and postage	841.34	
Conservative Friends Directory printing	113.31	
Envelopes and postage	82.50	
Total Expenses		1037.15
Balance on hand 8-3-2009		618.31

Elvina Krekler, treasurer

### Representative Meeting

We heard an overview of the minutes of the Representative Meeting's Eleventh Month 2008 and Fourth Month 2009 sessions. We approve their minutes and plan to place their minutes in this year's Ohio Yearly Meeting printed minutes.

Two minutes were read from the Representative Meeting regarding the proposal discussed at our last yearly meeting on revising our Queries. Salem QM forwarded reflections on the Queries for our consideration. These reflections were read. Some other meetings have approved their own reflections, which are not available at this session.

As a committee to review all comments, undertake a due deliberation, report to future sessions of the Representative Meeting, and make a final report to the 2010 Ohio Yearly Meeting, we appoint Susan Smith, Richard Simon, Lily Rockwell, Jim Creighton, Phil Helms, David Eley, Martha Giffen, Winifred Stratton, and Conrad Lindes. The Nominating Committee is directed to review the committee and add names as warranted.

### Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School Donation

The following report of donations to the Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School was read.

Report of the Olney Hostess Fund and Donations to Monteverde Friends School

	Salem QM	Stillwater QM	Total
Olney Hostess Fund	\$243.00	56.00	299.00
Monteverde Friends School	75.00	75.00	150.00

### Miscellaneous Business

This meeting would like to express our appreciation to Olney Friends School for accommodating Ohio Yearly Meeting this week.

We welcome three visitors from New City Worship Group, Detroit, Michigan: Tyler Hampton, Suzanne Fisher, and Peter Bale.

The Friend who manages the book table has requested a volunteer to replace her next year.

### **Epistles from Britain YM and North Carolina YM**

The two following epistles were read.

Letter of Greetings to Ohio (Con) Yearly Meeting - 13th August 2009

This letter brings greetings to you as you meet for your annual gathering.

Friends in Britain Yearly Meeting have not met since our Meeting in May 2008, but this year we are combining our Yearly Meeting with a Summer Gathering for the first time and we will spend a week together at York University in July 2009. This is a new venture for us: and we hope to find renewal and fresh discernment as we meet.

We have been working together on a “Framework for Action 2009-2014” which aims to “guide and unite Quakers in Britain and their central organization, Britain Yearly Meeting, in their life and work at every level.” Individual Meetings have spent time discussing the Framework during the year and have identified 7 priorities for our work which we hope we can achieve with our current level of resources.

In large Yearly Meetings like ours in Britain, it is easy for the Local Meetings to feel they do not own the work done in their name. This exercise has drawn us all closer together in pursuing common goals. We rejoice in all the work carried out in our name, both our paid and many unpaid Friends—the programme of Ecumenical Accompaniment to Israel and Palestine, campaign against the use of torture, Quaker Housing Trust, Restorative Justice and Prison Ministry amongst other things.

We see that you had coped with floods and enforced homelessness in your area at our last Meeting. These issues have been present in our minds too, with floods happening in unexpected places, and increasing unease about the number of immigrants in the mind of our Government.

We trust that you have had an uplifting year since your last meeting together, and have found ways to help those in distress through floods and homelessness.

We pray that you will find peace, hope and love as you gather together again in Meeting for worship and business.

Signed on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting

Susan Seymour, Clerk of Meeting for Sufferings.

Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting to Ohio Yearly Meeting  
Seventh Month 2009

Dear Friends in Ohio Yearly Meeting:

We are grateful for this opportunity to send to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, loving greetings. We delight in picturing you gathering in Barnesville, Ohio, amidst the beautiful light of the fireflies evening dance.

We send our greeting from the campus of the University of North Carolina in Wilmington, where we are graced by the scent of the long-leaf pines and warm ocean breezes.

We experienced the common ties that bind us together come alive as your epistle to us was read during our sessions, and as your member, David Eley, moved among us.

Our annual sessions opened with worship under the care of our Yearly Meeting of Ministers, Elders, and Overseers, followed by responses to queries specific to that body. It was a time of an emerging sense of deep tenderness, honest wrestling with difficult issues, a clear sense of God’s love and sharing of burdens.

This tenderness of listening and gathering carried through into later sessions as we were gifted with responses to the more general queries of our Faith and Practice from each monthly meeting. We find the discipline of responding to queries serves to both give us a sense of the health and well-being of the body of our yearly meeting, and a sense of the workings of the Holy Spirit among us.

During this time when, to all outward appearances, Quakers are losing members, we have been blessed by a request from the Davidson Monthly Meeting in Davidson, North Carolina, to join our yearly meeting. This request was joyfully approved.

We are reminded of the importance of being patterns in the world as we witness Quaker faith and practice with our children. They have blessed our annual gathering with their joyful noises and radiating love. We find they help us connect to one another and the Divine through play and celebration of our time together.

Throughout the sessions we find ourselves hearing a renewed Call to awareness of the depth of spiritual direction that Quakers offer the world.

In Divine Love,

Sidney Lee Kitchens, Clerk,

North Carolina Yearly Meeting

(Conservative)

After a time of announcements and worship, the meeting adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

### **Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 8<sup>th</sup> Morning Session.**

Friends here gathered in the Lord have experienced the Father's Word, which has a purpose for thee, moment by moment. Let us here live the next moment as we live this one. His Word energizes us, giving us strength as we open ourselves to Him. Christ Jesus is our Life and Source, and as we are willing to be His Friends we exhibit the evidence of real Christianity. Is Jesus Christ being allowed to live through us? If we will prove our own selves, we will understand individually if it has pleased God to reveal his Son living in thee.

Letter from the Moad family

Our affiliate members Shane and Val Moad sent a letter to us which was read. We thank them for their encouragement and join them in expressing our sorrow to the family of our deceased Friend Ed Kirk.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Eph. 2:8,9).

Greetings to all at Yearly Meeting! Our family, Val, Ethan, Becky and myself wish you all a blessed time together to share in the things eternal.

As I sit here tonight I think of the love Christ gives to us all through grace. Each day within our family we strive to live lives that are pleasing to our Creator, I know that I fall far short of that but continue to aim higher and marvel at the Lords forgiving spirit for my failings and His continual encouragement through the spirit and scripture. I know that Friends will have times that we will sit before His feet in dejection and the feeling of failure, but these feelings only have power over us if we allow them to. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28 v 20 ....I am with you always even unto the end of the world' and goes on to say in Hebrews 13 v5 - 'I will never leave you or forsake you'. Comfort is also given to us in Luke 23:43 when he says to the thief on the cross "Today (Present tense) you will be with mein paradise." This thief was neither baptized nor partook of the Lord's Supper—he believed and was promised to be with Jesus and this all through God's grace and his faith. Yes Friends, we are indeed blessed, we have a Creator who loves us warts and all, our part in this love is to follow in faith the best we can, the ways that Christ has set for us within our hearts and scripture. The joy is we are saved by grace; nothing we can do would secure our salvation. The love of Christ knows no bounds. It is

not shackled by prejudices; it is free of all malice, so He sees us through eyes of love even when we fail.

Our prayer for all at Yearly Meeting is that you will feel this grace, this unconditional love. I would also like, on behalf of my family, to extend our love to all of Ed Kirk's family and friends. We know where Ed is now and what a blessing he has been to all those he has shared with. We have wonderful memories of sharing with Ed down here in Australia.

In Christ's love,  
Shane, Val, Ethan and Becky Moad

### **Junior Yearly Meeting**

Junior Yearly Meeting reported on their activities this week. Friends are always encouraged to have them in worship with us. We appreciate also the work of the leaders, who have introduced Quaker process into their activities.

#### **Report from Junior Yearly Meeting to Ohio Yearly Meeting 2009**

Tuesday afternoon, we met for the first time in the basement of the girl's dorm. We talked about rules and safety issues and looked at all the craft materials. We talked about the theme of transformation.

On Wednesday, we talked more about our theme. We heard a story about a boy who had disobeyed his parents, but instead of being punished, his mother sat him down and prayed to God about him. After she left him, he heard God from the inside for the first time. We decided on our play, and the parts for each person by sitting or lying down in waiting stillness and listening to whose name seemed right for each part. This was helpful because there were some parts that more than one person wanted. We talked about Quaker process, how Friends reach agreement and in the end we were in unity. We felt God's presence in making decisions, fellowshiping together, through sharing stories of how God has worked in people's lives, by being polite and in playing nice with the littler kids.

On Thursday, we made gifts to take to the Walton Home. We worked more on the play. Diann was very nice and got us costumes at yard sales. We heard a story about the white feather of peace which is still above the door of the meeting house at Easton. We ate our snack and adjourned.

On Friday, we mostly worked on the play. We had a dress rehearsal and were still developing ideas, props, and dialogue. Everyone was excited about being on the stage on Saturday and we hope we do a good job.

Dulcie Rockwell, Devra Roberts, Griffin Roberts, Paoli Roberts, Starbuck Roberts, Chloe Hatfield, Jack Hatfield, Emma Miller, Rosa Miller

### Young Friends

The Young Friends Report was read. Their concerns are timely, as they are important for all of us. We thank them and their adult leaders for their time, discernment, and Christian practice.

#### Ohio Yearly Meeting Young Friends 2009

This week our time was spent in theological reflection, prayer, and sharing our faith journeys.

We felt led to spend some time in intercessory prayer. As we waited on the Lord for guidance, these were the concerns that arose—that Ohio Yearly Meeting Friends

- Shed unnecessary burdens
- Become willing to lay down our lives—figuratively and literally—for our Friend, Christ
- Have permeable relationships, with flow from younger to older, and older to younger
- Become avid students of all that our Teacher, Jesus Christ, is teaching us
- Become stronger, so we can encourage and strengthen and help each other grow and mature
- Wake up to spiritual reality: recognize both stumbling blocks and ways to avoid and correct them

We ask that Friends join us in praying for our Yearly Meeting.

Micaela Rockwell with Raye Hodgson

### Audit and Budget Committee

We read the report of the Audit and Budget Committee. The meeting appreciates the work of the committee producing the recommended budget, which we approve without change. Dorothy Smith has agreed to continue serving as Yearly Meeting Treasurer. Marie Bundy has agreed to act as Assistant Treasurer. We thank the committee for their work and encourage them to pursue a picture of the insurance coverage of this yearly meeting. We approve the committee's recommendation allowing the Treasurer to draw upon our general funds held by the Fiduciary Trustees up to \$5,000.

#### Audit and Budget Committee Report 08-2009

Following is our proposed budget for 2009-2010

Balance 8/2009	Checking \$1,128.30
	2008/09 Actual

#### Income, 2008/09

MM Donations	24,570.00
Other Donations	3,565.00
Disciplines / mailing	70.00
Book sales	32.00
Income from OYM 2008	3,850.00
Total Income	32,087.00

	2008/09 Budget	2008/09 Actual	2009/10 Proposed
<b>Expenses/Disbursements</b>			
Walton Home	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Friends Center	25.00	25.00	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
OYM Travel Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00
ACFIA	100.00		
Hominy	100.00	100.00	100.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00	500.00
Outreach Cte	300.00	300.00	25.00
Book & CL	25.00	25.00	25.00
WFCF	250.00	250.00	500.00
Peace & Hum Rel	100.00	100.00	25.00
Historical Cte	100.00	100.00	200.00
Junior YM	100.00	100.00	100.00
RSWR	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fds Disaster Svc	500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing	2,000.00	1,682.00	2,000.00
Correspondent Exp	100.00	100.00	25.00
OYM Ppt Trustees	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Copy Machine Spls	100.00	100.00	125.00
Insurance	1,466.00	1,466.00	1,466.00
Water	100.00	139.36	150.00
Olney Meals OYM 2008		3,679.00	
Clerk Exp	200.00	300.00	200.00
OYM Speaker Expenses	1,400.00	368.00	
Agenda Cte		1,032.00	500.00
Stillwater Camping OYM '08		175.50	
Misc. (new checks)		11.95	
Total Expenses	25,466.00	29,153.81	24,466.00
Income over expense		\$2,933.19	
Balance 7/31/2009 Checking		\$4,061.49	

Our hope is to have a surplus and to have surpluses in the years ahead, to add to our general fund in preparation for expected building maintenance costs and other items.

Having experienced a low checking account balance in the not-too-distant past, we recommend that the yearly meeting treasurer have standing authority to obtain up to \$5,000.00 from the general funds held by the Fiduciary Trustees.

We are uncertain of the adequacy of the coverage provided by our insurance and recommend that our present coverage be re-evaluated relative to our needs.

#### Ohio Yearly Meeting Funds Held by the Fiduciary Trustees

Fund	Beginning Balance	Interest	Distributions	Ending Bal
LJ & F Taber	4,786.10	143.58	0	4,929.68
Property Sale	86,343.18	2,590.30	0	88,933.48
General Funds	20,674.03	620.22	0	21,294.25
Totals	111,803.31	3,354.10	0	115,157.41

A Friend raised a concern regarding use of monies derived from the sale of the school campus, which is collecting interest. Neither the Fiduciary Trustees nor Friends here have a clear direction at this time. We may discuss various ideas at our 2010 yearly meeting and would like to have a sense of ideas the Fiduciary Trustees have considered for the funds under the Lord's direction.

#### Miscellaneous Business

Friends have appreciated the opportunity to hold this meeting one week earlier than had been the case, and we have been encouraged by the stronger attendance.

The Nominating Committee recommended an extension of the committee appointed by this meeting to consider a revision of the Queries. We approve the new names Burton Doudna, Raye Hodgson, and Rebecca Hawkins.

#### Quarterly Meeting Representatives

Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings gave the following report, which this meeting approves.

Our Clerk, Seth Hinshaw, and our Reading Clerk, Robert Wilber, have agreed to continue for another year. We are thankful for their willingness and appreciative of their good service.

On behalf of the representatives, Nancy Hawkins, Convenor

#### Other Business

The Meeting would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Sharon Helms and others who have assisted with registrations this year.

#### Final Minute

No further business appearing to claim our attention, we bring this yearly meeting to a close and prepare to serve our Saviour during the coming year. We have attempted to evaluate our faithfulness during the past year in the hopes that we might be better able to model the Christian lifestyle and be a beautiful reflection of Christ Jesus. We seek to minimize our own individual egos and not confuse our ideas with God's will. We evaluated ourselves through the Queries and discussed ways in which we can fine-tune the Queries to focus on how God is challenging us today. Our committees reported on their work since our last session, and we honor the contributions of all members keeping this body of Christ alive and strong. We welcomed a new monthly meeting into our family and were blessed with the largest attendance at our annual sessions in several years. Evening speakers shared how to spread divine peace into a world engulfed in conflict and disorder, ways in which the Lord works with us in times of illness or death, and how to understand the way in which Christ Jesus brings us into a state of atonement. Friends discussed the importance of spiritual gifts, prayed together, shared meals together, and helped hurting Friends to see a deeper love that we cannot fully comprehend this side of Heaven.

The Lord has instructed us how to walk more humbly as individuals so we can become better examples of His empowering love. As we become His new creation, submitting our lives and bodies into His hands, we experience Christ in us, our hope of glory who fulfills God's ancient promise. We were reminded that Christ existed before our opinions about who He is and that He wants to help thee face thy trials and do the heavy lifting in the adventure of this life. We yearn to allow our vocabulary and lives to better express our beliefs, to seek the discernment that sometimes leads us to keep quiet, and to get above superficialities to that knowledge that comes from above rather than from the cranium.

As we are tapped to witness to Him, let us share what we know experientially. Jesus holds out His hand to each individual, no matter how much darkness is in any person. Non-Christians need to know that we are subject to the same evil temptations and need the anointing from the Holy One to overcome evil. We invite everyone that thirsteth to come to the waters without price, not concentrating on physical things that do not satisfy spiritual hungering but rather lay hands on those invisible things of God, not seen by

others, that bring about a lasting repentance and renewed life. Let the rest of the world know what we have heard. We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord: and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. His invitation is open to thee today.

We now conclude, purposing to meet again on Eighth Month 10, 2010, unless the Lord directs otherwise.

### OYM Visitors 2009

Isabel & Tabitha Penraeth, 19784 E. Baker Pl., Aurora, CO 80013  
 Laura Young, 1914 Fossil Creek Parkway, Fort Collins, CO80528  
 LeRoy Curtis, 2117 Fisher Drive, Wooster, OH 44691-2123  
 Eileen Kinch, 23 Fawn Drive, Quarryville, PA 17566  
 Micah Bales, 1901 University, Wichita, KS 67213  
 Nan Dodge, 205 Brookside Ave., Ewing, NJ 08638  
 Jim Eblin, 1805 NW Woodland Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330  
 Janet Reddy, Greenville, SC  
 Nancy Craft, 3112 New Bridge Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23456-4003  
 Gordon Thompson, 79 Parkway Ave., Markham, Ontario, Canada  
 Harlan Alexander, Chicago  
 Dave Casterline, 1168 W 8th Street, S. Plainfield, NJ 07080  
 Helen Bayos, 1 Waystreet O'Connor ACT, Australia  
 Mary Jo Moore, 58601 Sandy Ridge Rd., Barnesville, OH  
 Tom and Judy Smith, Walton Home, Barnesville  
 Scot Miller, Jenn Seif, Dylan, Emma, Rosa, Micah, 491 126th Ave.,  
 Shelbyville, MI 49344  
 Patrick J. Burns, Mercersburg, PA  
 Earl Smith, 10743 S. Artesian, Chicago 60655  
 Peter Dale, 9812 Cranston, Livonia MI 48150  
 Suzanne Fischer, 1327 Labrosse, Detroit, MI 48226  
 Tyler Hampton, 9219 Mason Place, Detroit, MI 48209

### **At a regular session of the Representative Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Stillwater on 11/15/2008.**

The meeting opened with the reading of Colossians 3:14-17 and a period of waiting worship.

We are favored to have 16 members and 5 visitors present with us today. We are glad to welcome to the committee Lewis Stratton and Richard

Patterson, who were appointed new this year, as well as those who accepted re-appointment.

Minutes of the 4/19/2008 meeting were read and considered.

We have read the following report from the Representative Meeting Nominating Committee:

Dorothy J. Smith has asked to be replaced as Clerk for Representative Meeting. We appreciate her kind and thorough service to this meeting. Elvina M. Krekler has agreed to serve again as reading clerk. We are glad she is willing and able to serve in this capacity. Philip W. Helms, a member of Stillwater Monthly Meeting, has agreed to be the Clerk of the Representative Meeting. We believe that his name should be added to the roll for Representative Meeting in order to fill this position. We are thankful for his willingness to serve as Clerk.

For the committee, Kim Newlin, Jim Warrington, Archie Newlin

We appreciate this report and approve of these appointments. Phil's term on the committee will expire in 2013.

The Agenda Committee reports that the responses to the poll they sent to members in regard to a change in the time of holding Ohio Yearly Meeting indicated approval for holding OYM one week earlier than it has been. That means the sessions this year will be held Third Day through Seventh Day, Eighth Month 4th through the 9th, 2009. We approve of this change.

Kim Newlin's term on the Nominating Committee for this body expires this year. If she is willing, we suggest that she continue her service with this committee. As an additional member on the Nominating Committee, we appoint Dennis Rockwell.

During the Ohio Yearly Meeting sessions in Eighth Month, we had some discussion about whether or not our Queries need to be revised. The yearly meeting asked each monthly meeting to report its sense of each query in order to determine whether or not a revision is warranted. Rockingham Meeting suggested one method of doing this. As they answer each Query, they discuss it and the Clerk minutes the responses. Those minutes are forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting and then to Ohio Yearly Meeting, where they will be considered at a gathered meeting during the 2009 sessions. In one Rockingham minute, Susan Smith, Clerk, said "I hope that everyone will undertake this responsibility with a measure of restraint, really seeking unity under God's direction for what needs to be changed and not entering the task in the spirit of human editing." We ask that each monthly meeting give consideration to each Query and record the responses for consideration at yearly meeting.

The Printing Committee reports that the memorial for Jesse and Clara Starbuck has been printed and distributed, as have the OYM Minute Books and the Book of Discipline. The question has been raised by a few people

about the value of spending so much on printing the OYM minutes each year. Would it be better to print just a few copies of the body of the minutes, by request, and print just the membership and committee lists in a separate book in a larger quantity? Would it be sufficient to have the body of the minutes on the website? The OYM budget is very strained as local meetings are finding it difficult to raise sufficient funds to meet budget demands, so some cuts are going to need to be made. We discussed this matter and ask that members take it back to their monthly meetings for further discussion and bring the results to the 4/18/2009 meeting of Representative Meeting for more consideration. In the meantime, we approve of putting the 2008 minutes on the website for now. Conrad Lindes, John Benson, and Phil Helms will work on getting this done.

Marie Bundy has given a progress report from the committee that is working on the renovation of the Plummer House. We recognize that this is a long-term project and appreciate being kept informed of developments.

Myrtle Bailey told us that she was privileged to travel with Nancy Hawkins on her concern to visit scattered meetings in the west recently. We appreciate hearing this interesting report and are glad that their mission was blessed.

Conrad Lindes made a suggestion that we seek some guidance about other ways, such as conference calls, that might be used in conducting our business beyond face-to-face meetings requiring expensive travel, that would also permit us to stay in unity in the spirit as we conduct the business of the meeting. We will give this matter some prayerful thought and discuss it at a later time.

Mary Sidwell sent a note of appreciation to the yearly meeting for the hostess money donated to Olney.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the reading of 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 and a closing worship period. The next meeting will be held at Salem Meeting House on 4/18/2009, if so permitted.

Dorothy J. Smith and Elvina M. Krekler, Clerks

#### **At a Regular Session of the Representative Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Salem on 04-18-2009.**

The meeting opened with the reading of 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-10 and a period of waiting worship.

We are favored to have 18 members and 9 visitors present with us today.

Minutes of the 11-15-2008 meeting were read and considered.

Stillwater Monthly Meeting presented a "Consideration of Revisions to Queries and Discipline," reporting on a special meeting held on 03-29-2009. Other monthly meetings reported proceeding in other manners, including monthly considerations of individual queries, and forwarding such reports to

quarterly meetings. We are glad to receive these reports. We encourage the monthly meetings to forward their reports to Ohio Yearly Meeting, through their quarterly meetings, and recommend that, upon receiving these reports, Ohio Yearly Meeting appoint a committee to consider these recommendations, and report back to Ohio Yearly Meeting. We believe these revisions, if any, must be made with careful deliberation and maximum clarity, and not in haste.

Following the 11-15-2008 meeting of Representative Meeting, the 2008 minutes were placed on the Ohio Yearly Meeting website, excluding the directory section, which contains much personal information for every member. A former member raised objection, noting that the minutes contained reference to his release from membership and mentioned him by name. The Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach considered the matter in an exchange of e-mails, and was unable to reach unity on how to proceed. The minutes were removed from the website pending consideration by Representative Meeting. After careful consideration of the issue, Friends united in restoring the minutes to the website. Conrad Lindes, John Benson, and Phil Helms will work on getting this done.

A concern was raised regarding the section of the Book of Discipline regarding Oaths. The current language appears to state that any among us who take an oath in even an indirect way, such as signing tax statements "under penalty of perjury," is under the judgment of Christ. After careful consideration of the matter, Friends were not able to unite on any revision of the existing language at this time. We recommend that Ohio Yearly Meeting refer this matter to the same committee which will consider revisions of the Queries.

The Representative Meeting's Nominating Committee was reminded of the need to find clerks for the coming year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the reading of Matthew 28: 18-20 and a closing worship period. During closing worship, we were favored by a powerful, heartfelt prayer on behalf of Representative Meeting and Ohio Yearly Meeting, identifying us as "a needy people," and seeking guidance and wisdom. The next meeting will be held in Middleton Meetinghouse on 11-21-2009, if so permitted.

Philip W. Helms

Elvina M. Krekler, Clerks

## Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight

Clerk: Susan Smith; Assistant Clerk: Myrtle E. Bailey

### SALEM QUARTER

**Middleton:** Mildred E. Cooper (E), Verna H. Cope (O), Anthony J. Edgerton (O), Lois G. Edgerton (E), Nancy A. Hawkins (M), Rebecca J. Hawkins (E) Marie Kirk Hawkins (O), Huldah L. Stanley (O)  
**Salem:** Eunice M. Burkey (O), Mildred S. Henderson (O), Archie L. Newlin (M), Barbara M. Newlin (O), Kimberly A. Newlin (O), Robert W. Stratton (E), Winifred E. Stratton (M,E)  
**Winona:** Myrtle E. Bailey (M,O), Conrad Lindes (M,E), Dean A. Sidwell (O) Rose M. Sidwell (O)

### STILLWATER QUARTER

**Chesterfield:** Susan D. Bailey (O), James L. Creighton (E), Robert Rothwell (E) Richard D. Wetzel (E)  
**Chestnut Ridge:** Burton M. Doudna (M), Kathleen Kovalick (E)  
**Crossroads:** Phil Helms (E), Sharon Helms (O), John Laswell (O), Wendy Laswell (O)  
**Keystone:** Seth Hinshaw (M)  
**Rockingham:** Faye M. Chapman (O), John C. Smith (M), Susan S. Smith (E)  
**Short Creek:** D. Raye Hodgson (O), Sara L. Kirk (O), Elvina Krekler (O)  
**Stillwater:** John C. Benson (M,E), Martha M. Giffin (M), Richard A. Hall (M) Katharine Jacobsen (E), Diana Kaul (E), Anna S. Peacock (E), Victor G. Peacock (O), Louis F. Rockwell (O), Richard A. Simon (E), Francis I. Taber (O), Karen L. Walsh (O), Robert A. Wilber (M)

## Calendar of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends and its Subordinate Meetings

Ohio Yearly Meeting (opened 1813) is held in Stillwater Meetinghouse, near Barnesville, Ohio and commences with a meeting for Ministry and Oversight on the first Third-Day in Eighth Month at 10:00 a.m. Yearly Meeting in 2010 is scheduled to be held as follows:

Meetings for Worship followed by business: Third Day through Seventh Day, Eighth Month 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Meetings for worship only: Second Day, Eighth Month 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. and First Day, Eighth Month 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

### REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Meets the third Seventh Day in 11th Month at Middleton Meeting at 1:00 p.m.; the Third Seventh Day in 4th Month at Salem at 1:00 p.m.  
 Clerks: Philip W. Helms, 2485 Bogie Lake Rd., White Lake, MI 48386, Elvina M. Krekler, assistant.

### SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Held at Salem on the second Seventh-day in Second, Fifth, and Eleventh Months, and the last Seventh-day in Seventh Month, at 10:30 a.m.  
 Clerks: Myrtle E. Bailey, 4500 Whinnery Rd., Salem, OH 44460; Rose M. Sidwell, assistant.  
 Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, same day at 9 a.m.

### STILLWATER QUARTERLY MEETING

Alternating schedule for Stillwater Quarterly Meeting, which meets the first Seventh Day of Second, Fifth, Eighth, and Eleventh Months, is as follows, with M&O meeting at 9:30 a.m. and business meetings at 2:00 p.m., unless ready sooner.

Month	Even years (e.g.2010)	Odd years (e.g.2011)
11 <sup>th</sup> 2009		Keystone Fellowship
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stillwater	Stillwater
5 <sup>th</sup>	Short Creek	Crossroads
8 <sup>th</sup>	Keystone Fellowship	Rockingham
11 <sup>th</sup>	Chesterfield	Chestnut Ridge

Clerks: Martha S. Giffin, 1260 E. Main, Barnesville, OH 43713, Elvina M. Krekler, assistant.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

#### In Salem Quarter

**Middleton:** 7:30 p.m. on the Fourth-day preceding the third Seventh-day of each month.

Clerk: Lois G. Edgerton, Marlene Cooper, assistant

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: Fifth-day following the Monthly Meeting that precedes Quarterly Meeting, at 7:30 p.m..

**Salem-Upper Springfield:** First-day after the third Seventh-day of each month, after worship.

Clerk: Carey L. Newlin: Eunice M. Burkey, assistant.

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: 7 p.m. the Third-day preceding Monthly Meeting, in First, Fourth, Seventh & Tenth Months.

**Winona:** the second First-day of each month, following public worship.

Clerk: Rose M. Sidwell: Dean A. Sidwell, assistant.

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight held the third First-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth Months, following worship.

Meetings in the Salem Quarter plan to meet jointly on the fourth First-day of each month as follows:

At Middleton: Ninth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months

At Salem: Tenth, First, Fourth, and Seventh Months

At Winona: Eleventh, Second, Fifth, and Eighth Months

### **In Stillwater Quarter**

**Chesterfield:** The third First-day of each month following meeting for worship.

Clerk: James Creighton

**Chestnut Ridge:** The second Seventh-day at 7:00 p.m. at various homes. This may change, so if you wish to attend, please call.

Clerk: Burton M. Doudna (679-2245)

**Crossroads:** The second First-day of each month, following rise of meeting for worship.

Clerk: Phil Helms

**Keystone Fellowship:** Contact Clerk Steven J. Geyer (717-481-9788) for time and place

**Rockingham:** The first First-day of each month, at 1:00 p.m.

Clerk: Susan S. Smith

**Short Creek:** The second First-day of each month, following the 10:30 worship.

Clerk: Elvina M. Krekler

**Stillwater:** First-day following the third Seventh-day of each month, after worship.

Clerk: Thomas F. Rockwell; Leonard D. Guindon, assistant.

## **MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP**

### **First-day**

At Chestnut Ridge, Middleton, Rockingham, Salem, Stillwater, and Winona: 10:30 a.m.; at Crossroads: 11:00 a.m. on First-day; at Keystone Fellowship, usually on 7th Day or 1st Day (either in member's homes or in local meetinghouses). Contact Steven J. Geyer (717-481-9788) for time and place; at Short Creek, 10:30 a.m.; please call Sara Kirk, 740-546-3580 or Elvina Krekler, 740-546-3814 to make sure Meeting will be held that day if planning to visit; Seekers Haven, 3:00 p.m. on First-day of each week. See below for place.

**First-day School:** Stillwater, 9:30 a.m.; Crossroads, 11:15 a.m.;  
**Bible Study, First-day:** Chesterfield, 11:30 a.m.; Crossroads, 10:00 a.m.,  
 Middleton, 9:30 a.m.

### **Midweek Meetings for Worship**

Middleton, Fourth-day, 7:30 p.m.; Stillwater, Fourth-day, 6:30 p.m.

### **Locations of Meeting Places**

**Athens Christian Allowed Friends Meeting:** Clerk: Themistoklis J.

Papaioannou, P.O. Box 2112, Athens 11410, Greece. (under the care of Rockingham Meeting)

**Chesterfield:** Chesterhill, OH, on Rte 555 east from Rte. 377

**Chestnut Ridge:** From the center of Barnesville, OH, 1.9 miles south on Rte 800; turn left near top of hill, then ½ mile to meetinghouse (go right at 1st fork, left at 2<sup>nd</sup> fork).

**Crossroads:** 4108 Menton, Flint, MI 48507. For additional information, contact Phil and Sharon Helms, (248) 360-2074

**Keystone Fellowship:** Meetings for worship on 7th Day or 1st Day either in members' homes or in local meetinghouses. For information contact Steven J. Geyer (717) 481-9788.

**Middleton:** 44866 Crestview Rd., Columbiana, OH. 3 miles south of Rte. 14 on Rte. 7, west ¼ mile on Crestview Rd.

**Rockingham:** near Harrisonburg, VA. From I-81 take Rte. 33W through Hinton, go right on Rte 613 (Whitmore Shop Rd.) about 4 miles to the 'T'; turn left on Rte 763 (Hopkins Gap Rd.). First farm on right, #3876 on mailbox (Smith)

**Salem:** Sixth Street, east of North Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH

**Seekers Haven:** At the home of Conrad Lindes and Joan Kuczek, 13375 Old Pleasant Valley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 (440) 884-0338 (under the care of Winona Meeting)

**Short Creek:** ¼ mile north of Harrisville, OH, on Adena Rd.

**Stillwater:** From Barnesville, OH, 1 mile east on E. Main St., take right onto Shamrock Dr. opposite Save-A-Lot, turn in to Olney Friends School at top of hill.

**Winona:** 32114 Winona Rd., Winona, OH

## Yearly Meeting Committees

(Date indicates expiration of term, asterisk\* indicates convenor)

### ADULT LEADERS FOR JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING AND YOUNG FRIENDS

2010 Anna S. Peacock, Diane Herzog  
2011 Mary Alice Pino

### AGENDA COMMITTEE

ex officio: Seth Hinshaw, OYM Clerk  
2010 Arthur Berk, Susan S. Smith\*  
2011 Susan D. Bailey\*, Rebecca J. Hawkins  
2012 Faye M. Chapman, Philip W. Helms, Sharon Helms

### AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

(Serving until the end of the session in that year)

2009 John C. Smith, Robert Stratton  
2010 David Eley\*, Philip W. Helms

### BOOK AND CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE

2010 Nancy A. Hawkins, Seth B. Hinshaw, Elvina M. Krekler  
2011 Bernard Naylor  
2012 Eunice Burkey

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP

2010 Elvina M. Krekler, Loisanne B. Rockwell, Johanna Mae Rockwell  
2011 Martha Giffen, Janet Hammer  
2012 Penny Thomas

### COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE AND SUPPORT OUTREACH

2010 D. Raye Hodgson, Conrad Lindes, Arthur Berk, Mike Hatfield  
2011 Nancy A. Hawkins, Themis Papaioannou, David Male, John C. Smith\*  
2012 Scott King, Philip W. Helms, Susan D. Bailey, Kim Palmer

### FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES

ex officio: Walton Home Manager (Nirmal Kaul)  
2010 Carey E. Newlin, Dorothy J. Smith, Lewis G. Stratton  
2011 David Male, Robert Stratton  
2012 David Warrington\*, Dennis Rockwell

### FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

2010 Carl Smith, Richard A. Simon  
2011 Marie Kirk Hawkins, Frances I. Taber

### FRIENDS CENTER COMMITTEE

2010 Lois G. Edgerton, Richard A. Simon, Katharine Jacobsen  
2011 Eunice M. Burkey, John C. Smith, Susan S. Smith\*  
2012 John Benson, Frances I. Taber, Susan D. Bailey

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

2010 Verna H. Cope, M. Marie Bundy, Raymond W. Stanley  
2011 Gwen Giffen, Loisanne B. Rockwell  
2012 Seth B. Hinshaw, Denise Troy, Bernard Naylor

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

2010 Eunice M. Burkey, Sharon Helms  
2011 Kevin D. Roberts, Shawna Roberts  
2012 Mary Alice Pino, Winifred Stratton, Elvina Krekler

### MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

2010 Seth B. Hinshaw  
2011 Mike Kinch\*  
2012 Marie Bundy, Evelyn Groves, Bernard Naylor

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (named by Monthly Meetings)

2010 Myrtle E. Bailey, David Eley, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Rebecca J. Hawkins, Shawna Roberts, John C. Smith, Winifred E. Stratton, James Creighton  
2011 Conrad Lindes\*, Bernard Naylor, Sara Kirk, Mike Kinch, Sharon Helms, Sharon Helms  
Chestnut Ridge to be named

### PEACE AND HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2010 Lois G. Edgerton, Martha Giffen  
2011 Gwen Giffen  
2012 Richard Wetzell, Verna H. Cope, Mary Alice Pino

### PRINTING COMMITTEE

2010 Seth B. Hinshaw, Dorothy J. Smith  
2011 Deborah Taber, Conrad Lindes\*  
2012 Marie Kirk Hawkins, John Benson

**TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE**

2010 Clifford J. Guindon, Dennis Rockwell  
2011 Robert Rockwell  
2012 Robert Stratton, David Eley

**TRUSTEES OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY**

2010 Carl N. Smith, Raymond W. Stanley  
2011 Robert Rockwell  
2012 Kevin D. Roberts, Victor G. Peacock

**WIDER FELLOWSHIP OF CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS**

2010 Arthur Berk, Philip W. Helms, Mike Kinch, Elvina Krekler  
2011 Myrtle E. Bailey, John C. Smith, Nancy Hawkins\*, Raye Hodgson,

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

**CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS**

Appointed 1990 - Loisanne B. Rockwell  
Appointed 1997 - Clifford J. Guindon  
Appointed 2009 - Seth Hinshaw

**REPRESENTATIVE MEETING**

2010 Dean Sidwell, Elvina M. Krekler, James A. Warrington, Sr.,  
Kathleen Kovalick  
2011 Clifford J. Guindon, Mike Kinch, Conrad Lindes,  
Charles Thomas, Jr.  
2012 Myrtle E. Bailey, Verna H. Cope, James L. Creighton, Archie L.  
Newlin, Raymond W. Stanley  
2013 Richard Patterson, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Phil Helms\*, Kimberly  
Newlin, Rose M. Sidwell, Lewis G. Stratton  
2014 Faye M. Chapman, Lois Edgerton, Dennis Rockwell  
(Ex-officio: Clerk of OYM - Seth B. Hinshaw)

**TREASURER OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING**

2010 Dorothy J. Smith, Assistant Marie Bundy

**WALTON HOME BOARD**

2010 David Eley, Mary Ann Gallagher (Barnesville community), Victor  
G. Peacock, Sharon A. Helms\*, Wanda Stratton  
2011 Evelyn Groves, John Hanson, Dennis Rockwell,  
Richard A. Simon

**YEARLY MEETING RECORDER**

2010 Dorothy J. Smith, Assistant Conrad Lindes

**REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS COMMITTEE  
on NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

2010 Steven Geyer, Martha Giffen  
2011 Raye Hodgson

**REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE  
for CONSULTATION**

2010 Marie Kirk Hawkins, Shawna Roberts  
2011 Faye M. Chapman, Martha Giffen