

**Minutes
of
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of Friends**

**held at Barnesville, Ohio
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**AT OHIO YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,
HELD IN THE STILLWATER MEETING HOUSE
BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE 5TH THROUGH THE 10TH
INCLUSIVE OF EIGHTH MONTH, 2014**

At Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in the Stillwater Meeting House near Barnesville, Ohio, from Eighth Month 5th through 9th, inclusive, 2014.

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Thess. 5:15-23.

Quarterly Meeting Representatives to OYM

Reports were received and read from the three Quarterly Meetings, wherein it appears that the following named Friends were appointed as Representatives (of whom 13 are present):

Salem QM: Nancy A. Hawkins, Conrad Lindes, Philip W. and Sharon A. Helms

Stillwater QM: Earl Smith, Karen Walsh, James L. Creighton, Burton Doudna, Sara L. Kirk, Carl Smith, Bernie Naylor

Rockingham QM: Dave Casterline, David Eley, Sarah Parsons, Mike Kinch

The other named Friends plan to arrive in the coming days.

The following Friends were appointed to the Nominating Committee:

Salem QM: Rose M. Sidwell, Philip W. Helms

Stillwater QM: Evelyn Groves, James L. Creighton, Sara L. Kirk, Earl Smith, James Covert and Anna Creighton.

We welcome three visitors among us today: Henry Jason, Jim Eblin, and Lori Huffman.

Letter from Arthur Berk

The meeting heard a message drafted by two Friends who are unable to be among us this week: our elderly member Arthur Berk, an affiliate member of Rockingham Monthly Meeting, and John Edminster, member of 15th Street Monthly Meeting in New York City.

An Appeal to All People to Come to Christ

Our most earnest appeal to all people is to turn to Jesus Christ, who can be known inwardly, and ask His guidance. Do you find yourself doing things you hate doing, things that burden your conscience and make you wish you could be someone else? Jesus Christ can heal you of the spiritual disease that compels such behaviors. Do you wish you could feel truly worthy of other people's love and trust? Jesus Christ can make you so. Do you find yourself addicted to hurtful substances, relationships, or habitual thoughts and feelings that make you feel enslaved or victimized? Jesus Christ can make you free, as He has freed us and continues His work of freeing us. Do you want to know what work you were born to do in this world, and be fully empowered to do it? Jesus will show you, as no one else can.

The world is full of misguided, fearful and unhappy people, and you may be made into such a person as can bring light, healing, and happiness to them. Human civilization is full of unloving institutions whose ways are destructive, and which increase ignorance and suffering. You may be shown how to witness effectively against their deceits, under the leadership of the Master whose unforgettable witness against all deceits made Him the best-remembered figure in all human history: Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus told His followers, "I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). He remains with us today, as many can testify from personal experience.

In spite of what many professing Christians may tell you, to come to Christ does not require you to agree to any doctrines or notional beliefs about Christ before you meet Him, for He Himself can teach you who He is and what you ought to know about Him. It will be consistent with teachings found in the Bible, but He Himself will show you how to interpret them, and your own heart will bear witness when you've gotten a true understanding of the matter. Others who have come to Christ, the "sheep that recognize their Shepherd's voice" referred to in John 10:1-14, can confirm your understanding. It will become important to stay close to them. Ohio Yearly Meeting invites all people to join with them in worship, and to experience Christ, our Prophet and Shepherd, with them.

If you will accept Christ, He will make you one with Him, and with God, whom He called His Heavenly Father and yours. Oneness with Christ can be experienced, so that it need not be a mere matter of doctrine accepted on trust. To be maintained, it requires your continued assent: "Abide in me," said Jesus (John 15:4-6). Once you know yourself to be abiding in Him, all things are yours (1 Corinthians 3:21), nothing can separate you from the love of God (Romans 8:39), and you will know from experience, as we ourselves have learned, that all things work together for good to them that love God (Romans 8:28). But don't just take our word for it. Come and see.

- By Arthur Berk and John Edminster, 7/18/2014

Treasurer's Report
Dorothy Smith, Yearly Meeting treasurer, drafted the following report on our finances. We appreciate her detailed accounting and express our pleasure and comfort to know that our money has been shepherded well.

Ohio Yearly Meeting Treasurer's Report
Report of Receipts and Disbursements

	Budget for 2013-2014	Actual for 2013-2014	2014-2015 Budget Proposal
Income			
Monthly Meeting			
Donations		\$26,703.00	
Other Donations		\$1,150.00	
Insurance Dividend return		\$1,190.94	
Book Sales		\$21.00	
OYM History Books		\$529.35	
Stillwater Ins. reimbursement		<u>\$950.00</u>	
Total Income for year		\$30,544.29	
Expenses/Disbursements			
Walton Home	\$12,000	\$12,000.00	\$12,000
Friends Center	\$25	\$25.00	\$1,500
Christian Education Camp	\$1,500	\$1,500.00	\$1,500
OYM Travel Fund	\$500	\$500.00	\$2,000
Hominy Center	\$100	\$100.00	\$100
FCNL	\$500	\$500.00	\$500
FWCC	\$500	\$500.00	\$500
Outreach Committee	\$25	\$25.00	\$25
Books & Children's Literature	\$50	\$50.00	\$50
WFCF	\$500	\$500.00	\$25
Peace & Human Relations	\$200	\$200.00	\$100
Historical Committee	\$25	\$25.00	\$25
Junior Yearly Meeting	\$100	\$100.00	\$100
RSWR	\$500	\$500.00	\$500

Friends Disaster Service	\$500	\$500.00	\$500
Printing	\$3,000	\$1,715.79	\$2,000
Correspondent's Expenses	\$150	\$150.00	\$150
OYM Property Trustees	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$4,000
Copy Machine Supplies	\$200	\$200.00	\$200
Insurance	\$4,000	\$5,215.15	\$4,000
Water	\$200	\$226.25	\$250
Agenda Committee	\$500	\$500.00	\$1,000
Clerk's Expenses	\$200	\$200.00	\$200
Seth-printing history books		\$950.00	
TOTAL for year			\$31,225
Expenses/Disbursements	\$26,275	\$27,182.19	
Income over expense		\$3,362.10	
Balance carried over 2012-2013		\$12,821.08	*See notes below
Checking Balance 7/31/2014		\$16,183.18	

*Note #1: We recommend that the Historical Committee be authorized to obtain up to \$1,000 from the Hartley Fund for painting the Heritage Room when they need it.

*Note #2: We also recommend that the OYM Treasurer be authorized to obtain up to \$10,000 from the Sale of Property Fund for the brick work on the Meeting House when that work is done.

Audit and Budget Committee Named

As an Audit and Budget Committee to review the treasurer's books, recommend a Friend for treasurer for the coming year, and propose a budget for the next year, we appoint David Male and Mike Kinch. They will serve for two years. David Eley and Denise Troy continue on the committee from last year; their terms will expire at the end of this Yearly Meeting.

Property Trustees

The Yearly Meeting Property Trustees reported on their work during the past year. We are glad to hear about their project to repair the plaster in the Stillwater Meeting House and repaint the walls and windows. We thank the committee and laborers for the many hours they have put into these projects. The Meeting House looks great! The committee asks for \$4,000 to cover the outstanding balance for completed work and to begin

raising money for repointing the brick walls. A Friend pointed out that the Chester Hartley Fund can be used for maintenance costs as well.

Property Trustees Report

Members present: Richard Simon, Rich Sidwell, Carl Smith, Mary Alice Pino, Victor Peacock, and Robert Rockwell. Dorr Phelps from Guide One Insurance was also with us for awhile.

In November, 2013, the two south chimneys were taken down to the roof line and rebuilt. The roof slates were inspected and approximately 160 missing or visibly damaged ones were replaced by Durable Slate Co. Total cost: \$10,000.

The south meeting room was scraped and painted by Larry Giffen and his family; wife Janice and six offspring. A primer coat and top coat was applied to all the plaster walls, plus a second top coat on the west and most of the south wall. Total cost for Giffen labor and paint: \$6,044.39

Leonard Guindon painted all the windows, doors and most of the gray trim. His labor: \$600.

The total cost to be shared by Ohio Yearly Meeting and Stillwater Monthly Meeting: \$6,644.39

A volunteer group of high school young people from Virginia, organized by House of the Carpenter in Wheeling, painted the winter meeting room. We appreciated their efforts, but they were inexperienced and didn't have adequate scaffolding so the plaster surfaces were not properly prepared. The Giffens volunteered their time to re-scrape and repaint the plaster in the small room.

Stillwater had agreed to pay all the cost of the small room and half of the big room. That leaves a cost of \$3322.20 to Ohio Yearly Meeting. Since there is not quite enough in the maintenance account to cover this, Stillwater paid the entire bill with the expectation of being reimbursed when OYM's maintenance account is replenished.

The porch ceiling lights have been replaced with LED's. There are now three light fixtures instead of four and there is more light now. The lights were donated and installed by Dennis Rockwell. Brick work was discussed. Rich Sidwell had names of companies who do this kind of work. We will get some estimates and then decide how to proceed. We are sure it will be a large dollar activity.

We want to cover the ladies' rest room walls with paneling like what was used in the lounge area and maybe some new floor covering.

The current maintenance account balance is \$1,858.11 after paying Leonard Guindon's bill of \$600.

We are asking for \$4,000 at this time.

For the committee,
Robert Rockwell

Financial Report of
Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Balance on hand	8/6/2013	\$ 1,458.11
Deposits	09/09/2013	\$10,000.00
	09/11/2013	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
		\$12,458.11

Durable Slate	9/11/2013	\$ 3,000.00
Durable Slate	11/5/2013	\$ 7,000.00
Leonard Guindon	8/4/2014	<u>\$ 600.00</u>

Remaining balance	8/4/2014	\$1,858.11
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Victor

Peacock

Representative Meeting

Phil Helms wrote a summary of the business conducted by the Representative Meeting. His summary appears below, and the minutes of the Representative Meeting will be published in the Yearly Meeting minute book at the end of the Yearly Meeting minutes. We are glad that the Michael Hatfield manuscript has been revised and printed.

Representative Meeting Report

Representative Meeting held regularly scheduled sessions on 11/16/2013 at Stillwater (in conjunction with a called meeting of OYM the same day) and on 4/19/2014 at Salem.

Because the 11/16/2013 meeting immediately followed the called meeting of OYM, there was only a modest amount of business, dealing with the composition of Representative Meeting, and with the preference for earlier availability of minute books and lists of committees in the future. It was proposed that the Book of Discipline be amended from "one to three members from each monthly meeting" to read "one to five members from each monthly meeting." It was requested that any plan for reducing the number of Representative Meeting members be deferred until OYM 2014 considered this proposal.

The 4/19/2014 meeting again considered the makeup of Representative Meeting and found that the listing in the minute book did not correspond with our own sense of the membership of Representative Meeting. Friends united in according new three-year terms to Phil Helms, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Sharon Helms, and Kim Newlin, and in recognizing

the unexpired terms of Elvina Krekler and Mary Alice Pino (both through 2015). Phil Helms was accorded a new term as clerk.

Representative Meeting approved a request by the Walton Home to use the Walton Home properties as collateral in financing their current expansion plans.

The Special Committee to edit *Traditional Quaker Christianity* by Michael Hatfield reported. Representative Meeting approved publication of the work through a "publish on demand" company, and authorized an expenditure not to exceed \$1,200. Monthly Meetings and individual Friends are encouraged to provide financial support for the project.

Representative Meeting approved the policy, "Regarding Sex Offenders," as proposed by the special committee appointed in 2013 to that purpose. Friends united in adding, "Friends continue to feel deep concern regarding this subject and urge Ohio Yearly Meeting to refer the policy to Ohio Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight for further refinement."

Respectfully submitted, Philip W. Helms, Clerk

The Meeting considered the proposed revision of the Discipline regarding appointments to the Representative Meeting. We were reminded that members of the Representative Meeting "represent" the Yearly Meeting when it is not in session, rather than representing individual meetings. We approve the Representative Meeting's recommended change to the Discipline.

The Meeting then considered the proposed guidelines or policy regarding sexual predators. Some members of Stillwater Monthly Meeting had concerns regarding the policy approved by the Representative Meeting, and that Monthly Meeting approved the following alternate proposal:

"Participation at Ohio Yearly Meeting Events
(Guidelines for participation by persons with serious criminal convictions and for sexual abuse prevention.)

We believe that God values and cherishes every soul, and that Christ's redeeming sacrifice is full and sufficient for the redemption of every person who sincerely seeks forgiveness and healing, without regard for the magnitude of his/her former sins.

However, we also recognize a moral obligation to assure that Ohio Yearly Meeting is a safe and nurturing place in a world which is not always safe and nurturing. The presence of persons convicted of serious crimes of violence, drug abuse or sexual abuse can present a potential threat, particularly to children and youth.

Friends may quite properly be led to reach out to such individuals in other situations, encouraging repentance and reform, but such outreach should never place tender Friends at risk or present temptations to the offender.

To prevent opportunities for abuse or harm:

- All persons working with children and youth should have background checks;

- Always have at least two adults working with children and youth

- No child or youth should ever be alone with fewer than two adults, except for an approved counseling situation.

- Children should be encouraged to talk to an adult about any situation or incident that makes them uncomfortable.

- It is important that we teach children and those who feel vulnerable how to be aware and safe. Those who work with children at Yearly Meeting sessions should develop an educational program for use at Yearly Meeting. We would encourage the Monthly Meetings to do the same.

Those who are known to be sexual predators do not have a place in meetings where children and those who feel vulnerable are present.

When a person has been found to have a serious criminal record, or if there appears to be serious reason for concern about an individual, M&O will determine how much, if any, involvement the person can have in Meeting activities. Investigation should include finding out the exact charge and conviction. Discussion with the parole or probation officer can provide helpful information. Monthly Meetings of OYM are encouraged to use these suggestions to safeguard and protect those attending.

We believe that through prayer all those involved including members of M&O can be given the needed discernment in these situations. Each member of our body has an obligation to remain prayerfully open to such leadings that the Lord may vouchsafe them for the protection and nurture of His children.”

During the discernment, we noted the importance of being aware of legal issues that might materialize from the adoption of a policy. We appreciate the work that was invested in producing both the Representative Meeting and Stillwater Monthly Meeting proposals.

An important part of our deliberation was the concern that our youth be able to discuss any inappropriate behavior and that we make a point of instructing them that the love of Christ Jesus towards them remains a source of healing and strength. Each of us has a responsibility to be vigilant for the protection of our children. We need to be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves.

At this time we ask the Yearly Meeting for Ministry & Oversight to consider the proposals and to bring a policy next year for approval. Until next Yearly Meeting, the policy approved by the Representative Meeting will be in effect.

The meeting now approves the minutes of the Representative Meeting for the past year.

We adjourn until 10:00 tomorrow morning.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Fourth Day morning session.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. – John 15:1-5.

We welcome Samantha Smith from Pendle Hill and Nancy Craft from Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Document Committee

The Document Committee reported on its work. We thank them for their labors reading all the incoming epistles and selecting suitable ones to be read during our sessions. We also approve the recommended Epistle Committee.

Document Committee Report

The Document Committee met on Second Day, Eighth Month 4 with Dorothy Guindon, Mike Kinch, Phil Helms, and Bob Wilber present. The Epistles received from other yearly meetings are available in the Olney library for review. In addition, the epistle received from Arthur Berk and John Edminster is also available there.

The Committee recommends that we read the Epistles from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) and Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) and from the Epistles from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, Ireland Yearly Meeting, and Monteverde Monthly Meeting as way opens.

The Document Committee recommends Kim Palmer, Henry Jason, Sarah Parsons, and Diane Reynolds to serve as the Epistle Committee for 2014.

Submitted for the Committee, Bob Wilber, Clerk

Membership

Conrad Lindes compiled the annual membership report. He and the Monthly Meeting recorders are among the many Friends who perform their duties behind the scenes that we often don't notice, but their roles are nevertheless important to the life of our meetings. Conrad reported that a training session for recorders is scheduled for this afternoon. We approve the report and appreciate the work of Conrad and all the recorders.

Membership Report

Total membership as of 7/1/2013	521
Gains: Births or adoptions	0
Certificates received	0
Requests	3
Total gains	3
Losses: Deaths	4
Certificates received	0
Membership discontinues	6
recording errors	9
Total Losses	19
Net loss for year	16
Total Membership as of 7/1/2014	505
Affiliate members	54
Affiliate Associate members	11
Associate Members	38
Sojourning members	1
Waiting members	11
Membership Summary including associate members	
Membership under 5 years	1
Membership 5to18 years	24
Membership 18 and older	480
Total	505
Resident Status of Members	
Resident members	143
Non-resident members*	362

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

School Report (members attending schools)

Attending pre-school	1
Attending Olney Friends School	2
Attending public schools	16
Attending private schools	3
Attending home school	0
Attending college	16
Total	38

Weddings

Number of weddings under the care of a Monthly Meeting	0
Number of members married under the care of Friends	0
Number of members married not under the care of Friends	5
Total members married this year	5

Names of those married and dates of the marriages

Sara Esther Kirk to Joshua Harris	6/7/2014
Joseph Lawrence Osborn to Courtney Darlene Boyce	8/10/2013
Phoebe Caroline McClelland to Eric Alan Myers	5/10/2014
Cynthia May Osborn to Mark Allen Henry	5/31/2014
Reuben Rockwell to Jessalyn Smith	1/11/2014

Names of ministers recorded this year – NONE

Names of elders appointed this year

Frances I. Taber	Stillwater
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Names of overseers appointed this year

Barbara M. Newlin	Salem-Upper Springfield
Eunice M. Burkey	Salem-Upper Springfield
Diane Reynolds	Stillwater

Members received by birth, certificate, or request:

5/18/2014	Paul Taylor Trussel	Chattahoochee	request
10/16/2013	Justin Meggitt	Rockingham	request
12/1/2013	Rachel Smith	Rockingham	request
12/1/2013	Samantha Smith	Rockingham	request

Members lost by death, certificate or request:

10/26/2013	Kye Parsons	Keystone	request
10/26/2013	Evangeline Parsons	Keystone	request
10/26/2013	Kirsten Parsons	Keystone	request
10/26/2013	Kayley Parsons	Keystone	request
10/24/2013	Ralph Hill	Rockingham	death
10/6/2013	Faye Chapman	Rockingham	request

10/6/2013	Jani Kurki	Rockingham	request
4/19/2014	Raymond W. Stanley	Middleton	death
2/5/2013	Virginia Peacock	Chestnut Ridge	death
11/4/2013	Elizabeth Ann Day	Stillwater	death
*8/5/2012	Chester A. Hartley	Stillwater	death

*not recorded in 2012 report

Names of overseers:

Chattahoochee	James McClelland Covert
Keystone	Penny Thomas
Keystone	Seth Hinshaw
Crossroads	Sharon A. Helms
Middleton	Anthony Edgerton
Middleton	Verna Cope
Middleton	Marie Hawkins
Salem-Upper Springfield	Barbara M. Newlin
Salem-Upper Springfield	Eunice M. Burkey
Salem-Upper Springfield	Mildred S. Henderson
Salem-Upper Springfield	Kimberly A. Newlin
Winona	Rose Sidwell
Winona	Dean Sidwell
Winona	Myrtle Bailey
Short Creek	Sara L. Kirk
Short Creek	D. Raye Hodgson
Short Creek	Elvina M. Krekler
Stillwater	Victor G. Peacock
Stillwater	Marie Bundy
Stillwater	Karen L. Walsh
Stillwater	Diane Reynolds

Names of Elders:

Chattahoochee	Sarah Parsons
Keystone	David Eley
Keystone	Penny Thomas
Keystone	Michael Kinch
Rockingham	Susan Smith
Crossroads	Philip W. Helms
Middleton	Lois Edgerton
Middleton	Rebecca Hawkins
Middleton	Mary Alice Pino

Salem-Upper Springfield	Robert W. Stratton
Salem-Upper Springfield	Winifred E. Stratton
Winona	Conrad Lindes
Short Creek	Sara L. Kirk
Short Creek	D. Raye Hodgson
Short Creek	Elvina M. Krekler
Stillwater	Victor G. Peacock
Stillwater	Marie Bundy
Stillwater	Karen L. Walsh
Stillwater	Diane Reynolds

Names of Ministers:

Chattahoochee	Sarah Parsons
Keystone	Seth Hinshaw
Keystone	Charles Thomas, Jr.
Keystone	Terry Wallace
Keystone	David Eley
Rockingham	John C. Smith
Middleton	Nancy A. Hawkins
Salem-Upper Springfield	Winifred E. Stratton
Winona	Myrtle Bailey
Winona	Conrad Lindes
Chestnut Ridge	Burton Doudna
Stillwater	Martha M. Giffen
Stillwater	Robert Wilbur
Stillwater	John C. Benson

Monthly Meeting Clerks:

Chattahoochee	Anna Creighton
Keystone	Eileen Kinch
Rockingham	Susan Smith
Crossroads	Philip W. Helms
Middleton	Marlene Cooper
Middleton	Lois Edgerton
Salem-Upper Springfield	Carey L. Newlin
Salem-Upper Springfield	Eunice M. Burkey
Winona	Rose Sidwell
Winona	Dean Sidwell
Chesterfield	James L. Creighton
Chestnut Ridge	Burton Doudna

Chestnut Ridge	Carolyn McGinnis
Short Creek	Elvina M. Krekler
Stillwater	Thomas F. Rockwell
Stillwater	Leonard D. Guindon

Recorders:

Chattahoochee	Sarah Parsons
Keystone	Michael Kinch
Rockingham	None
Crossroads	Sharon A. Helms
Middleton	Verna Cope
Salem-Upper Springfield	Elma S. Dixson
Winona	Conrad Lindes
Chesterfield	James L. Creighton
Chestnut Ridge	Evelyn M. Groves
Short Creek	Elvina M. Krekler
Stillwater	Shawna Roberts
Stillwater	Deborah H. Taber
Stillwater	Roseanna K. Rockwell
Stillwater	Marie Bundy

Peace Committee, FCNL, and FWCC Report

Our committee met one time this year with Verna Cope, Mary Alice Pino, Earl Smith-FCNL representative, and Henry Jason, visitor, in attendance.

We considered giving donations to Quaker United Nations Office, FCNL and Quaker House. These have been of particular interest to our members. We are looking into Quaker Earth Care Witness of Vermont which was formed by members of various Yearly Meetings.

We continue our concern about gun violence. Due to the increase in gun ownership, shootings seem more prevalent. Such gun violence seems to breed a retaliation mind-set. Verna Cope volunteered to contact AFSC to see what fliers they may have for children which address violence in our communities and among peers. Earl Smith related that New York Yearly Meeting started “Alternatives to Violence Project” 30 years ago. This started out as part of a prison ministry, but it may have some focus on youth. We plan to contact them also.

Earl Smith attended FCNL Annual Conference in Washington D.C. Last fall and reported on 4 points of concern:

1. There is growing concern over the Gaza and Israeli conflict. FCNL feels that the U.S. Diplomacy is increasingly important to solving this problem, even with the number of failed ceasefires, the inability to find

common ground, and the failure with Egypt's assistance with negotiations.

2. Another major concern centers over the Central African Republic and they are monitoring the violence there.

3. There is ongoing concern to reduce the military budget.

4. There is needed increase in budget allocated for the Native American Health & Social programs. This assessment is continued by Friends and the Mennonite Central Committee.

Rebecca Hawkins reported about the FWCC Section of the Americas conference, "Let the Living Waters Flow." Four regional annual meetings were located at Bolivia, El Salvador, Sacramento, CA, and High Point, NC. These gatherings occurred at different times so that any can attend without interference from the other conferences.

The conference at Sacramento, CA offered various face-to-face discussion groups to help improve communications between the Spanish-speaking Friends with the English-speaking Friends. Some of the discussion groups were: resolving conflicts within the meeting, service in the community, and cultural challenges when traveling.

There also is an FWCC Youth Pilgrimage currently happening in Bolivia and Peru "Cradles of Andean Quakerism."

Our treasury currently has a balance of \$459.89.

On behalf of the committee: Mary Alice Pino

Historical Committee Report

The Historical Committee has as its main concern the care and upkeep of the small museum called the Heritage Rooms in the northeast corner of the meetinghouse. The large display table still features a timeline of Quaker settlement in this part of Ohio and of events in Stillwater Meeting history.

We have made a change in the other room. We have added a framed copy of the wedding certificate of William and Edith Wiles Stanley dated 1897. There is also a picture taken in 1929 of the couple, their seven children, two spouses and three grandchildren. These were found by the children of the youngest child Raymond Stanley, who had been an active member of the Historical Committee, after his recent death and donated to the Heritage Room by local resident Wilbur Stanley, one of the grandchildren in the picture.

We encourage visitors to sign the guest book when visiting the Heritage Rooms. Members of the Historical Committee will be glad to open the Heritage Room door before or after business sessions. There are displays on the tables on the north side of the Meetinghouse that can be seen at any time the Meetinghouse is open. We appreciate the effort local

meetings put into making individual exhibits for our bicentennial year. Meetings are welcome to take their display boards home if they wish.

Some of the items for sale in the Heritage Rooms are now at reduced prices. We are happy to again have copies of the Historic Atlas of Ohio Yearly Meeting which is an illustrated documentation of the history of the Ohio Quakers from their earliest meetings to their bicentennial in 2013 written by Seth Hinshaw. It contains colorful maps and pictures, maybe of your ancestors, and possibly of you yourself. They can be sent by mail for \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling if you neglect to get one while you are here. Contact a member of the Historical Committee.

Committee members are aware of a need for painting the Heritage Rooms and are wondering how best to accomplish this. The attached Treasurer's report indicates that we have some money available to do this. We appreciate the assistance of committee members and others.

Louisanne Rockwell, Denise Troy, Theodora Johnson, Seth Hinshaw, Gwen Giffen, Mary Alice Pino, Earl Smith, Marie Bundy, Verna Cope, Bernie Naylor, Deborah Tabor

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand 7/31/2013	\$676.07
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Income:

OYM Allotment	\$ 25.00
Interest	\$.32
Heritage Room Sales	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
Total Income	\$105.32

Expenses:

Heritage Room Utilities	\$150.00
Copies "Presence in the Midst" for sale	<u>\$ 10.19</u>
Total Expenses	\$160.19

Loss on the year	\$ 54.87
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Balance on hand 7/31/2014	\$621.20
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At the Fourth Day afternoon session of Ohio Yearly Meeting, held Eighth Month 6, 2014, at Stillwater Meetinghouse near Barnesville, Ohio, continued by adjournment from this morning's 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 man, but in the power of God. 1 Cor. 2: 1-5

The clerk being unable to be present this afternoon, the meeting is willing for Susan Smith to serve as clerk for this session.

General Queries

1st Query We have considered the First Query, have heard answers to it from our three quarterly meetings, and have approved the following summary answer:

Our meetings gather punctually with our faithful resident members. Some members travel an hour to attend while other members do not attend regularly for a variety of reasons. Meetings report a sense of the Presence during their waiting spiritual worship of meditation and communion with God. We are admonished to prepare to know for ourselves what we gain in our practice of waiting worship so that we can share it with others. One meeting expressed a concern about whether their children are learning to experience deeper levels of worship, as well as how to encourage their young people to be more attentive. Meetings maintain a waiting spiritual worship and free gospel ministry, although some experience little vocal ministry. Friends continue to struggle with discernment of whether a particular leading was provided by the Holy Spirit for the meeting as a whole or just for the individual. Most meetings have welcomed, and been encouraged by having, visitors this past year. Meetings follow up with visitors in a variety of ways – through telephone, mail, and e-mail contacts list. Several Friends have come into contact with people who are eager to hear about our form of worship. Some Friends hesitate to invite others to worship with us if they attend religious services elsewhere. We feel we could do much more to reach out and encourage others to share this fellowship with us.

Walton Home Report

We have turned to a report from The Walton Home Corporation, including a letter to this yearly meeting from Sharon Helms, president of the corporation, and a report from Jamie Helmick, executive director of the Walton Retirement Home. Prior to the reading of that report, Sharon introduced Jamie and the Walton Board members to us. We appreciate their service in Christ's name on behalf of the Walton Home. We note, on this the 70th anniversary of the Walton, that in a recent Ohio survey of assisted living facilities, the Walton scored very high in resident satisfaction. Those of us in touch with Walton residents are pleased with the survey results but not surprised. The residents love to be visited and

to share their stories. OYM members who cannot visit are invited to keep the residents, staff, and board of the Walton in their prayers.

One OYM member who is a resident at the Walton testified to us that the Walton staff are exceedingly helpful to residents, making the place seem like a real home and not just an institution. Jamie added that the Walton's personal outreach to residents and their families often surprises those newly acquainted with it, who find there a genuine spiritual concern for everyone. Another OYM member testified that some years ago he and his wife were clearly led to substitute for the Walton director at that time to give him a needed break for one month. Those members remain certain that it was the Lord who directed them to that service. They continue to care about the Walton and its residents, as well as to acknowledge God's continuing hand at the Walton.

In response to a question, Sharon clarified that the Walton Home is completely owned by Ohio Yearly Meeting, and all OYM members are members of the Walton Home Corporation. The Walton currently has no debt, but if it undertakes debt to finance its proposed expansion plan, the debt will be structured so that the Walton's buildings and equipment will be collateral for that debt. No debt obligations will extend to OYM's assets beyond those assets of the Walton Home itself.

Jamie reported that there is a documented present and future need for expansion. Walton Home now has a significant waiting list: three people are waiting for rooms in assisted living, and five people are on a waiting list for independent living units. The Walton will seek financing from one or more local banks, and a number of OYM monthly meetings have already pledged and given money for that project. Some members have suggested today that the yearly meeting should give more of its assets to the expansion project and/or make a larger allocation to the Walton this year to help defray some of this year's deficit. Jamie explained that much of this year's deficit of approximately \$21,500 can be traced to the reluctance of the family of one resident to pay their Walton bill, and that Jamie has been working on it.

One Friend asked how the Walton is a religious ministry of OYM. It was replied that two or three OYM members offer a weekly Bible study for residents and one member serves in a rotation of community religious leaders for the regular First Day worship. We were assured with examples that the name of Jesus Christ is consistently and explicitly upheld to residents.

We thank Jamie, Sharon, and the members of the Walton Board for their considerable service at the Walton.

Walton Retirement Home Annual Report

*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting. – Psalms 139:23-24*

My Dear Friends,

As our days slip swiftly by, we look deep in our hearts and give thanks to our Great Creator for His provision and direction. Walton sends its warmest regards to you as we reflect upon the passing year and the blessings we have received from our Lord's most generous hand.

Resident life has seen a few new faces this year as we welcome newcomers. It is a privilege to meet new people and have them share their life experiences. Saying goodbye to loved ones is never easy, but we find comfort in providing a warm and welcoming environment for them until they are no longer with us. The great King Solomon, in Ecclesiastes 9:30 reminds us: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going." May we all spend well our days while we have the privilege.

We are grateful to report that as we celebrate our 70th year, we now have a waiting list for both Assisted and Independent Living residents. While this gives us a genuine sorrow for not having an immediate solution to someone's needs, it means that more people are hearing of Walton and the care we provide.

Walton continues to build upon our foundation of excellent care. We received very high marks on our most recent State Resident Satisfaction Survey. This survey is very significant in that it gives voice to those being served. With no facility involvement, residents are free to speak candidly about the care they receive. We have continued to increase our score through the last three survey periods which covers a span of six years. Our most recent score of 96.6% was not only higher than the state average, but the highest score received in a 4-county radius. We were quick to share these results with our staff as this is the greatest form of feedback for the care they provide. We are so profoundly grateful for their tireless and self-sacrificing efforts put forth daily. On their shoulders rests the greatest portion of our legacy of caring.

The various committees of the Walton Board have seen a great deal of progress this year. Long Range Planning, Finance, and Fund Raising committees meet the most regularly. A sincere note of gratitude is given to the members of these committees for their time, prayer, concern, interest, and efforts. Walton is continually improving on many levels and often as the direct result of these efforts. The Walton Board as a whole

has been committed to this culture of continuous improvement and works very well together.

The South Wing Expansion project is progressing carefully. This past year has been spent in project refinement and fund raising planning and development. We are currently anticipating offer letters from two different banks to arrive within the next 30 to 60 days for project financing. More details concerning the progress of the project will be shared at our corporation meeting.

We close the year financially, with a deficit of \$21,498.00. Past due rents in the amount of \$16,704.00 and low occupancy during this past winter account for this deficit.

Walton wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Dave Warrington and to the Fiduciary Trustees of the OYM for their wise management of our investments.

Introducing technology advancements to Walton has shown very positive results. "Roam Alert" technology from Stanley Health Care Solutions has been installed and helps ensure resident safety when their health or mental conditions make them susceptible to confusion and wandering from the facility. Records management software is being implemented as we speak, helping us manage residents' health information and facility conditions more accurately and efficiently. This will provide a better platform for communication overall. A web-based compliance training platform for employees is also being introduced this year. Empowering our staff with these types of tools will encourage an even greater level of care.

So many uplifting and fruitful things happen regularly at Walton. I offer all a personal note of encouragement to support us in any way you feel led and to share in this great joy of cherishing people.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie A. Helmick
Executive Director, Walton Retirement Home

Current breakdown of funds deposited with the OYM Fiduciary Trustees

Endowment Fund (restricted)

Willis & Hortense Hall bequest	\$16,000
An old bequest	5,000
Clarice Betsch (1995)	3,000
Esther Roller (1995)	425
Louise Fowler (1995)	236,251
James & Bertha Cooper	10,000

Howard Stratton Memorial Fund	8,425
Clarence Perisho Memorial Fund	36,000
Dr. James Portman Memorial Fund	4,250
Elmer C. Hartley Memorial Fund	3,000
Edward & Mary Hayworth Memorial Fund	414,938
Mary Taber Memorial Fund	4,486
Ann A. Burns Memorial Fund	66,789
 Total	 \$808, 564

General Funds (Unrestricted)

Dr. James Portman Building Funds	\$42,100
General Fund	3,719

Total WRH funds currently invested with Fiduciary Trustees of OYM:
\$854,897

Walton Home Board President's Letter

Dear Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting,
Eighth Month, 2014

“ Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.” Psalm 89:15,16

It is a joy and a blessing to be able to tell you of the marvelous progress made by the Walton Retirement Home Board. Many of the board have been working on defining the very heart of Walton Home to be able to share the message with those near and far. This message is needed to make the work of building the South Wing Project possible. Fundraising continues to be challenging but fruitful.

It is a delight to know that while attention to the myriad of details needed to begin construction are being handled, our very hardworking staff has been keeping the work of this OYM mission in good order.

We, of the board, are grateful to have the experience of seeing many years of thoughtful hard work and preparation, come to fruition within the next several months. This hard work has come from the previous administration and board members, as well as those currently at the helm.

We thank you for the privilege and honor of being Walton Retirement Home board members. This prestigious position has taken on a new meaning for me personally as I have watched the board, administration, very skilful community volunteers and staff, work

together to make all of this possible. Please consider joining us in any way you may be led and be part of the JOY that is Walton Home!

In His glorious Love,
Sharon Helms,
President, Walton Retirement Home Board

We have heard the following epistle from Ireland Yearly Meeting:

Ireland Yearly Meeting Epistle 2014

Our theme was “Faith in Action – Living Our Lives According to Our Spiritual Experience,” taking up the idea expressed in James 2:26, “For as the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” This became the overarching theme for our sessions, which included presentations and reports demonstrating how Friends have put their faith into action. Examples include support and care for the elderly in Ireland North and South, the Alternatives to Violence Programme, work by Quaker Youth Service with young people in Ulster, and Irish Quaker Faith in Action’s support of projects such as the Palestine Trauma Centre, the Mutoto Education Centre in Uganda and therapy for war victims in Bosnia.

We now adjourn, purposing to meet again tomorrow afternoon at two o’clock, if so permitted.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Fifth Day afternoon session

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. – 1 Peter 5:1-5.

We welcome Paula Deming and Sheryl Hennen from Waysmeet Worship Group in Columbus, Ohio.

Fiduciary Trustees

David Warrington produced the following annual report of the Fiduciary Trustees. We appreciate the careful investment of the various funds,

which resulted in a return of 4% over the past year. David reported that about 68% of the investments are with the Friends Fiduciary Corporation, with about 28% in mutual funds with Wells Fargo.

We appreciate the report and appreciate the many years of service by Bob Stratton as a Fiduciary Trustee. We are glad to have reliable people serving on our behalf.

Fiduciary Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting Report

For the year ending 6-30-2014 the Fiduciary Trustees have managed the following trust funds:

Education Funds	\$ 537,581
Walton Retirement Home	\$ 853,826
Ohio Yearly Meeting	\$ 145,639
Monthly Meetings	\$ 409,189
Reserve Fund	\$ 284,348
Total Assets	\$2,230,583

Our income and expenses for the 2013-2014 fiscal year were:

Total Income	\$ 103,287
Operating Expenses	\$ (8,395)
Net Income	\$ 94,892
Distribution of Earnings:	
Return to Trust Funds	\$ 81,508
Added to Reserve Fund	\$ 13,384
Same as Net Income	\$ 94,892

We are thankful to be able to pay 4.0% return on the trust funds in our care for the fiscal year ending Sixth Month 30, 2014.

We currently have one (1) home loan outstanding with Ohio Yearly Meeting members.

As directed by the Committee on Financing Educational Concerns, the Fiduciary Trustees distributed \$2,700 during the past year to the families of three (3) Ohio Yearly Meeting children attending private secondary schools; two (2) were attending private schools and one (1) attended Olney. Also as directed, \$8,194 was sent to Olney Friends

School from the income of the Education Trust Funds we hold in support of scholarships, a Christian Quaker presence at Olney, the library, repairs and improvements, and athletics.

The fund containing the proceeds of the sale of the Main Campus to Olney Friends School in 2004 is currently valued at \$118,387. As requested by the Audit and Budget Committee in the 2013-2014 budget, the Fiduciary Trustees transferred \$10,000 from this fund to the Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting Property for anticipated repairs to Stillwater Meeting House. We will continue to hold the balance of these funds and allow them to accrue interest until we receive instruction from the Yearly Meeting to take other action.

The Fiduciary Trustees continue to work with the staff of Olney Friends School as they identify repairs and improvements needed by the farm property that is leased from Ohio Yearly Meeting. The emphasis of the repair and improvement projects has been to sustain the structures, to support the student academic programs, and to help provide food for the school. The roof of the Taber Farmhouse was replaced, some fencing is being replaced, and many repairs have been made at the Towe Barn. We continue to work with the proceeds of the insurance claim from the 2012 tornado damage to the Taber Barn. Approximately 60% of those proceeds have been spent.

We have continued our conversation with the Olney Head of School and Business Manager about their 2012 proposal that Ohio Yearly Meeting consider transferring ownership of the leased farmlands to the school. This proposal arose from a desire to simplify some of the complexity in making decisions about the maintenance and use of the structures on the leased farmlands and it was hoped that a transfer of ownership could release Ohio Yearly Meeting from the ultimate responsibility for the care of the land and structures. While the Fiduciary Trustees have reported on our frustration and difficulty in finding a satisfying manner to gather the thoughts, concerns, and suggestions of Yearly Meeting members on this matter, we also have a sense that it would be very difficult for the Yearly Meeting to reach consensus on a transfer of ownership at this time.

With the plan for the Olney Head of School, Charlie Szumilas, to retire at the end of the school year and the Fiduciaries current sense that a decision on this matter by Ohio Yearly Meeting is not likely in the near future, we intend to set this proposal aside until way opens to take it up again. We will continue to work faithfully with Olney to oversee the land, its use, and the buildings in a manner that serves the school, the Yearly Meeting, and the Lord who has given us this responsibility.

The Fiduciary Trustees continue to receive unsolicited offers from a variety of companies to lease the oil and gas rights of the property under the care of Ohio Yearly Meeting. With the minute of the Eleventh Month

16th, 2013 called meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting that: "...it was clear that Ohio Yearly Meeting is not ready at this time to sign such a lease for the lands under our stewardship.", the Fiduciary Trustees continue to inform solicitors that we are not authorized to enter into any leases at this time.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Bob Stratton for his many years of thoughtful, faithful, and prayerful service as a member of the Fiduciary Trustee committee. Bob has decided to step aside after 17 years of service. He has always been the positive, concerned, reliable member and Friend so many of us have known him to be over his many, many years of service to the Yearly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Fiduciary Trustees,

David E. Warrington

President

Fiduciary Trustees of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Committee for Financing Educational Concerns

The Committee for Financing Educational Concerns reported on its work during the past year. Bev Shull explained that the criteria for being eligible are being a member of high school age attending a private school. We approve their report with thankfulness for their stewardship of the funds.

Financing Education Concerns Committee Report

Eighth Month 2014

Members of the Financing Educational Concerns Committee met to consider the distribution of funds this year.

The funds are intended for high school age members of the yearly meeting who are attending private school or who are home schooled. This year, we are aware of four members of high school age attending private schools, including two at Olney Friends School.

Our recommendation about the amount to be distributed takes into account information and advice from the Fiduciary Trustees about earnings in the past year as well as the number of members likely to be eligible in the near future. There was again an improvement in the trust fund's net income over the previous year. We are united in recommending that each of these students be supported by a grant of \$1,000.00.

As has been our practice most years, the net income from the Scholarships for OYM Children Trust Fund has been reduced by the Inflation Accumulation rate set by the Fiduciary Trustees. We are

thankful that the income this year gives us the ability to provide scholarship monies to families as well as to maintain the value of the trust fund.

We ask that meetings with members who meet the criteria for OYM scholarship funds make the committee aware of their names.

The Committee,

Beverly Kirk Shull
Rebecca Hawkins
Carl Smith
Marie Kirk Hawkins

Travel Fund

The Travel Fund Committee reported on the use of its fund. Their concern regarding guidelines for reimbursing members when travelling under Yearly Meeting appointment appears to be particularly relevant. Some Friends mentioned that in order to share the Gospel among Friends, assistance for travel in the ministry is another use of these funds. A Friend noted that in such cases Meetings should take care to appoint members to a small committee to care for the travel concern. We ask the Travel Fund Committee to consult with appropriate Friends to draft a policy for disbursement of funds. We are very satisfied with the work of the committee and accept the report.

Travel Fund Committee Report

Dear Friends,

This past year has seen three OYM members reimbursed, at some level, for four different meetings attended:

1. Earl Smith went to FCNL Annual Meeting in Washington DC, Fall 2013.
2. Becky Hawkins went to FWCC in Sacramento – 3/2014
3. Bev Shull went to FWCC in North Carolina – 4/2014
4. Earl Smith went to FUM Triennial in Indiana – 6/2014

We as a committee have labored some on decision making as there are no clear guidelines for reimbursements. We ask for some clearer direction on what reimbursements we should be making. Is our first priority to members who have been appointed OYM Representatives to various conferences? Do we approve reimbursements (partial/complete)

for members feeling led to attend a particular conference / meeting?
Should these Friends approach their home meeting first for help?

As we look to the next couple of years toward just FWCC meetings, it appears that we could be facing requests for up to \$4,000 in 2015 and \$6,000 in 2016. We average \$400 annually for FCNL representation.

Our current fund balance is \$2,584.51. In looking at past expenditures and projected expenditures, we ask for \$2,000 in support this year.

Attached is the financial report.

On Behalf of the Travel Fund,
Dennis Rockwell
Treasurer

Travel Fund Financial Report 2014

Balance, 8/1/2013	\$3,869.76
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Revenues:

Ohio YM Funding	\$500.00
Interest (12 months)	\$5.75

Total revenue	\$505.75
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Reimbursements

Earl Smith – FCNL	\$472.00
Earl Smith – FUM Triennial	\$350.00
Becky Hawkins – FWCC-CA	\$769.00
Bev Shull – FWCC-NC	\$200.00

Total Reimbursements	\$1,791.00
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Fund Balance, 7/31/2014	\$2,584.51
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Plummer House

Marie Bundy provided the report of the Plummer House Committee. We rejoice that the committee has received grants for the ongoing work renovating the house. Marie gave a verbal report on the volunteer labor working on the shed. It is a pleasure to hear the continuing progress of improving the Plummer House, and we appreciate Marie's vision over the years. We approve the report with one small amendment.

Plummer House Project Annual Report

The Plummer House has been occupied during the past year by Anna Suter who is an alumnus of Olney Friends School and an acupuncturist and physical therapist. She is an excellent tenant and has made many improvements to the building and grounds. We encourage Friends to look up on Facebook the Plummer House Project and see some amazing nature photos she has taken, in addition to updates on what's happening with the house and grounds.

Progress this year has included the Olney Junior class project of painting the south end of the house (the end facing the road with the smaller porch) and the replacing of the shed on the north end. Before we can update the electric to the building, we need to either remove or replace the shed due to the fact that the electric service is attached at that end. That shed provides needed storage space and further insulates that end of the building from the weather so we decided to replace it. We received a grant from Belmont County Tourism Council that enables us to replace the shed. This project is nearing completion. That end of the house above the shed has been repaired and painted. Next year we plan to apply for a grant from the same source to go toward replacing the roof with a steel roof.

Anna continues to use the middle room on the first floor for her client services. The Olney class of 1973 used the building for their class reunion at commencement time.

The insurance on the house is in the process of being switched from Olney to the Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting property.

Financial Report

Income Rent	\$2,100.00
Donations	750.00
Grant	1,860.00
Total	\$4,720.00

Expenses

Maintenance/repair	\$1,465.68	mostly for the shed
Paint and labor	300.00	Jr. Class fund raising project
Insurance	470.00	

Total \$2,235.68

Balance 8/1/2014 \$6,182.58*

*2014 tax bill has not been received; approximately \$700.00

Plummer House Committee: Robert Becerra, Marie Bundy, Jan Chambers, Leonard Guindon, Don Guindon, Thomas Rockwell, Anna Suter, Debora Taber

Olney Taber Farm

Marie Bundy brought us a report of the Olney Taber Farm so we will know what is happening on the farm property owned by the Yearly Meeting. She hopes this may become an annual report. We thank Don Guindon and Sandy Sterrett for the report.

Fiscal Year 2014 Olney Taber Farm Report to Ohio Yearly Meeting

After a late and dry spring, which was a little hard on the potato and onion crop, we had four weeks of wet weather. Our first cutting of hay and second planting of sweet corn were later than we would have liked, but the farm is green and we are working on a nice second cutting of hay. We have harvested a small acreage of oats and barley and are pleased with the new clover meadow seeding. Most of our vegetable crop rotations are on schedule with the pea, onions, garlic, and spring spinach harvest complete and we are anxiously awaiting tomatoes, sweet corn, and squash.

Currently, the largest new farm project is retrofitting the dairy fencing and buildings to hold a beef herd at the Taber Farm property. This will allow the heifers and steers to have a separate pasture with a winter loading facility. At the same time the Towe barn has been repaired and a new shed, cattle handling and winter feeding area is being built. This is where the cows with new calves will be housed. When we have both of these projects finished we hope to upgrade our beef herd with a new bull, and better utilize all the farm resources of pasture, fencing, buildings, and developed springs. Over time we expect to be able to raise all the school's beef and have some to sell.

As weather and budget allow, we continue to improve hay fields with liming, an organic planting of one season heirloom field corn or other vegetable crop, followed by a small grain crop such as oats, wheat, or barley that has new mixed pasture seed added; sometimes we pass the field corn step and just go with the small grain to new hay step. Our goal is to improve the quality of our hay fields and to use more hay in our grass fed beef operation as a value added product; selling less hay off of the farm. This winter we would like to build a pole barn designed to store round bales of hay at the site of the old Taber Barn.

We have begun a small farm intern program and are pleased with the additional work that can be completed with even one more set of hands. We have raised \$2,700 for the intern program and the school has

contributed \$1,000. We can use interns 12 months of the year and would welcome referrals for this coming winter.

The amount of meat, vegetables, and eggs provided by the farm for use by the school kitchen more than doubled this year and now equal about a quarter of our food budget. We also use our field corn, oats, and sorghum seed with chicken feed, adding local organic feed for our animals.

The Olney Friends School Board of Trustees approved a farm strategic plan which has gone a long way towards settling us on a new nondairy farm vision. That plan calls for increased incorporation of the farm into the school curriculum, raising even more of our food for the school kitchen, adding a grass fed beef operation as an income producer and strengthening the involvement of OYM with the farm. We would enjoy working together on a joint committee to explore the possibility of submitting an agricultural easement grant proposal, or soil and water preservation grant proposals to support these strategic goals.

Respectfully submitted, Donald Guindon, Farm Manager and Sandy Sterrett, assistant farmer

As a committee to work on the possibility of an easement of some kind, we appoint Richard Simon, Jack Smith, Robert Rockwell, Earl Smith, and Bev Shull. They will report back next year.

General Queries

2nd Query The meeting read the Second Query along with the answers approved by the Quarterly Meetings. We approve the following Yearly Meeting summary.

Do we cherish a forgiving spirit, and strive to “walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us”? Is each one of us careful for the reputation of others? Are we ever mindful to love our neighbor as ourselves? If differences threaten to disrupt the Christian harmony among the members, is prompt action taken?

We aspire to “walk in love as Christ has loved us,” allowing our daily lives reflect our love of Christ. Our meetings in general seem to be helpful and loving to members, friends, and neighbors. We try to forgive those who have harmed us in some way. Friends have noted a need to forgive themselves individually in addition to extending forgiveness to others. Forgiveness may come more slowly than we would like, particularly following an injustice. We have sometimes failed to walk in love with each other and have been challenged to refrain from inappropriate judgment of others. We were warned to avoid the trap of focusing on the weakness of another person, particularly when that

person has already found forgiveness for that weakness. Each person's reputation is important to us as we endeavor to love one another as ourselves, speaking about fellow members with love and concern, rather than gossiping. Loving our neighbors as ourselves is an increasing challenge because we have a growing lack of familiarity with the people who live around us. Being good neighbors ourselves can be a challenge as well as a blessing as we work with people with traits we find different. One meeting related a member found fault in a neighbor but still maintained love for that person. Another meeting reports its members have experienced that time brings healing and allows for resolving grudges or differences. A visitor to one meeting related that small meetings are especially vulnerable to alienating visitors. Larger groups offer easier assimilation into the congregation. Members are admonished to make determined effort to talk with visitors and make them feel welcome, safe, and secure. God's perfect and all-encompassing love is on a scale difficult for our created minds to grasp, far less to emulate. Differences sometimes disrupt our Christian harmony. In some cases we have rejoiced to find God's path for the way forward, but in others His solutions are not yet clear. Friends in one Quarter feel that gentle but more complete communication may be one key.

The meeting heard an extract from the epistle from **Indiana Yearly Meeting**.

The yearly meeting gave approval to several actions to complete the two-year long process of reconfiguration, a process that released several meetings to form a new association of Friends.

While many are saddened by the breaking of longstanding bonds, many are gladdened by the yearly meeting's affirmation of its historic faith that is fully Christian and fully Quaker in the Orthodox tradition. Forty-five local meetings in three states will remain in Indiana Yearly Meeting. All of these meetings have taken affirmative steps to remain in a yearly meeting that

affirms its Faith and Practice and adopted statements, including the truth found in Scripture, in George Fox's Letter to the Governor of the Barbados, and in the Declaration of Faith issued by the Richmond Conference in 1887. At this time, we are reminded of the parting of Paul and Barnabas, described in Acts 15, and we pray that those leaving Indiana Yearly Meeting will experience ministries that are fruitful, leading others to know Jesus Christ.

We now adjourn this session, looking forward to a Friends Center-led discussion.

Wider Fellowship Of Conservative Friends Committee Report

Wait, I say, on the Lord Ps. 27:14

But everyone wait in the pure spirit to guide you to God. Then ye shall see the promise of God fulfilled in you and the springs of life opened to you and refreshment daily coming in from the Lord. G. Fox

Thirty-five people attended the Conservative Friends general gathering this past Sixth Month. We truly felt the "springs of life opened" to us, while partaking in the stillness of our waiting worship. We welcomed a couple from London England, a Friend from Ireland and a Friend from Sweden, Friends living in this continent from the west coast to the east coast, from the north of us in Winnipeg, Manitoba to as far south as Kentucky, and Tennessee

As has been our custom, we gathered in a worshipful manner on Seventh Day evening to hear and answer the open query, "What Concerns do you have now." As in the past we were astonished at the clarity given in ministry to questions put before us by attenders.

Below are the summarized notes taken that evening.

We are so grateful to Sharon Helms for the work she does to organize the registration for all participants.

You may have questions concerning "The Conservative Friend" periodical. Our editor has not felt much guidance toward publication this past year. If OYM members who have concerns to continue this work would step forward to contribute articles and/or help in the editing we would consider it answered prayer.

Responses to the Query **"What Concerns Do You Have Now?"** at the General Gathering of Conservative Friends 06/21/2014

Many of us come from a spiritual place far from what we are experiencing this weekend. Some of us are still feeling some distance between our spiritual condition and the condition of the Gathering. Some of us have traveled a long way on our spiritual search and have learned a lot about living with and in the Lord, learning both directly from our Inward Teacher and also from the models we find at gatherings like this.

But sometimes each of us has wrestled with a feeling of not belonging. How can we as a community be welcoming to comers, whatever their condition, without compromising the fullness of the experience that we know to be possible in our community's walk with Christ?

Many of us have concerns about how busy our lives are. We often flounder in our busyness, not knowing what to do to reduce what becomes, without our even realizing it, an on-going, energy-sapping, ever-present noisy background buzz. Here, these few hours, we may find that incessant hum of busyness gone, and be thankful. But how are we to

find ways to turn it off when we get back home, or back to work, where it started?

Almost 20 years ago I was diagnosed with a serious medical syndrome. Now, thankful for much better health, I feel a concern for bringing forward the message of early Friends. How do we reach the thousands of people who would rejoice to live into the reality of Christ Jesus speaking to their hearts?

I have a concern for issues of right order and authority, particularly with respect to the recent change in Uganda's laws concerning the treatment of gay and lesbian people. Are we not, as Friends, called to speak out against any form of violence, regardless of its target? How do we together make that witness against violence without appearing to be united in approving the behavior toward which the violence is expressed? What does it mean to stay silent? We need to be prepared to act when we are called upon. What would Jesus do? What is the higher law?

These concerns are the beginning of an invitation to travel and travail in our own gifts. It is the Lord who is calling us to speak, to act, to pray, and to continue to hold these concerns close to our hearts. As members of the Religious Society of Friends, we are not called alone, but we are called into our gifts as and for the spiritual body of Friends. We can be given what we need to address these concerns. We can rejoice that we are called to travel and work in these concerns and to be victors with the strength of Christ in us.

Lord, strengthen our own strength and our sensitivity to thy promptings, that we come to know thy answers to our questions: How to discern the place for us in response to the violence sanctioned in Uganda's new law about the treatment of gay and lesbian people? How to reach the very many people living near us who would know thy Good News? How to truly welcome seekers who come among us? How to turn off the background buzz of busyness so that we may hear and respond to thy Voice? May we be examples of thy Will in speech and conduct, in love and faith, and in purity.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Sixth Day morning session.

I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. – John 15:1-5.

David Eley Minute

David Eley reported on his travel to Europe. His travel minute from Keystone Fellowship Monthly Meeting, which was endorsed by our Yearly Meeting last year, bears minutes from Belgium and Luxembourg Yearly Meeting and from German Yearly Meeting. David reported that he felt well used. He believes that his gospel ministry did not appear to offend Friends. His interest group on Conservative Friends at German Yearly Meeting was the most attended of all interest groups. He was glad to have the opportunity to share about the Lord, who is our faith. We rejoice that David had this opportunity to be a useful tool for the Lord.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee reported on its recommendations of Friends to be appointed to our various committees. The work of the committee has been an increasing challenge over the past years as our Yearly Meeting has become more spread out. The committee reminds Friends to be watchful for appropriate names to be brought forth to serve on our committees. We approve the recommendations and will incorporate the list into the committee list at the end of the minutes.

Epistle Committee

The Epistle Committee drafted four epistles for our consideration, which were read and approved one at a time. The meeting very much appreciates the full reporting of our Yearly Meeting by the Epistle Committee. The Epistle to Isolated Friends was intended to be provided to the Monthly Meetings to send out as a form of compassionate care to distant members. A Friend also recommended that the Wider Fellowship Committee send it out to Friends in the Community Directory. Sharon Helms offered to do that and also send it to Friends who attended the Gathering. We thank the committee for its labors, including our Friend Henry Jason, a long-time adherent to the teachings of Christ Jesus. We approve the epistles with some minor changes.

During the reading of the epistles, a concern was raised that we be alert to leadings to visit North Carolina and Iowa Yearly Meetings and others of like mind to share our love with them.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of **Iowa Yearly Meeting**,

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth increasingly beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who

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We empathize with you in your isolation from a worshipping body of Conservative Friends. As a result, we want to reach out to you in the compassion of Christ and encourage you to be strong in Him. This week we have become even more aware of our distinctives as Conservative Friends: Christ focused, expectant, waiting worship. While our distinctives are not widely found in this world, we encourage you to find a place of worship where you can both be a giver to Him, but where you can also be a receiver.

No place of worship is perfect. However, just as a burning coal gains strength when placed in the presence of other heated coals, conversely, it tends to lose strength when removed from the presence of other burning coals. Consider if you have not found a congregation where you feel comfortable, that you explore finding a place of worship where you can give of yourself and burn more brightly for Him. Because there are so many of us Conservative Friends who live isolated from other like-minded Friends, we want to alert you to an event titled "Being Faithful in Spiritual Isolation." Our Ohio Yearly Meeting Friends Center has scheduled this weekend event here in Barnesville, Ohio Fourth Month 24th-26th, 2015. It will be led by John Benson, Ray Hodgson, and Barbara Smith. For more information, e-mail Katharine Jacobsen at: kenkatharine@earthlink.net, or write: Friends Center Coordinator; 61388 Olney Lane; Barnesville, OH 43713; or phone Fran Taber at (740) 425-1248.

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Note: the Epistle Committee forwarded the following note to be sent to the MM Clerks regarding the latter epistle:

Dear Ohio Yearly Meeting Monthly Meeting Clerks,

This summer, Eighth Month 5th-10th, 2014, during our yearly meeting sessions, a concern arose that we, Ohio Yearly Meeting, show our loving concern for isolated Conservative Friends who are associated with our yearly meeting, but removed from being able to regularly attend one of our meetings for worship. The response to that concern was to approve the enclosed epistle, "To Isolated Conservative Friends" to be sent out to those Friends.

The intent was that each monthly meeting look at its membership / attendance rolls and send the letter to those whom they felt would appreciate hearing from us in this way. Thank you for helping extend the bond of Christian fellowship to our yearly meeting Friends who live in isolation.

On behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting,
Seth Hinshaw

Book and Children's Literature Committee

The Book and Children's Literature Committee reported on its work. We are glad that Anne Marie Taber was able to distribute materials to Olney students when the committee was unable to coordinate a visit. Elvina Krekler reported that since she took on the responsibility of sending Bibles to eight-year olds in 1987, the committee has distributed 142 Bibles. Parents report that the Bibles are welcomed by the recipients, who are pleased to have been thought of. The Yearly Meeting appreciates the faithfulness of the committee and approves the report.

Book and Children's Literature Committee Report

The Book and Children's Literature Committee was not able to meet with the Olney family in a Meeting for Worship during the 2013-2014 school year to distribute literature to the students. However, near the end of the school year one of the faculty, Anne Marie Taber, who is also on this committee, was able to give out these books. We gave *Mind the Heavenly Treasure* to 13 seniors and to six faculty and staff who were new to Olney this school year.

We still hope to do some research on other books we might use for the students at Olney to convey our Quaker beliefs.

We have given a Bible to two children this year.

We continue to sell a few publications, mostly at Yearly Meeting time.

We appreciate the allocation from Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Financial Report 8/2014

Balance on hand 8/1/2013 \$458.19

Income:

Allocation from Ohio YM \$50.00
Books and publications sold 25.50
Interest on savings acct .25

Total Income \$533.94

Expenses

No expenses incurred

Balance on hand 8/1/2014 \$533.94

For the committee, Elvina Krekler

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends

The Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends report was read. The 2014 Gathering was a time of spiritual refreshment and nurture for many Friends. Nancy Hawkins reported that Phil Helms has agreed to work with the editor of *The Conservative Friend* and, if she wants, to become the new editor. A Friend reminded us that *The Conservative Friend* is a teaching newsletter that is useful to explain why we do what we do, which might be as helpful to outsiders as it would be for our own members. We need to fulfill the promises of our Yearly Meeting, and one Friend recommended that we consider writing our own story for submission. The Yearly Meeting is very glad for the work of the committee. We approve the allocation of \$25 for the coming year.

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Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee reported on its work. We are glad to hear the report.

Memorial Committee Report

Our committee discussed some long-range projects as part of a visioning discernment process this spring. We feel a call to preserve memories of several dear Friends who have played an important role in our spiritual lives. We believe that some longer and some shorter memorials are warranted and hope to pursue the following:

Fall 2014 We hope to have a short memorial for Susan Bailey completed. We have a working draft at this time. Chesterfield Friends want to add some memories, with a final draft to be presented to the Representative Meeting at its next session.

OYM 2015 Bill Taber

OYM 2016 Archie Newlin, Everett Hartley, Rebecca Ward (all Salem QM)

OYM 2017 Ed Kirk, Richard Hall (both Stillwater QM)

On behalf of the committee, Seth Hinshaw

General Queries

The Third Query was read, along with the answers approved by the Quarterly Meetings. The following Yearly Meeting summary was approved.

Are our homes places of peace, joy, and contentment? Are they an influence for good in the neighborhood, community, and country? Do we set a good Christian example for our children to follow? Are Friends careful that their children realize that our loving Savior will faithfully guide them through life, as they are willing to accept and obey Him? Do we help our children to read and appreciate the Bible?

Our homes are places of refuge, of peace, joy and contentment. At the same time, we are imperfect creatures who always need to be watchful for the Lord's direction to bring order to our busy lives, help us deal with disruptions, and work with us as children grow up and move into their own houses. Many Friends believe our homes are an influence for good as we endeavor to live our Christian faith at home and at work. One meeting noted that the values of the larger community can be at odds with Christian values, which challenges us to be in the world but not of it. Friends believe we provide good examples of God's love and Christian living for our children. As our children become adults, our influence is

diminished, but setting a good Christian example does not end when our children are grown. Teaching by example and showing interest are powerful spiritual tools in the face of negative peer and societal influences. Our hopes and aims in influencing our children do not always appear to be rewarded, and we have to trust in God's mercy to awaken some to Christ as Savior and Guide. Friends without children can feel challenged to be an example for the young people they meet. Although some Friends believe that the Bible does not have the emphasis in our homes as it did in earlier times, Ohio Friends have an ongoing concern and practice to encourage its reading by our children (and adults) and "planting a seed" through encountering the Scriptures. Some Friends provide ready access to knowledge of the Bible and make a point of identifying the scriptural basis for our faith and practice.

We now adjourn until 2:00 this afternoon.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Sixth Day afternoon session

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. – Luke 17:20-21

Christian Education Camp

The Christian Education Camp Committee reported on the Camp held two months ago. The Yearly Meeting is always blessed by the report of the Camp and hearing how the campers grow in the Lord, often becoming camp counselors. We rejoice in what the Lord is doing in our midst! We thank the committee for their work and appreciate the many years of work by Elvina Krekler. It is exciting to see so many children attending the camp and benefitting from it. We approve their report.

Christian Education Camp Report

"The Lord is my rock. My fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2

"The Lord is my rock" was the theme for the 2014 Christian Education camp that was held on the Olney Friends School campus from June 8- 11. We had 26 campers, grades 1st through 8th, 9 high school counselors, and 7 adult counselors attending camp this year. There were 19 campers and high school counselors that had some Quaker connection.

Our days were full and began with a delicious breakfast followed by T.A.G. (Time Alone With God) time where campers looked up a verse of Scripture related to the theme and answered questions about the verse. The group gathered for prayer and praise singing and then divided into

age groups for Bible lessons or craft time. Elvina Krekler, with Winnie Stratton and Evelyn Grove's assistance, led the younger age group in Bible lessons, while Jean Cooper led the older campers in their Bible lessons. Crafts this year included stone trivets, prayer rocks, glass jar painting, sand art, and bleach decorated T-shirts. Crafts were led by Johanna Rockwell and Janet Hammer with valuable assistance from all adult and high school counselors. Lunch followed by Flat on Back time, provided rest and rejuvenation for the afternoon activities. These included an afternoon exploring Captina Creek on Leonard Guindon's property to collect rocks for craft projects and an afternoon at Barkcamp State Park. Activities at Barkcamp included swimming, hiking, and playing putt-putt golf.

One evening we swam in the Barnesville pool in spite of the cool and rainy weather. Another evening we had a cookout at the Locust Grove with the Stillwater Meeting community. Alice Peacock, a cousin of Winnie Stratton, shared slides and a presentation on her church mission work in Argentina, making "Fishers of Men". We roasted s'mores and sang around a campfire prepared by Bob Stratton. We also had a game and skit night followed by a campfire with s'mores and singing. Each evening ended with quadrant quiet talks, a small group devotional time led by the high school counselors.

Our high school counselors were all campers for many years prior to graduating to counselor status. They helped with camp set up and clean up, organized games, helped with crafts, led quadrant quiet talks, and assisted where needed. Camp would not run smoothly without their assistance and we appreciate their help as they develop leadership skills and act as positive role models to the younger campers.

We enjoyed cool weather this camp time which allowed for more comfortable sleeping in the dorm. Olney kitchen staff provided nourishing and delicious meals. Sharing a picnic/cookout meal with the Stillwater Community included the Meeting in our camp time activities and allowed for a nice time of fellowship together. We are appreciative of the many Ohio Yearly Meeting members who helped with camp by providing snacks and rides to our activities. Our adult counselors took time off from their jobs to attend camp and we appreciate their dedication.

A special thank you goes to Elvina Krekler for her 25+ years of faithful, loving, and dedicated service to Christian Education Camp. She began helping with camp when her grandchildren were of camp age and has continued through till the attendance of her oldest great-grandchild! Elvina has decided that this was her last year to attend/ help with camp. We will miss her cheerful loving presence. Elvina's term on Christian Ed. Camp committee expires in 2016 but we ask that her decision be honored. Thus, we need another person to assist with camp for the next two years.

We ask for your prayers and discernment as to whether God is placing it upon your heart to serve in this field; sowing seeds of Christ's love in children.

In Christ's Love,

For Christian Education Camp Committee,

Janet Hammer, Evelyn Groves, Elvina Krekler and Johanna Rockwell

Financial Report

8/1/2013 \$ 1,552.48 Beginning Bank Bal. _____

Camp Revenue

<u>\$2.26</u>	Bank Interest
1,500.00	Yearly Meeting Funding
1,918.00	Camper fees
144.00	Donations
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<u>\$ 3,564.26</u>	Revenue

Camp Expenses

(\$3,636.00)	Paid to Olney Friends School for Board and Lodging.
(\$30.00)	Public Pool
(\$15.97)	Gifts & Folders
(\$83.60)	Snacks
(\$54.06)	Crafts
(\$3.39)	1st Aid supplies
(\$30.00)	Missionary Donation
(\$19.60)	Postage
(\$48.14)	Putt Putt Golf
<u>(\$3,920.76)</u>	Expenses for 2013 Christian Education Camp
\$	
<u>(356.50)</u>	Net Gain/(Loss)

\$ 64.00	Cash on hand
7/31/2014 \$1,136.74	Belmont Savings Account Balance
<u>\$ 1,200.74</u>	Camp Fund Balance

Yearly Meeting for Ministry & Oversight

The Yearly Meeting for Ministry & Oversight reported on its deliberations this week. Their discussions give us many avenues of spiritual growth as we take these concerns to the Lord. We thank M&O for reporting to us.

Meeting for Ministry and Oversight of OYM

Report to Ohio Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends,

The Meeting for Ministry and Oversight has met twice this week, as is our custom, on Third Day and Fifth Day mornings. We have been pleased to have with us visitors from North Carolina, Oregon, and California, as well as a number of OYM members who are not members of M&O.

As we heard answers to our M&O queries and their summaries, we were struck by several thoughts: We often feel regret and even shame at the small size of our meetings, but our weakness can open the way for God's power to reign. How much weaker, though, do we have to get, before we yield up our regret and live fully into reliance on God? We acknowledged that there is spiritual wisdom found among us, afforded us by God over the years and in the immediate present, as needed. All people need love and joy. Some people are searching for those treasures that we have through Christ Jesus; some people simply sense an emptiness in their lives. We need to find ways to share our love, joy, and strength that those blessings, like the loaves and fishes, may be multiplied for people beyond us.

Although we can list many faithful works undertaken by our individual members for needy people, sharing our outward sustenance and our faith, we have fallen short in attending to needs around us as a *body of faithful people*. We were led to consider more carefully what it means to be the body of Christ. M&O has parts – “overseers, ministers, and elders” is one way of seeing our parts – and we acknowledge Christ as our head, but how do we become a body, “fitly framed and knit together” and active in God's work? And when we are a body, how do we sustain it?

The first step, we acknowledged, is worshipping together. A foundation of worship in our shared love of our God is crucial to other steps. We felt God's love manifest in the messages we heard – both spoken and sung – in our worship this week. Another step is gaining a sense of God's purpose, now, for our body. A Friend not a member of M&O reminded us of his experience years ago when a now-departed, wise Friend asserted that the purpose of M&O is to provide spiritual

leadership to OYM. In a world that is quick to toot its own horn, we in OYM have perhaps gone too far in the other direction. We prefer to work anonymously. We often don't say much about whose power strengthens us and to whom we look for direction. And we don't say much to each other in encouragement of others' faithfulness. We should not equate humility with anonymity or silence.

Also, to become and sustain Christ's body, we need to work together, on committees and in service activities, for as we work together, we learn to know one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are drawn into sharing our lives with each other, being knit together, and gaining in our ability to wait on and respond to God.

We faced a tension between inward service and outward service, that is, between encouraging people in their spiritual growth and helping to provide for their physical needs. Both are important. Both should be done. God will show us how to maintain His balance. Similar to that tension between *types* of service is the tension between *objects* of service, that is, who gets served. Do we put most of our attention on encouraging the spiritual growth of our members and meetings, or do we look outward to encourage people who may never join our meetings to know and love the Lord? Again, we need to be responsive to our Lord as individuals *and as a body* in achieving God's balance for us, now.

In our business together this week, we also considered the yearly meeting's charge that we draw together OYM's present policy on addressing the risks and harm of sexual predation and the revision to that policy offered by Stillwater Monthly Meeting. We see the importance of going beyond a melding of the two policies. We glimpsed a vision of OYM's embracing a statement that demonstrates its grounding in our faith in Christ's ongoing guidance in all aspects of our lives, a statement that witnesses to our desire that all participants in our activities (children and adults, male and female, the vulnerable and the resilient, the innocent and the wounded) be safe and able to grow in knowledge, love and trust of God. How are we to uphold our Lord's love and safety for everyone when we address and seek to limit the dangers – physical, emotional, and spiritual – of sexual predation? We named Marie Bundy, Burton Doudna, Sharon Helms, Sarah Parsons, and Mike Kinch to that committee. We asked the committee to work on this task, to send a draft of some developed ideas to our three quarterly meetings for ministry and oversight, to receive back discernment from those M&O groups, and to report to the yearly meeting for M&O, perhaps at a called meeting during the coming year, or at least to bring us a progress report next summer.

We appreciated the work of our quarterly meeting representatives in finding Friends to serve as ushers, read Scripture passages after our evening programs, and sense the right time to turn us to the business of each session. We thank all the Friends who helped in those ways this

week. We also thanked Susan Smith for her service as clerk of M&O for the past nine years and approved the appointment of Mary Alice Pino as clerk for the coming year and Burton Doudna as assistant clerk.

On behalf of the Ohio Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight,
and in Christ's love,

Susan S. Smith
Clerk

Rebecca J. Hawkins, Penny L. Thomas
Assistant clerks

Outreach Committee

The report of the Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach was read. We are glad to hear of the several worship groups in the United States and beyond. Many of us use the Yearly Meeting website from time to time, and we note that a recent survey of websites of yearly meetings in North America found it to be the best organized. We appreciate the work of the committee.

Committee to Support and Encourage Outreach Report

Yearly Meeting members should continue to be aware of Conservative Friends worship groups in various locations in this country. There are worship groups in Uxbridge, Massachusetts; Columbus, Ohio; Huntington, West Virginia; Highland County, Virginia; and Whittier, California. If we plan to be near any of these places it would be good for us to visit them. Such visits are an encouragement to these groups.

Our Committee continues to have the care of the Ripley Worship Group located in the Midlands of England. They use Skype to meet for worship so that they can include Friends who live at a distance. Beside these First Day meetings they have a mid week discussion group which used the Hatfield study book which they have just completed. There is a Conservative worship group in the London area which has been given the use of an empty meeting house at Bunhill Fields. Three of the attenders at this latter group are affiliates of Rockingham Meeting, and they answer Queries on a regular basis as a group. We are encouraged as efforts by these two meetings to work more closely together and to meet together several times a year have developed. We have an epistle written to send to them to be read at their next planned joint meeting at Ely, Cambridgeshire, on 9/13/2014, which expresses our encouragement to them to continue their coming together in the Lord. They have also launched a joint website www.quakersineurope.org where they can share information and events.

The yearly meeting website that we have responsibility for continues to develop its functionality and accessibility. Monthly hits now exceed 500. Most popular pages are "Our Faith," "Book of Discipline,"

“Events,” and “Find Us.” There is a sense that people are accessing the website to learn more about our beliefs, activities, and locations. Events of the Friends Center have been timely listed as well as other events such as yearly meeting and the General Gathering. Friends are reminded that monthly meeting activities can be listed on the website and help can be given to Friends in listing their events.

We only need the \$25 appropriation from the yearly meeting at this time.

Outreach Committee Financial Report 2014

Beginning balance, 7/1/2013	\$3,004.13
Yearly Meeting allocation	25.00
Total Funds Available	\$3,029.13
Website Expense	129.35
Ending balance, 7/1/2014	\$2,899.78

Friends Center

The Meeting heard the report of the Friends Center Committee. Several of us have attended the programs held at the Morlan and have benefitted from them. Susan Smith reported that the state of Ohio has decided not to grant an exemption of property taxes to the Friends Center. Apparently the renting of the building for events of outside groups is the reason for the decision. Friends discussed various options for covering the continuing payments. The Friends Center has been an invaluable success in helping convey the spiritual values of the Yearly Meeting. We direct the Fiduciary Trustees to cover back and current taxes with funds from the sale of property. In the meantime, the Friends Center will make an effort at covering future property taxes.

Friends Center Committee Report

The vision statement for Friends Center of Ohio Yearly Meeting, included in our yearly program brochure, describes the Center as “*a retreat and conference center for exploring Christian unprogrammed Quakerism and its meaning today.*” The statement goes on to say, “*Our intention is to learn together from the living presence of Jesus Christ, whom we experience teaching us directly from within, through the scriptures and through one another.*”

This vision was reaffirmed in Third Month, 2013, at a Visioning Session attended by committee members and three Friends Center facilitators from other yearly meetings. The prayerful conclusion of these ten Friends was that *“We in OYM are called to share, to testify, to explain, to open the minds and hearts of others to the love and power and guidance that is Christ Jesus. Friends Center has a part to play in that interaction with the world and also with OYM itself.”*

We had three weekend programs in 2013-2014: “Learning from the Spiritual Journey of Early Friends”, facilitated by Marcelle Martin, was attended by 15; “A Weekend for Ministering Friends”, with Brian Drayton was attended by 14; and “Hearing and Responding to the Promises of Jesus”, facilitated by Jack Smith and Ken Jacobsen had 8 participants. Once again the participants came from a number of states and yearly meetings.

Our planned programs for the coming year are “Transformation and the New Birth” (Marcelle Martin, 11/7-9/2014), “A Weekend on Gospel Ministry” (Brian Drayton, 3/20-22/2015), and “Being Faithful in Spiritual Isolation” (John Benson, Raye Hodgson, and Barb Smith, 4/24-26, 2015). For more information on the Friends Center and our programs for 2014-2015 please see our brochure or the Friends Center page on the OYM website – www.ohioyearlymeeting.org. We warmly invite all OYM members to attend, with a special discount.

Evaluation forms are anonymously completed by participants at every Friends Center event and read eagerly by committee members. Comments about program and hospitality are generally positive. This year, after the Center learned that Olney can no longer provide food to be served in the Morlan, it asked retreat participants to comment about the pros and cons of eating in the Olney dining area as opposed to the downstairs dining room at the Morlan. The preference for dining in the Friends Center was clear and so at our last weekend event in Fourth Month, 2014, we tried making our own meals, which worked well. We are still considering how best to provide food for the coming year’s programs.

The Friends Center building again served in a number of ways. It was used for overnights for Olney visitors, members of the Walton Board and members of the Guindon family. Friends of Jesus members and the Wilmington College Quaker Leader Scholar Program held weekend retreats there. Physical improvements in the building during the past year included a new vinyl floor for the kitchen, a new porch swing, and two lightly used chairs for the living room. Next year we hope to make significant improvements to the patio outside the Morlan’s kitchen door. It is now a tripping hazard and difficult to keep neat. We ask for an allocation from the yearly meeting of \$1000.

The Friends Center Committee Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 follows this report.

We are grateful to Ohio Yearly Meeting and its members for financial support, gifts in kind, and hours of service. It is always a blessing to have OYM members participating in our programs. Our deepest thanks, however, are for your prayers and willingness to join us as we continue to discern the Lord's Call to Friends Center.

On behalf of the Friends Center Committee,

Katharine Jacobsen

FRIENDS CENTER OF OYM Financial Report
Fiscal Year 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014

Beginning Cash Balance 6/30/2013 \$2,279.83

Income

Donations	93.00
Gift in Kind	20.17
Events	4,962.60
Rentals	3,493.00
Miscellaneous	7.06
Interest	0.24
OYM Appropriation	25.00
Total	\$8,801.07

Expenses

Event Food & Supplies	\$ 153.96
OFS - Food & Mary Davis	2,764.00
Facility Improvements	2,012.39 *
Maintenance Supplies & Cleaning	994.73
Promotion	214.30
Speaker Expenses	1,140.00
Administrative	19.00
Utilities	1,419.36
Miscellaneous	59.25
Total	\$8,776.99

Cash Balance 6/30/2014 \$2,303.91

For a net gain of	\$24.08
* Facility Improvements	
Labor for previous year	300.00
Stove	165.00
Kitchen Floor	1,080.86
2 Chairs	250.00
Swing	216.53
Total	\$2,012.39

Agenda Committee

The Agenda Committee provided the following report. The committee does not normally make a report of its work, but we are glad they are bringing their challenge to us for guidance. Olney is raising their rates to cover increasing expenses. The Yearly Meeting agrees to pay Olney the annual \$500 fee for the use of the campus rather than charging a registration fee.

Agenda Committee Report

The Agenda Committee for this year has worked well together and made some very good decisions for speakers. All of the evening programs speakers for this year have come from within OYM. The faith and commitment to the Lord, of these Friends, have allowed this important part of our spiritual nourishment.

Our relationship with Olney Friends School has come to a new reality. The home base for lodging, meals and space to present the events during Yearly Meeting is face to face with the rising cost of running such a facility. Some of the changes starting for next year's meeting will include an increase in lodging and meals as well as a basic campus use charge.

Current combination of dorm room and three meals per day is \$31.00.

The new rate for the same dorm room and three meals will be \$38.00.

Another yearly meeting near us currently charges \$17.00 for a non-air conditioned room [per night].

The campus use charge will be \$500 for the week. This will include the entire campus, and no additional charges will be added.

The Agenda Committee has considered the many possible ways to deal with this additional expense. The following are some of the ideas:

- 1) Charge everyone a registration fee. With the average over the last few years of 50 persons registering, this would be an

- additional \$10.00 fee. Many yearly meetings near us charge this much and more.
- 2) Request additional funds from the OYM budget to cover the expense.
 - 3) Establish a fund to build monies needed to support Friends not able to attend Yearly Meeting for financial reasons.

These charges will be revisited in two years with changes being addressed as the economy and inflation dictate. We ask for guidance and direction for dealing with this situation.

The committee would be pleased to have an allocation of \$500 or more as led by the body. Please consider additional monies of other committee activities that might be impacted by the new information regarding Olney costs.

We appreciate constructive suggestions for the 2015 Agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Faith Kelley, Nancy Hawkins, Tim Lilly, Philip Helms, Arthur Berk, Elvina Krekler, James Creighton, Michael Kinch, Terry Wallace & Sharon Helms – the Agenda Committee

Iowa Yearly Meeting Epistle

The Meeting heard the epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Seventh Month, 26, 2014

To Friends in Ohio Yearly Meeting:

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. James 3:13

Greetings from Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative where Friends from nearly a dozen states in the US and visiting Friends from Canada gathered on the campus of Scattergood Friends School for a week in late July to attend the 137th annual session of Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative. “Let Your Life Speak” was our theme as we explored and celebrated the ways our lives spoke through song, story, service, stewardship of nature, spiritual practice and activism.

We appreciate your gracious hospitality for Friend Dan Treadway at last year’s session. This visitation among our yearly meetings gives both

insight into our historical and current practices we share, and inspiration from the unity of Spirit that is present during these gatherings.

We are sorry that way did not open for one of our Friends to attend the sessions you are now holding. We missed having someone from Ohio Yearly Meeting join our sessions this year. We hope that next year our beloved tradition of visiting each other's yearly meetings can be resumed. But whether or not someone from Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) is sitting with you in the Stillwater Meeting House, please know our desire that we remain close as we continue our walk of faith together.

Our first evening we put our attention to Pastoral Care sharing in small groups ways that we nurture each other within our monthly meetings. Some practices included inviting new visitors to a meal, supporting parents of young children, intervisitation of other monthly meetings, and listening without judgment or trying to solve. Carrie Newcomer, a Friend from Bloomington, Indiana, assisted us in writing our sacred and simple stories, then in the evening ministered us with a concert of her own sacred stories through song, poetry and music. Each day at Yearly Meeting began with the tradition of early worship before breakfast followed by Bible study after breakfast. Friends enjoyed this special time of reflection and inquiry. Other programs included a walk in Scattergood's prairie to learn more about native prairie plants and their importance in maintaining healthy ecosystems; a climate change presentation; reports from FCNL and AFSC offering their projects and concerns; a sharing of the spiritual roots of activism; then we ended each day with banjos, guitars and group singing. Committee meetings and meeting for worship with attention to business involved each of us in the practice of caring for our monthly and yearly meetings.

The Yearly Meeting's Young Friends and Junior Yearly Meeting blessed us yet again this year with their presence. They attended Meeting for Worship every morning, and joined us for some of our programs. They also did many of their own activities including pottery, candle making, hosting a talent show, and having a meeting with attention to Capture the Flag. The energy and light that they bring to our Yearly Meeting is always a joy.

We deeply enjoyed time to share the ways we speak in this world with our lives, and are ever grateful for the continued guidance and inspiration of Friends past and present. Our annual session brings us into the fold of God's love and helps us strengthen our relationship with the Divine through knowing and being with each other during this cherished time.

In warm Friendship,

Deborah Dakin, clerk

Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

Our yearly meeting will be held 7th month 21 to 7th month 26, 2015. We hope way opens for a visit!

We now adjourn until 10:00 tomorrow morning.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Seventh Day morning session.

Our meetings here, in the expectation of Christ to guide our business, is a form of faith. We trust Him to be our Guide and to bring the result that He would have. We magnify the holy name of God and give thanks for granting us a hedge that will not allow the fiery darts of the evil one to penetrate. He asks for our faith and belief, which work together to advance the kingdom of God.

We welcome Leroy Curtis of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting with us.

Junior Yearly Meeting

We heard the report of Junior Yearly Meeting. We are always richly blessed by the evening program and look forward to it this evening. The minutes kept by the young Friends are also a joy to hear. We love hearing the report and thank the Adult leaders for their work, which means they miss our sessions here. A Friend pointed out the importance of nurturing young Friends and showing them that they are loved. Losing them would be a great loss to the Yearly Meeting and a great loss to them. We want them to know the deep worship and healing that we experience with Christ Jesus.

Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends Leaders' Report

There have been twelve primary age children participating in Jr. Yearly Meeting though-out the week. They range in age from 4 years (almost 5) to 12 years old. We have 8 boys and 4 girls.

Our main focus has been our skit and program for 7th day evening, including songs and memory verse. We have also done crafts, games with building towers, activities with balloons, plus an unplanned lively pillow fight. By the way those pillows were hidden for the rest of the week.

Friday afternoon we performed our two act play at the Walton Retirement Home. We had an attentive audience. One resident even entertained us by quoting the alphabet backwards several times. Our thanks to Debora Taber and Sharon Helms for helping to transport the children there and back.

Our theme is following God's will, not our own desires, through the Holy Spirit. The two act play is about the tower of Babel and the

Pentecost, God's intervention in each, which produced many languages, but different results. We are grateful to Bob Wilber for his creative talent and for agreeing to write a skit for us.

We invite any who want to help in some small or big way to join us next year. We could use more help at times, even if only for 1 or 2 sessions. A male presence would also be appreciated.

The Young Friends group has not been organized this year, as the 3 Junior Yearly Meeting leaders are kept busy with the primary age group. Shawna Roberts, however, has graciously volunteered to help with that age group next year. We have encouraged her in this.

There are signs of God working in each child, but we also see the struggles they have to stay the course. God has a plan for each one. Our thanks to the parents and grandparents for their help. May each Monthly Meeting and our wider church family gather around them with an openness to any way the Lord may want them to support and encourage each child and family unit.

The Junior Yearly Meeting Leaders, Marta Wilber
Marie Bundy
Rebecca Hawkins

Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School

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

	Salem QM	Stillwater QM
Olney Hostess Fund	\$90.00	\$50.00
Monteverde Friends School	\$55.00	\$95.00

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recommended three Friends to be appointed to the Representative Meeting. We approve the appointments. We will also consider the Yearly Meeting treasurer to be an ex-officio member of the Representative Meeting in the future. Any member can feel welcomed to attend the Representative Meeting even if not named and may speak to business.

Audit and Budget Committee

The Audit and Budget Committee reported on its work. The committee offered a proposed budget for the coming year. The committee asked Denny Rockwell to serve as treasurer during the coming year, and it is with much thanksgiving that we appoint him. Marie Bundy will continue as Assistant Treasurer. We thank Dorothy Smith for her many

years as treasurer. We approve the proposed budget and report.

	Budget for 2013-2014	Actual for 2013-2014
Income 2013-2014		
Monthly Meeting donations	\$26,703.00	
Other Donations	1,150.00	
Insurance Dividend return	1,190.94	
Book sales	21.00	
OYM History Books	529.35	
Stillwater Ins. Reimbursement	950.00	
Total Income for year	\$30,544.29	
Expenses/Disbursements 2013-2014		
Walton Home		\$12,000.00
	\$12,000.00	
Friends Center		25.00
25.00		
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00
OYM Travel Fund	500.00	500.00
Hominy Center	100.00	100.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00
Outreach Committee	25.00	25.00
Book & Children's Lit.	50.00	50.00
WFCF	50.00	50.00
Peace & Human Relations	200.00	200.00
Historical Committee	25.00	25.00
Junior Yearly Meetin	100.00	100.00

RSWR	500.00	500.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00	500.00
Printing	3,000.00	1,715.79
Correspondent's Expense	150.00	150.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,000.00	1,000.00
Copy Machine Supplies	200.00	200.00
Insurance	4,000.00	5,215.15
Water	200.00	226.25
Agenda Committee	500.00	500.00
Clerk's Expenses	200.00	200
Printing history books		950.00
Total Expenses/Disbursements	26,275.00	27,182.19
	31,225	
Income/expense		3,362.10
Balance carried over 2012-2013		12,821.08
Checking Balance 7/31/2014	\$16,183.18	

Note#1: We recommend that the Historical Committee be authorized to obtain up to \$1,000 from the Hartley Fund for painting the Heritage Room when they need it.

Note #2: We also recommend that the OYM Treasurer be authorized to obtain up to \$10,000 from the Sale of the Property Fund for brick work on the Meeting House when that work is undertaken.

We now adjourn until 3:30 this afternoon.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Seventh Day afternoon session.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. – 1 John 4:10-13

General Queries

The Meeting read the 4th through 9th Queries and the Administrative Queries along with the answers approved by the Quarterly Meetings. We approved the following Yearly Meeting summaries.

4th Query. Believing our bodies to be the temple of God, are we concerned to attain a high level of physical and mental health? To this end are our lives examples of temperance in all things? Do we avoid and discourage the use and handling of intoxicants, tobacco, and improper use of drugs?

Most Friends acknowledge our bodies are the temple of God. We are mindful of the importance of a high level of mental and physical health as well as the challenge involved in attaining and maintaining them. One meeting reminded us that the goal is to bring glory to God by being fit for service, which will help increase God's kingdom. Means of maintaining or improving our physical health include physical exercise, suitable diets, use of appropriately prescribed medicines, and consuming only limited amounts of caffeine. Some members are challenged with a range of chronic and lifestyle health problems, and others find the body needs more care as it ages. Some Friends continue to seek the balance between sinful pride and debilitatingly low self-esteem. Human frailties or imperfections may interfere with achieving moderation in all things. Friends are extremely mindful of the pitfalls of substances that retard our ability to be prepared for divine service. Most avoid use of intoxicants, tobacco, and improper use of drugs while trying to find ways of constructive help for those among us who may indulge. One meeting noted Paul's admonition that we consume nothing that might lead a brother into harmful behavior and suggested that the warning should also apply to tobacco. Another meeting reminded us that Friends need to guard against sexual sin, which is not specified in the Query. We seek to bring all aspects of our lives into the light of Christ, under God's empowering presence, and assurance.

5th Query. Are we sensitive to the needs of those around us who may be in less fortunate circumstances? Do we prayerfully consider how we can share one another's burdens when the need arises? Do we counsel lovingly and prayerfully with those members whose actions in any phase of life give us grounds for concern?

Some meetings report being sensitive to the needs of those around us. We recognize we should be alert to the numerous opportunities for us to be of additional service, providing material and financial assistance either directly or through community groups answering such needs. We desire to be sensitive without being intrusive, as asking personal

questions can feel awkward. Communication of needs is a challenge, as it is sometimes easier to be aware of people's needs far away around the world than nearby. Friends have found spiritual blessings through assisting at the Walton Home and various charities such as a local community pantry and a mental health clinic; one meeting also provided assistance to a family whose baby had died. Friends are concerned to know how best to meet the needs of those around us. We pray for those about whom we are concerned, calling on the Holy Spirit for His assistance. Not asking for assistance can become a burden on the meeting, as the community of Friends in Christ is strengthened when we help someone in need. A willingness to listen and simply being present can be important steps in creating a forum for sharing. Some counseling has taken place during the past year. We were reminded that different approaches to counsel are needed depending on the circumstances. Some Friends seek advice and counsel from others, particularly when it is done prayerfully and lovingly and in accordance with Matthew 18. Meetings sometimes feel inadequate but desirous of obtaining divine guidance to support return to the Way, the Love of Christ Jesus, which opens before us all.

6th Query. Do we live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars? Do we, on Christian principles, refuse to participate in or to cooperate with the military effort? Do we work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of war? Do we endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people?

Some meetings believe they live in the life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars, but others feel they are falling short. Many of us are discouraged and frustrated by the prevalence of wars and violence, including the war-like condition of American national politics, and we hold all these things up in prayer to our Lord. We seek to promote peace through living in community, helping others, and sharing the resources to which we have access. We do not participate nor contribute to the war effort, except by paying taxes. We reject the pursuit and glorification of war, and some of us support the Peace Tax fund bill. Some members are troubled by friends or relatives who participate in the military directly or indirectly. Friends could more actively promote the cause of peace. We seek God's help, individually and as a people, in avoiding self-willed activism and in choosing where and how to stand aside from the evils of this world. Some members are involved in local and national peace groups, through their physical presence or financial contributions, while others visit or write legislators about peace concerns. Our meetings encourage good will and mutual understanding and seek to promote equal opportunities for all. The Golden Rule can diffuse hostilities and also remove our prejudices that get in the way in relationships.

7th Query. Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel? Do we guard against involving ourselves in temporal affairs to the hindrance of spiritual growth? Are we just in our dealings and careful to fulfill our promises? Do we seek to make our Christian faith a part of our daily work?

Our members are sincere in speech and modest in apparel. Relative to our means and to many of the people around us, we live simply; a tendency to accumulate things hinders the practice of simplicity for some of us. Some meetings report they practice simplicity in temporal affairs, and some report thankfulness for the modesty of Quakers in their dress in comparison to the styles of this day. Some Friends feel they are involved in too many things which interrupt so there isn't enough time to cultivate things of the spirit. One meeting practices discernment, individually or corporately, on causes and projects to discern the appropriate degree of involvement using their Inner Guide. Friends affirm the importance of spiritual growth through such practices as prayer, reading the Bible, taking time each day for spiritual retirement, and looking for that of God in each person we meet. Some meetings report being just in their dealings and being careful to fulfill their promises. We encourage members to let people know when they are unable to fulfill a commitment in a timely manner. Living our Christian faith *is* our daily work. As living examples to each other and to other people, we have experienced the importance of keeping centered on the Lord, knowing His guidance as we undertake stewardship of the many resources He provides us (such as our time), and being thankful. One meeting noted in particular that our actions and words influence those around us and *visa versa*. Meetings reported on the timely issues of praying for the morals of this era, reading the Scriptures, and witnessing through volunteering.

8th 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?

Members are careful not to swear and to speak truth in all things keeping to our "yeas as yeas and nays as nays." We note William Penn's words about oath-taking: "People swear to the end they may speak truth; Christ would have them speak truth to the end they might not swear." This raises deeper questions, which seem worthwhile to ask ourselves daily: Are we telling the truth all the time? And are we speaking the truth in love? (Eph 4:15) Friends affirm when the need arises, and we share our views about swearing if an explanation is required. Some Friends continue to be concerned about phrases such as "under penalty of perjury" found in electronic filings. Friends avoid gambling and speculation based on chance, although we are bombarded with offers. We are aware but wary of such offers to gain wealth at the expense of others,

some of which are means of tax revenue. We recognize that gambling does not reflect our values and is a poor opportunity for financial advancement. We are reminded to make careful choice of investments to avoid financial speculation. Some Friends donate to a good cause rather than purchase raffle tickets.

9th Query. Are we sensitive to the problems of family living? Do we offer counseling to couples both before and after marriage? How are we helping individuals, married couples and family units to strengthen and enrich their lives?

Our Meetings remain sensitive to the problems of family living. We desire that life in our families be harmonious, taking into account the family's future as well as that of the individual. We have several households that consist of a single person; we can sometimes forget they have issues which members can help with. Among our current challenges are downsizing, issues of health, and balancing volunteering and other activities with family and spiritual life. However, when we are aware of problems, the value given to privacy in our culture has made it hard for us to know how to give such help and how to receive it. Meetings provide informal counseling as part of the clearness committee for marriage, either for members or others such as adult children who wish to marry under the care of the meeting. This has contributed to a more thoughtful discernment before marriage. Friends recognize the importance of being sensitive to the issues of others, given the potential of bringing uncomfortable feelings of prying or of seeming overbearing. Whether formal or informal, counseling is rendered in a loving manner that demonstrates our support for our members. One meeting has offered good counsel to parents of young children and to their adult children, when opportunity and need coincide. Friends have been supportive of individuals, married couples and family units in a variety of ways. Our ability to be timely and effective in helping depends a lot on how often and closely we interact, especially in each other's homes. Some have uplifted others through positive words of encouragement. Other stated activities include shared meals, small group gatherings, the Christian Education Camp, Bible study, meeting for worship, and our First Day School. Some of us have experienced the power of prayer to assist others. We all try to help by being good examples. Some Friends have made a special point of making attending families feel welcome in the hope they will become members. The ongoing final illness of a member's mother

created an opportunity for that Friend to witness about her faith to a range of people from family members to medical staff.

Administrative Queries

1st Adm. Query. What new meetings have been established? Have any meetings been discontinued?

No meetings have been established nor discontinued.

2nd Adm. Query. Are schools encouraged for the education of our youth under the instruction of teachers in sympathy with us? Do parents take an active interest in the administration and quality of teaching of the schools which their children attend? Do they send their children of high school age to Friends' schools whenever possible? Is each Meeting making effective efforts to aid parents in the suitable religious instruction of their children?

None of our meetings has enough young Friends to sponsor a school. Some young Friends who are members and some children of members attend Olney. Parents take an interest in the quality of the schools their children attend, whether public or private. Members are concerned with the upbringing of their youth; some provide suitable religious education to complement the secular education of their children, and some Friends have engaged in correspondence with young Friends about details of our Friends faith. One meeting sponsors an active First Day School where attenders are reading from the book *Lighting Candles in the Dark*.

3rd Adm. Query. Have the General Queries been read and deliberately pondered and answered in all our meetings? Have the Advices been regularly read? Is the best possible time chosen for their reading, suitable for deliberate consideration of them by all Friends and attenders for their individual, spiritual refreshment?

All Meetings report that the General Queries are read, prayerfully pondered, and answered. Some meetings provide a format for members to bring proposed answers to MM for refinement, and one meeting includes relevant information from written answers provided by affiliate members. Meetings use a variety of methods in reading the Advices aloud. Some read one near the end of worship each First Day, while others read them at various times during the worship.

4th Adm. Query. Are former minute books, all interment charts and all records of similar importance, stored in a suitable fireproof safe or vault?

Most interment charts, former minute books and records of similar importance are stored in a vault or fireproof safe (primarily Salem and Olney) and on microfilm. Some meetings have kept their minutes digitally for several years and use a variety of back-up systems. Present minute books are kept in the homes either of the clerk or an overseer. One meeting has copies of its interment chart in the meetinghouse and at a

member's home. A local historical society member compiled one meeting's interment chart into a booklet.

5th Adm. Query. Are our meetings for business regularly held; fully, and promptly attended? Are they conducted in a loving and solemn concern to make concerted effort toward unity of spirit?

Our business meetings are regularly held, with some meetings adjusting the schedule to maximize attendance. Sometimes members are unable to attend due to illness or other hindering events, but for the most part our business meetings are attended by resident members. Meetings are conducted in loving and solemn concern to reach unity of spirit, but an inability to find unity has resulted in some members becoming inactive or leaving the body.

During the reading of the Queries, a Friend expressed regret that several Quarterly Meeting answers reported some members continue to ignore the advice and counsel of the Yearly Meeting regarding the use of alcohol.

Walton Home Donation

Two days ago, a Friend recommended that some funds be transferred from the sale of the property to the Walton Home to demonstrate our support for the Walton as our ministry. Several Friends expressed their leadings either to support a donation or shared reservations. Friends have expressed a desire to protect our love for each other and not allow a spirit of discord to disrupt the harmony among our members. We have listened to each other deeply with a desire to consider the proposal in the light of other needs, including the unestimated needs of the Stillwater Meeting House and unknown other ministries or needs. Our deep and searching exercise has brought us to a greater sensitivity because we seek a result that brings peace to all Friends, rather than moving forward when one Friend has a stop. At this point we feel that we are on a firmer ground for discerning the mind of the Lord. We have reached a point where all Friends are at peace in authorizing the Fiduciary Trustees to transfer \$25,000 from the sale of the property fund to the Walton Home for the capital campaign for the new South Wing.

Quarterly Meeting Representatives

David Eley and Karen Walsh reported on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting Representatives. They recommend that the clerks be continued through next year, and both have agreed. The meeting approves the recommendation. Seth would like to be replaced after next year's

sessions, and the Meeting asks Friends to pray for direction for a new appointment at our next Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of Appreciation

The Yearly Meeting would like to express our appreciation for the labors of Sharon Helms for her work with the registration this week. We also thank the Hospitality Committee for its unseen work. Last, we thank Bob and Loisanne Rockwell for preparing the Meeting House every morning for our use.

Susan Smith provided the following draft minute for the consideration of the meeting, and the meeting approved the proposed minute.

We have struggled this afternoon and a few other times this week to stay in charity with each other and give place for our Lord to lead us. Throughout our business, our clerk has been patient and perceptive, helping us find the path the Lord would have us take. We appreciate the considerable labor of our clerk throughout this week and before and after Yearly Meeting, and we thank him for his faithfulness.

The Meeting approves the following documents to be read following the children's program this evening.

A Summary of the Exercises Attending our Consideration of What it Means to be Called to be **a People of God**:

In the afternoon on Eighth Month 7, Friends at OYM gathered in the small groups to consider what it means for OYM to be a people of God. They used the following questions to stimulate their insights:

- What is our (OYM's) calling as a people of God?
- Why are we (still) a body today?
- Do we (OYM) know why we are here?
- What are we here for?
- What is the Lord asking of us, Ohio Yearly Meeting?

During the nearly two hours that the groups met, there was a sense of deep and lively searching in the meeting house and a growing sense of cohesion within each group. It felt to observers that the Lord's work was underway.

That evening Friends gathered to hear a report from each group. Worship opening the session included the following vocal prayer:

O God, show us how to live and breathe and have our being, not only as individuals but even more so as thy knit-together body. Show us thy specific intentions for us. Give us our charge, our

direction in this world. Give us a sense of our purpose in thee, renewed for the present day. Let us keep our institutional memory, the link that defines our present by connecting it to our past, but, Lord, save us from the temptation to look only at what has passed. Sharpen our discernment and our willingness to acknowledge and embrace what thee is identifying as our work in the future. And let us feel our discernment affirmed when we find unity among ourselves in understanding thy charge to us.

If we are workers in thy vineyard, show us which plants to tie to the trellis and which grapes to pick. If we are shepherds of thy sheep, show us which animals need extra food, which need to have their wounds bound, and which are to be grouped together for their own safety and growth. If we are a light on a hill, tell us where to point our beacon and how often to flash. If we are salt, let us be willing to be sprinkled on the bland and the presently flavorless. And when thee would use us as thy body, keep all our parts connected and in unity, receptive to thy immediate commands and obedient to do thy work.

The groups' reports and the general discussion after them included the following observations:

Few people in the world know about Friends' distinctive combination of Christian faith and unprogrammed worship, but the world is hungry for God's love. We are called to bear witness to God's work in the world and to our experience that Jesus has come and is present, teaching all who will listen of God's love and power - power that is over all. God is working among us, providing all the gifts we need to let others see and know our faith.

We hold in common a willingness to wait for God's inspiration and guidance. God's love and power call us to live our faith throughout every day. God has given OYM a treasure which we yet preserve, a time-tested corporate understanding of living in Christ, but when we hold it too tightly it loses its Life and we risk having nothing to sustain us, as well as having nothing to share. We must continually be alert to how we are to share the treasure while maintaining its integrity. We also need to be alert to the occasions the Lord gives us for maintaining or repairing the bonds

of love among ourselves, for part of his purpose for us is to have us support each other in God's vineyard.

God has preserved us as a faithful remnant, and yet God does not intend that we be stuck in the past. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to show us where and how to move ahead, how and what to think outside the box. Quaker Spring opens to OYM a link to Friends in other yearly meetings. We can utilize the Internet and various social media to connect with seeking people. We take to heart the Scripture "You have not chosen me, [Jesus], but I have chosen you." We may be given opportunities for service at any time. We seek to strengthen our sense of community, of being a body in Christ's service, and to instill that sense in our children and the people who join us as adults.

Christ is our living and perfect head. We are called to be a corporate model for Christian living and for waiting worship. Coming to know the Lord is often a long process, which we have been engaged in for varying lengths of time. We need to accept that the process will take time for people who come newly among us, and to be willing both to help and to wait.

Some of us are called to go beyond our local meetings in vocal ministry; others are called to support and nurture those ministers. Why doesn't each of us look within him- or herself to see if we have a calling to go out to share with others our experience of Christ present in our lives, teaching and encouraging us? Should meetings take initiative in prompting members gifted in vocal ministry to go out beyond their own meeting houses? How we can send members out in ministry and support their work is not a mystery. Friends used to do that often, and we have their model in our history. Does a fear of being humbled keep us from exercising our gifts?

Another model from more recent history is that of the "Traveling Meeting," composed of the members of one OYM meeting who felt called to visit, by invitation and as a group, meetings in Baltimore and Philadelphia YMs. They joined the First Day worship of the meeting that invited them and afterward offered anyone who wished to stay and share the lunch the travelling Friends had brought with them. That outreach acquainted many Friends in Maryland and Pennsylvania with Conservative Friends' worship and fellowship (and cuisine) and led to OYM membership for several of those Friends.

George Fox, of course, also went into the world with his message. First, he found the answer to his own search, as quoted often from his journal: "Then, oh then I heard a Voice that said, 'There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition.'" Soon thereafter God showed Fox a vision of a great people to be gathered. Fox did not wait for the people to come to him, but instead went out to places where people were, including Anglican churches. Most of us have not felt called to give

sermons in other churches, but perhaps we are too reluctant to tell about our experience of God's work within and among us. Might we let other Friends know, including Friends in EFI and FUM, that we would be willing to come to them and share with them how we meet Jesus in worship.

Ida Chamness, a Midwestern Conservative Friend in the early part of the 20th century, also went out boldly in the ministry, traveling in Scandinavia where she rented suitable space and held public meetings for worship. Our experience of Christ is precious, and people are thirsty for the Living Water. We need to meet people where they are - geographically and culturally - in order to help them find that Water for themselves.

We wonder if there are things we say or do as Conservative Friends that make inquirers into our faith uncomfortable. Are there parts we should intentionally change? We are reminded that Jesus himself was called a blasphemer, and that he warned his disciples that they would be persecuted for their faith. We need to be prepared for the hard times that many believe are coming to our world, and to be ready to stand against attacks on our faith, while at the same time taking care to remain in God's love, willing and enabled to share our sustenance with others.

Is the word "Conservative" that we use to describe ourselves a hindrance to our ministry? We acknowledge that it can be, but rather than drop or change it, we see that it is better to clarify more widely that we have been "Conservative" for a century, well before that term acquired its present social/ political meaning. We are conservative because we conserve much of the original faith, way of worship, and outward practice of Friends from their earliest days in England and through the subsequent centuries.

We see, however, that while we have been led into preserving that faith and practice, and also that we are now being given the responsibility of sharing it widely with spiritually hungry people, we are also called to address the physical needs of people in this world. The Walton Home is one such ministry with its roots in our yearly meeting. The Walton not only meets well the physical needs of its residents, but it also brings to its residents ongoing examples of and explicit teaching about Jesus' love for all. Might we support the Walton Home more vigorously? Are we called as individuals or as meetings to do more to alleviate the suffering of people who enter this country illegally to escape horrors at home?

Friends have been called "pragmatic mystics." We see God's vision for our service, and then we roll up our sleeves and do it. If we go out into the world but not with God, we go to a dead end. If we listen to God but don't go out into the world when He calls, we're not being faithful. If you have a leading that you have been either nursing or trying to stomp

out, seek help from your meeting at whatever level feels right, help with discernment and appropriate action.

As one Friend said in conclusion, "When I've been called into the ministry, I have never felt prepared. I have been thankful that God did not tell me what was going to happen, but when I lived through the call faithfully, I knew I was blessed in His work."

All who serve may not be visible in their service, just as some body parts cannot be seen but still do their work.

Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting

Seventh Month 13, 2014

To Ohio Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends,

"We know that in everything God works for good, with those who love him, who are called according to his purposes."

Romans 8:28 (RSV)

We gathered at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina in Seventh Month 2014 for the 317th annual session of our yearly meeting. Our program theme was "Cultivating Spiritual Depth among Conservative Friends." As we explored this theme together we were offered many opportunities both to open ourselves to deeper spiritual lives and to become more aware of our heritage as Conservative Friends. We enjoyed sharing our understandings of how we might deepen our spiritual lives as individuals and as a community. We celebrated many stories from our past. We recognized new initiatives are needed for us to meet the needs of our children. We highlighted the essential values that we share as Conservative Friends. But we not only shared our past, our hopes and our values, we found there were many moments where by our words, our manners, or simply our presence together we communicated our love and respect for one another as beloved children of our heavenly Father.

As we considered our identity as Conservative Friends in North Carolina Yearly Meeting, we were mindful of the other Conservative yearly meetings. Your yearly meeting was brought to our awareness more fully by your epistle to us and by the presence David Eley again here with us. This year David offered vocal ministry which illustrated how, if we do our part, then God will do God's part, and the glory of God will be

evident among us. We appreciate the faithfulness of David's visits with us, and value the living ties which continue to bring us closer together in the Spirit.

Your Friends in Christ,

Nancy Craft, Clerk
on behalf of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

Concluding Minute

As we draw our 202nd Yearly Meeting to a close, we reflect briefly on our time together. Our committees reported on their continuing work in our corner of the divine vineyard. Our primary service outreach, the Walton Home, is moving forward in its planning to meet the needs of retirees. Our speakers have nurtured us through presentations on the hidden meanings of slave spirituals, the ramifications of Christ's desire to live in and through us, and the direction we receive through prayer.

Several matters required more attention this year. We spent time considering our call and purpose as a Yearly Meeting that is part of the Body of Christ. We affirmed our concern to protect children from becoming targets of inappropriate behavior and provided guidance to several committees for their work. We weighed the issue of allowing our members to report directly to future sessions about conferences they attend on our behalf.

Ministry throughout the week has warmed our hearts by demonstrating God's moving among us. Gathering for worship was identified as the first step in becoming a body with Christ as the head, because He provides us with the manna that is renewed daily and the living water from the never-drying foundation. He breathes new life into our nostrils and plants a spiritual seed that brings a new dynamic to our being. Where would we be without His precious, holy presence?

As we consider what Jesus suffered for us and examine ourselves before Him, we as individuals and corporately can have a better sense of our holy calling. We rejoice to experience that the power of God is over all, and we rejoice in the healing we receive from divine love so that we may share this love with others. At the same time, we mourn that during this week unspeakable atrocities have been committed against fellow members of the body of Christ in the Middle East.

We now conclude, purposing to meet again on Eighth Month 4, 2015, unless the Lord directs us otherwise.

Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight

Clerk: Mary Alice Pino

ROCKINGHAM QUARTER

Chattahoochee: James McClelland Covert (O), Sarah Parsons (O,E)

Keystone: Penny Thomas (O,E), Seth Hinshaw (O,M), David Eley (E,M), Michael Kinch (E), Charles Thomas, Jr. (M), Terry Wallace (M)

Rockingham: Susan Smith (E), John C. Smith (M)

SALEM QUARTER

Crossroads: Phil Helms (E), Sharon Helms (O)

Middleton: Verna H. Cope (O), Anthony J. Edgerton (O), Marie Hawkins (O), Lois G. Edgerton (E), Rebecca J. Hawkins (E), Mary Alice Pino (E), Nancy A. Hawkins (M),

Salem: Eunice M. Burkey (O), Mildred S. Henderson (O),

Barbara M. Newlin (O), Kimberly A. Newlin (O), Robert W. Stratton (E), Winifred E. Stratton (M,E)

Winona: Conrad Lindes (M,E), Dean A. Sidwell (O), Rose M. Sidwell (O)

STILLWATER QUARTER

Chesterfield: Robert Rothwell (E)

Richard D. Wetzel (E)

Chestnut Ridge: Burton M. Doudna (M), Kathleen Kovalick (E)

Short Creek: D. Raye Hodgson (O,E), Sara L. Kirk (O,E), Elvina Krekler (O,E)

Stillwater: Marie Bundy (O), Victor G. Peacock (O), Karen L. Walsh (O), Diane Reynolds (O), Francis I. Taber (E), Katherine S. Jacobsen (E), Anna S. Peacock (E), Richard A. Simon (E), Diana L. Kaul (E), John C. Benson (M), Martha S. Giffin (M), 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 Third Day preceding the second Seventh-day in Eighth Month at 10:00 a.m. Yearly Meeting in 2015 is scheduled to be held as follows:

Meetings for Worship followed by business: Third Day through Seventh Day, Eighth Month 4th through 8th, 2015.

Meetings for worship only: Second Day, Eighth Month 4th at 7:30 p.m. and First Day, Eighth Month 10th, 10:30 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Meets the third Seventh Day in 11th Month at Chestnut Ridge.

Meeting at 1:00 p.m.; and

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.

ROCKINGHAM QUARTERLY MEETING

The second 7th Day of 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th Months, with varying locations. First Month to be at Chattahoochee, others to be determined 6 months in advance. Please phone the clerk (Susan Smith at 540-867-5788) for current information.

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: Mary Alice Pino, 44550 SR 517, Columbiana, OH 44408; Rose M. Sidwell, assistant.

Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, same day at 9 a.m., Clerk Nancy Hawkins

STILLWATER QUARTERLY MEETING

Ministry and oversight at 9:30 a.m., business at 1 p.m., following lunch
Contact clerks Elvina Krekler, at 740-546-3814, or Janet Hammer, at 740-448-2341, for locations

Clerks: Elvina M. Krekler, 1187 St. Hwy 250, Adena, OH 43901; Janet Hammer, Assistant

MONTHLY MEETINGS

In Rockingham Quarter

Chattahoochee: the third First Day of each month. Clerk:

Anna Creighton (614) 893-0241

Keystone Fellowship: Contact Clerk Eileen Kinch (717) 284-4999 for time and place.

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

Clerk: Susan S. Smith

In Salem Quarter

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

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)

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 **Chattahoochee, 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 the clerk 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 the first First-day of each month. Contact Conrad Lindes

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

Chattahoochee: 3980 Florida Ave., Atlanta, GA 30360. For information, go to

http://peachtree.quaker.org/Chattahoochee_Friends/Welcome.html

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 2nd 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 Seth Hinshaw (610) 269-0680.

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

Committees of Ohio Yearly Meeting

(Years indicate expiration of term, asterisk* indicates clerk)

ADULT LEADERS for JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING and YOUNG FRIENDS

2015 Marie Bundy, Rebecca Hawkins
2016 Martha Wilber, Karen Walsh

AGENDA COMMITTEE

ex officio: Seth Hinshaw, OYM Clerk
2015 Philip W. Helms, Sharon Helms*
2016 Arthur Berk, Elvina Krekler, James Creighton
2017 Nancy Hawkins, Carl Smith, Terry Wallace

AUDIT and BUDGET COMMITTEE

(Serving until the end of the session in that year)
2014 David Eley, Denise Troy
2015 Mike Kinch, David Male

BOOK and CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE

2015 Elvina Krekler, Johanna Mae Rockwell
2016 Eileen Kinch (from 2015), Nancy Hawkins (from 2015)
2017 Ann Marie Taber

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP COMMITTEE

2015 Evelyn Groves
2017 Janet Hammer, Marie Bundy, Johanna Mae Rockwell

COMMITTEE to COORDINATE and SUPPORT OUTREACH

2015 Philip W. Helms, Scott King, Kim Palmer
2016 Conrad Lindes, Lily Rockwell, Arthur Berk, Alistair Lomax
2017 Micah Bales, Nancy Hawkins, Jack Smith, John Benson

DOCUMENT COMMITTEE

2014 Arthur Berk, James Creighton, Philip W. Helms
2015 Dorothy Guindon, Mike Kinch, Robert Wilber*
2016 Phil Helms

EPISTLE COMMITTEE (served this session)

Kim Palmer, Henry Jason (adherent), Sarah Parsons, Diane Reynolds

FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES

ex officio: Walton Home Manager (Jamie Helmick)
2015 David Warrington*, Dennis Rockwell
2016 Carey Newlin
2017 Beverly Shull, Robert Becerra

FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

2015 Beverly Shull, Marie Kirk Hawkins
2016 Deborah Taber, Rebecca Hawkins

FRIENDS CENTER COMMITTEE

2015 Frances I. Taber, John Benson, Robert Rockwell
2016 Barbara Smith, Diane Reynolds, Katharine Jacobsen, Ken Jacobsen,
Richard Simon
2017 John C. Smith, Susan Smith*, Denise Troy, David Male

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

2015 Bernard Naylor, Denise Troy, Seth B. Hinshaw
2016 Earl Smith, Marie Bundy, Mary Alice Pino, Theodora Johnson*,
Verna Cope
2017 Lois Ann Rockwell, Gwen Giffin

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

2015 Elvina Krekler, Winifred Stratton, Mary Alice Pino
2016 Shawna Roberts
2017 Robert Rockwell, Lois Ann Rockwell

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

2015 Bernard Naylor, Evelyn Groves, Marie Bundy
2016 Lois Edgerton, Seth Hinshaw
2017 Eileen Kinch

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (named by Monthly Meetings)

2015 Philip W. Helms, Rebecca J. Hawkins, Conrad Lindes, Winifred E.
Stratton, James Creighton, Evelyn Groves, Sara Kirk, Thomas Rockwell,
Loisanne Rockwell, Jack Smith, Scott King
2016 Anna Creighton, James Covert

PEACE and HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2015 Mary Alice Pino, Richard Wetzell, Verna H. Cope
2016 Lois Edgerton, Martha Giffen
2017 Sylvia Thomas

PRINTING COMMITTEE

ex officio: OYM Clerk - Seth Hinshaw
ex officio: OYM Recorder – Conrad Lindes
ex officio: Nominating Committee Clerk - Conrad Lindes
2016 Constance Bair-Thompson
2017 Mike Kinch, Eileen Kinch

TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE

2015 Robert Stratton, Dennis Rockwell
2016 Janet Hammer
2017 Penny Thomas

TRUSTEES of OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY

2015 Kevin D. Roberts, Victor G. Peacock, Robert Rockwell*
2016 Carl Smith, Mary Alice Pino
2017 Richard Sidwell

WIDER FELLOWSHIP of CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS

2014 Elvina Krekler, Mike Kinch, Sharon Helms, John C. Smith
2015 Arthur Berk, Constance Bair-Thompson, Lily Rockwell, Philip Helms, Terry Wallace, Raye D. Hodgson
2016 John C. Smith, Mike Kinch, Evina Krekler, Sharon Helms, Nancy Hawkins*

WALTON HOME BOARD

2015 Carolyn McGinnis, Anne Marie Taber, Richard Simon, Andy Woods (community)
2016 Dennis Rockwell, Ruth Brutz (community)
2017 Rebecca Hawkins, William Ray (community representative)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

Appointed 1990 – Loisanne Rockwell
Appointed 2009 – Seth Hinshaw
Appointed 2010 - Beverly Kirk Shull, Kimberly Newlin

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Seth Hinshaw (clerk) *ex-officio*

2015 Mary Alice Pino, Elvina Krekler, Shawna Roberts

2016 Phil Helms*, Sharon Helms, Mike Kinch, Charles Thomas, Jr.,
Marie Kirk Hawkins, Kim Newlin, Loisanne Rockwell, Conrad Lindes

2017 Sarah Parsons, Jim Creighton, Verna Cope, Debora Taber, Melissa
Hinshaw, Kathy Kovalik, Myrtle Bailey

2018 Rose Sidwell, Nancy Hawkins, Burton Doudna

TREASURER of OHIO YEARLY MEETING

2015 Dennis Rockwell, Assistant Marie Bundy

YEARLY MEETING RECORDER

2015 Conrad Lindes, Assistant: Mike Kinch

**REPRESENTATIVES to FRIENDS COMMITTEE on NATIONAL
LEGISLATION and WILLIAM PENN HOUSE**

2015 Earl Smith

2016 Micah Bales, David Eley

**REPRESENTATIVES to FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE for
CONSULTATION**

2015

2016 Rebecca Hawkins

2017 Beverly Shull, David Eley

OHIO YEARLY MEETING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 2014												
Meeting	Members Gained				Members Lost				Net Gain or Loss	Total Membership as of Sixth Month 1		
	Births	By Request	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Deaths	Request Release	Discontinued	2013		2014		
Chattahoochee MM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	11		
Keystone Fellowship MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-4	11	7		
Rockingham MM	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	-1	44	34		
Rockingham QM	0	3	0	0	1	0	15	-13	65	52		
Crossroads MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5		
Middleton MM	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	72	71		
Salem-Upper Springfield MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	56		
Wirrona MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	68		
Salem QM	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	201	200		
Chestertield MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17		
Chestnut Ridge MM	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	28	27		
Short Creek MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	59		
Stillwater MM	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	151	150		
Stillwater QM	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	255	253		
OHIO YEARLY MEETING	0	3	0	0	4	0	6	-7	521	505		
Sojourning Members from Outside OYM: 1												
The total membership includes 60 Affiliates, 13Associate Affiliates, 35 Associates, 11 Waiting												