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"A FUTURE AND A HOPE"

Jeremiah 29:11-13

By Ron Bryan, General Superintendent

I want to take a few moments and kind of wrap up from our Annual Ministry Conference.

We don't have the final financial picture yet but it appears very likely that all went well. Our attendance was good, and the response from the evaluations suggests that there was a strong acceptance of our speaker, workshop's and forums. And yes, praise the Lord, the weather was perfect. To those who were unable to attend we are sorry, for we had a wonderful time, and as one comment was written "I went home revitalized and refreshed, isn't that the way it is suppose to be?"

One clear fact is evident to me having now two Annual Conferences to compare. It is utterly and physically impossible to meet every individual request as to how to plan and carry out an Annual Meeting. The wonderful thing about evaluations is that we may receive information that will help us to plan and coordinate for the next year. As we talk about a future and hope, then it would seem prudent that we gather in all the information we can and add, change or make corrections where it is within our sphere of influence to do so.

One comment that stood out to me in the evaluations was "why are we going to Camp Quaker Heights next year?" Well let me attempt to respond. Since there is the Friends United Meeting Triennial on July 13 thru 17 in 2005, and since it takes literally thousands of hours to coordinate such an event (from across FUM), and since it is in Des Moines thus necessitates much time and energy for our Yearly Meeting members. To try and plan an entire Yearly Meeting Annual Conference for two weeks following was deemed to difficult to accomplish. Add to this the fact that we have such a wonderfully renovated facility at Camp Quaker Heights it seemed exciting to plan a shortened Yearly Meeting for there. **Thus, perhaps, we are urging as many people as possible to take in as much of the Triennial as possible and then come to CQH for a shortened version of the Yearly Meeting Conference, August 5 & 6, 2005.**

Let me finish by saying, we are grateful and thankful for all the people who plan and attend, volunteer to lead workshops, help in the bookstores, do all the little things that have to be done but don't get recognized. Without the efforts of everyone there could be no Annual Conference.

To plan towards the future, you should know that I am sensing a strong nudge to follow up on a couple of comments. These suggestions were something to the effect that we "need more traditional Quaker speakers". I am left pondering that request. What is traditional Quaker? My leadings so far are in the area of studying and researching the person of Joseph John Gurney. Thirty years ago, Ruth Briggs, now deceased of New Sharon Meeting, made a statement to me, "We are Gurneyites!" I have now embarked upon a new journey, who was Joseph John Gurney? The man who was the younger brother of Elizabeth Fry, the man who was very well schooled and a student of the Bible, the man who could read and study in all the original languages, and felt led to become a traveling minister. He caused quite a stir amongst Quakers in the 1830's, and left a strong legacy that some of us have followed all these years. Who was he, and why did he feel so led? I am sure more will follow and I am excited!

"The Society of Friends Declaration to Charles II in 1660



We utterly deny all outward wars and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretense whatsoever; this is our testimony to the whole world...

The Spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil, and again to move unto it; and we certainly know, and testify to the whole world, that the Spirit of Christ, which leads us into all truth, will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the Kingdom of Christ nor for the kingdoms of this world... Therefore, we cannot learn war anymore."



Friendly Flashes

"And since we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things." ~ Romans 12:5-6

This month I invite you to meet your new board members, as you will see, we have an abundance of Linda's. Our first order of business will be figuring out what to call each Linda, so that they know they are the one being spoken to or volunteered.

Linda Eliason: *Christian Service Secretary.* Linda has been a member of Friends since age 15, first at Des Moines Friends and now College Avenue Friends. She retired from the faculty of William Penn University in 1997. While there she served as clerk of the executive committee of Friends Association for Higher Education. Linda serves as the church librarian, secretary of Faye Circle and writes for the church newsletter and does book reviews for Quaker Life. Her hobbies include reading, photography, scrapbooks, and spoiling their Somali cat, Jubilation.

Linda Hourihan: *Stewardship Secretary.* Linda is a Clerk Typist at the University of Iowa Hospitals and is married to Charlie. They have 6 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Linda holds joint members in Salem and Grace Friends Churches and has been active in the Grace Community Church since it's beginning. Currently Linda is President of the Grace USFW, Recording clerk of Salem Monthly Meeting, Presiding Clerk of Pleasant Pain/Salem Quarterly Meeting and serves on the Church Extension Board of Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Linda Garrison: *Vice-President.* Linda is pastor of Chester Friends Church and Vice-President of their USFW. Linda is Head of Food Service for Camp Quaker Heights where she works with her husband, Ric, our Associate Superintendent. They have 3 children: Meredith, Patric, and Isaac. Linda is also on the IAYM Church Extension Board.

Dorothy Taylor: *Treasurer.* Dorothy is employed by a law firm doing bookkeeping, taxes and other jobs. She is married to Waylon Taylor, a retired minister. They have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is a 35-year member of USFW currently serving as Literature at Scranton. Dorothy is a past member of the Executive Board having served as Stewardship Secretary and Friendly Flashes Editor.

As you can see we have again filled our board with women who are using the abilities that God has given them. We look forward to an exciting year as we prepare to help with Triennial and host Spring Conference in Grinnell on April 9th, 2005!

Blessings, Linda Burnett



*Thank You Iowa Yearly Meeting
Friends for the many cards and
best wishes for our 50th
Wedding Anniversary.*

Bill and Esther Griggs



2004 Pickett Award

JESSICA OWENS 2004 PICKETT AWARD WINNER

LeGrand, Iowa - LeGrand Friends Church (LFC) is pleased to announce that Jessica Owens has been chosen to receive a 2004 Clarence and Lilly Pickett Fund for Quaker Leadership Award in the amount of \$2,000. Jessica's husband is Will Owens, Youth Pastor of LFC.

She will use the grant to further develop the Youth Ministry Internship Program for the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches. This program is designed to place upcoming Christian leaders in appropriate Quaker churches or ministries for training purposes.

Established in 1990, the Pickett Fund focuses on discovering and developing young Quaker leadership. They specifically fund "hands-on" service and "practical" research projects directly related to the betterment of humankind.

USFW FALL RETREAT

"Call to Ministry"

**Saturday October 9, 2004
Camp Quaker Heights**



PROGRAM: Youth Training for Ministry,
Jessica Owens and Ric Garrison

Ways to Encourage Ministry,
Sharing of ideas

Rewarding Past Ministry,
Lloyd McDonald

TIME: 9:30 – 3:00 P.M. NOON MEAL: \$7.00

Make reservations and purchase tickets by Monday, October 4. Offering for Retired Minister's Benefit

***All women are invited to learn about past,
present, and future ministry in
Iowa Yearly Meeting.***









Christian Appalachia Project

~Riverside Friends Kentucky Trip~



MEETING MOMENTS



Bottom Left , George Johnson & Desi Wander
Middle , John Martin, Sarah Martin, Lissa Hedricks
Top Row Left , Lori Wander, Diane Martin, Paul Martin

Eight people from Riverside Friends Church volunteered in McKee, Kentucky with Christian Appalachia Project (CAP). They helped roof a house for an 81 year-old woman, who had only a few weeks earlier had her first indoor bathroom installed by CAP. For 81 years she used an outhouse. She proudly exclaimed, "I took a shower today." Rotten porches were torn off another home where the older woman was afraid to sit or walk on the porch. The volunteers learned how to build a new deck and front porch for Mittie.

On Wednesday the team also helped at a church food bank, which services 125 families every month. The poverty rate was 65% with a school drop out rate of 50% in the county they served. The homeowners radiated their faith in Christ and cried as they saw how God was blessing them with some home repairs they could never afford.

Many lessons were learned about serving others and being more grateful with God's daily provisions. Everyone quickly agreed they were ready to return to Appalachia for another work outreach next summer.



The Valton Friends Church has seen a busy summer and is looking forward to the fall meeting of the Winnesheik Quarterly Meeting to be held in Valton on October 9th and 10th. The speaker for the meeting will be former Quaker pastor Ernest Baiotto of Earlham Iowa. The weekend begins with boat rides on Lake Redstone from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. followed by a hayrack ride around the beautiful countryside from 3:30 til 5:00 P.M. A soup and bread supper begins at 5:30 P.M. followed by a business meeting. The evening service will begin at 7:00 P.M. Pastor Paul Willis and Lynn Gnatiz started a jail ministry this year that involves Sunday afternoon service in the Sauk County jail and is a service that seems to be very well received. Several people have come to know Christ as Savior and we have seen that the "harvest is great but the workers are few." The WMU continues to make quilts that are given to the Sauk County Sheriff's department to carry in the squad cars for use in emergency and also for domestic situations. The sheriff has told us that the quilts have a very comforting effect for children involved in these types of situations. The quilts become the property of the children and the women replace them by inviting the Sheriff to a luncheon where he is presented with as many as forty quilts to be used by the patrol officers. The church was involved in two benefits this summer for people in the community who passed away and it seems that the need to help is never ending. We continue to pray that the Lord will let us be "A Lighthouse" in our little corner of the world.



METANOIA

Summer has gone in the blink of an eye, and now in autumn, you are invited to attend a very special women's retreat, Metanoia.

It is an opportunity to take a break from your everyday activities, rekindle the joy in your life, draw closer to God, fellowship with other Christian women, listen to a thought-provoking speaker, and share from the heart.

Metanoia is held October 13-15, (Met I) and October 15-17 (Met II) at the Christian Conference Center near Newton, Iowa. The cost is \$75 for a cabin room or \$100 for a lodge room, and registrations are due by September 29. Scholarships are also available.

This year's resource leader is Cindy McCalmont, a United Methodist pastor from Ames, Iowa. Her love of stories has been nurtured throughout her life, and she is presently working toward the doctoral degree in Spirituality and Story. Cindy will be guiding us in our theme, "Explore New Directions."

There is much more that could be said about Metanoia, but just talk to someone who has been there, and you will sense the enthusiasm. For more information, including registration forms, please contact:

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VITAL SIGNS

WEDDINGS

Jennifer Koch and **Christopher Reece** were married on December 27, 2003. Christopher is the former pastor of West Branch Friends. He is the son of Dennis & Marlene Reece and grandson of Bonnie Phillips, all of Honey-Creek New Providence Friends. Art & Donna Williams of Marshalltown Friends are Christopher's maternal grandparents.

Kimberly Eastman and **Matthew Spray** were married June 12, 2004. Kimberly is the daughter of Dennis and Rita Eastman of Packwood. Matthew is the son of Denise Gregory and the late Randy Spray. Grandparents are Wayne and Iola Parsons and Eileen Coffin and the late Ted Spray. All are members of Woolson Friends.

Jennifer Harris and **William Dooley** were married June 19, 2004. Jennifer's parents are John and Pam Harris of Richland and are members of Woolson Friends.

Alicia Helgesen and **Chip Daleske** were married July 10, 2004. Chip is the son of Arlen and Jean Daleske of New Providence, and grandson of Alice and Paul Williams and Martha and Lloyd McDonald of New Providence.

Nikki Beck and **Denny Allen** were married July 10, 2004 at LeGrand Friends Church with Pastor Alan Mullikin officiating. Nikki and Denny are the newest members of the LeGrand Meeting.

BIRTHS

Ian Mark Hagenberg, son of Elaine (McDonald) and Mark Haagenberg was born on July 19, 2004. Ian's grandparents are Marlene and Tom McDonald and great grandparents are Martha and Lloyd McDonald all members of the Honey-Creek New Providence meeting.

DEATHS

Gladys King, 103, died July 10, 2004 in Burlington Iowa. Services were held at Fairfield Friends Church with Pastor Dave Elmore Officiating. Gladys was a charter member of the Fairfield Meeting and had been a member of the Salem Meeting.

Delbert Hammer, 91, died July 7, 2004 in Newton. He and his wife Dorothy joined the Center Friends Meeting in 1950. Delbert was a farmer all his life and started the Amboy Trail Ranch in Newton. He is survived by his son Dyer and wife Barbara, daughter Donna and husband, Roger, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Dean Crookshank, of LeGrand Friends Meeting, died Friday, July 16, 2004—just a day after his 75th birthday. Dean and his first wife, Sharee, were the first couple married in the present church building on June 29, 1952. Since then, Dean has been an active member of the meeting. His son Dan Crookshank (Denise) is Clerk of M & C for LeGrand Friends and is active in Yearly Meeting. We will especially miss Dean's warm laugh, contagious smile, and grooming touch as a Church lawn mower.

Elsie Neece, 76, of Richland died June 23, 2004 in Fairfield following a brief illness. She was married to Leroy Neece, who died in 1991. Funeral services were held at Woolson Friends Church with Ned Van Nostrand and Carl Ratcliff officiating. Elsie was a faithful and active member of Woolson Friends. She is survived by 3 daughters; Martha

CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS GOLF OUTING

Saturday October 9th
8:30 AM - 9 hole round
12:30 PM - 4-man best ball



Golf Retreat is the same day as Iowa USFW fall retreat, so bring your wives to fall retreat and join the men for Golf.

Cost: 18 holes - \$20.00 -- Lunch: \$6.00
Cart Rental: \$11.00 (per person when sharing a cart)
TOTAL PER PERSON: \$37.00

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 5th.
641-858-5977 or campqhi@adiis.net

Periodical Postage Paid at Oskaloosa, Iowa

APPRECIATION RECIPIENTS

2004 Ministry Conference



ALLEN AND MARTINA BOWMAN of College Avenue Friends in Oskaloosa are a couple who are leading by extending helping hands to others through community projects. While members of College Avenue Friends church, Allen and Martina have served as representatives at Iowa Yearly Meeting. Additional responsibilities include clerk of CAF Monthly Meeting, serving on Quakerdale board, and participating in Habitat for Humanity.

Allen and Martina have planted seeds for Peace, seeds of Love, and seeds of Caring. They also plant seeds for flowers and vegetables they share with others. Martina is active in the cleaning of the kitchen each year. Allen and Martina remember birthdays and anniversaries by sending personal greeting cards to celebrate the event; Allen and Martina are available to listen to personal challenges. Allen will be remembered for saying, "I will hold you in the Light" Allen and Martina have provided a ministry to the ill. Allen took on most of the lawn mowing responsibilities during this summer. Allen and Martina are well loved and well respected members of College Avenue Friends. Thank you, Allen and Martina, for everything you do!

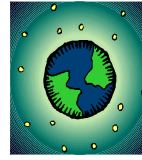
TANYA ENGLISH of West Branch Friends has been active in the community in helping out with youth. She has been a leader in the local Teen Center. This year she directed "Godspell" in the local high school.

EVELYN JENNESS of Marshalltown First Friends has many years of involvement in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program as she participates in the "Mentor" and "Rock and Read" programs of the Marshalltown School system; this year it was at Rogers School. In the past she has also read for pre-school and Head Start. She also serves the Lord by consistently helping to plan, cook and serve meals at the homeless shelter (House of Compassion). In addition, she extends her helping hands at fund-raising events to benefit the local Senior Citizens Center. Her motto is to help others. She has befriended countless numbers of persons by giving rides to and from work, to doctors appointments and to Bible study. She lives by her five F's—Faith, Family, Friends, Food and Fun and strives to be an obedient servant of the Lord every day of the week—not just on Sunday.



DOROTHY PAYNE of Salem Friends has a true "servant's heart." Her local ministry has been with the home department of our church. She has regularly visited the shut-ins on Sunday afternoon and other times as needed for over 19 years. She taught Sunday School for 60 years, helped

with the youth group activities and served on many different committees. The local food bank, called the Fellowship Cup, has had her leadership on their board for nine years. She



was very active on this board and helped with numerous fundraisers. She has played the piano for Salem Friends for over 65 years and has offered her services at the local nursing homes. She has volunteered her time for Habitat for Humanity and American Cancer Society. Dorothy constantly writes or calls her local and national political leaders on Christian concerns. Her short-term mission trips have included the following countries: Brazil, Kenya, Jamaica, Romania, Haiti, Israel, and to the Friends Rough Rock Mission in Arizona. Dorothy has been in all 50 states and Ireland, Luxembourg, Wales, Switzerland, Germany, British Isles, Italy and Canada. She has been a key promoter of Salem's mission convention, which has been held for 42 consecutive years. She has been a tremendous role model for all of us at Salem Friends.

DAN RITCHIE of Middle River Friends is an honor to have in the community. He has been attending Middle River Friends in Carlisle for 14 years. He has served on the school board for 6 years. He was on the planning committee of the new church building. He retired from Wells Fargo just in time to fill in until we got a fulltime pastor, making hospital and shut-in calls.



He has volunteered many hours in the new church in painting and other maintenance items. He was very helpful in getting a youth pastor here. He can be found behind the scenes doing many jobs he doesn't get credit for. He is serving on the trustees committee. With all of this he still takes time to be a good husband, father, and grandfather.

WAYNE TUTTLE of Bangor Liberty Friends is a humble man with a servant heart. His behind the scenes, caring witness is felt by many in the Marshalltown area. Wayne regularly volunteers at the Marshalltown hospital where he unpacks, prices and repacks seasonal merchandise for the gift shop. While at the hospital he visits church members or friends he knows who are there for tests or procedures, giving a smile of encouragement. He occasionally drives the hospital's van, transporting low income people to Iowa City or Des Moines hospitals for specialized care. As a member of the Lions Club, Wayne participates in fundraisers to earn money for local community projects. Each month our church provides a meal at the House of Compassion, a food kitchen and homeless shelter. Wayne is a faithful volunteer for this ministry. His humility is seen as he quietly, yet efficiently wraps the silverware in napkins, washes dishes, or scrubs the kitchen floor. On several occasions Wayne has stayed the night as the shelter monitor. We are pleased to recognize Wayne Tuttle for extending a helping hand to others through these community programs.

M. R. WHITEHEAD of Honey Creek-New Providence Friends has long been faithful in using his gifts for God's work. If there is a song in the air at Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church, M. R. Whitehead is often involved. M. R. has served as senior choir director for over 25 years directing many cantatas as well as Sunday morning anthems. M. R. and Jane also initiated a youth choir for about 40 junior and senior high youth in the 1970's. Not only did M. R. choose the music and direct it, but he also arranged for concerts in other communities and the transportation. Jane coordinated the costumes and a meal after most of the practices. They devoted many, many hours to this project and it was a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our community. M. R. has served on the music committee for many years, is often the worship song leader and a great encourager of young, budding musicians. However, his service is not limited to music. He has given his time and leadership skills to many other church committees, served as Yearly Meeting clerk, as FUM clerk and is on the board of a residential children's home. In the community, he has been mayor for several years, is a member of the Community Club and active on the Renewal Committee. Thank you, M. R., for the way you have shared God's gifts to you with us.



ROBIN YOUNG of Grinnell First Friends is actively involved in community building activities in Grinnell. She started a program in Grinnell called SHARE. This program provides food for participants in exchange for volunteer service hours. It is open to people of any income level, but is of obvious benefit to members of the community who are in need. Robin is Administrative Assistant for Grinnell Renaissance, which works for the promotion of businesses and the historic preservation of the downtown area. She is the event coordinator for Grinnell's ongoing Sesquicentennial Celebration. Robin worked for a number of years with the Retired Senior Volunteers Program and continues to keep in touch with the needs of seniors in the community. She was recently awarded the Ahrens Leave It Better Than You Found It Award, which is given to a person who has helped others within the community.

Dear Friends,
I have recently accepted the position of the IAYM Memorial Chairperson. The committee and myself have the following requests:

1. Send your memorial write-ups throughout the year, telling their story.
2. Typewritten on 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
3. Picture on same paper.
4. Include place of burial.

Send to: Shirley Settle, 1211 West State #141,
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Any questions, please call me at (641) 844-5022

~Thank You~



2004 IAYM Pastor's Retreat

With Jennifer & Paul Daniels, of Marshalltown.

Jennifer Daniel's utmost call is to be a follower of Jesus Christ. For the last 11 years, she has served faithfully as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. A new season is forthcoming as she looks forward attempting to juggle the gift of marriage, the responsibilities of parenthood, and the demands of ministry.

October 3-6, 2004
Camp Quaker Heights
Eldora, IA 50627

The Pastors Association invites pastors, spouses, retired pastors, and those being recorded.

Sunday, October 3rd
5:30 pm - "Banquet in Blue Jeans"
Prime Rib Dinner
7:00 pm - Worship

Monday, October 4th	Tuesday, October 5th
8:00 am - Breakfast	8:00 am - Breakfast
10:00 am - Morning session	9:00 am - Worship
12:00 noon - Lunch	11:00 am - Business Meeting
Afternoon Free	12:00 noon - Lunch
5:30 pm - Dinner	Afternoon Free
7:00 pm - Evening Session	5:30 pm - Dinner, Pizza Ranch
	7:00 pm - Our Superintendents

Wednesday, October 6th
8:00 am - Breakfast
9:00 am - Depart

COME to partake of the Lord's blessing. COME to worship. COME to fellowship and share the latest news from our local meetings. COME to relax and enjoy the beauty of camp. To tell you the truth, we don't care why you come. JUST COME!!

God will bless your presence with His!

Pre-registrations appreciated (by 9-15-2004) by mail, phone, or email. \$50 per pastor, or \$10 for Sunday Evening (designed for bi-vocational pastors). We encourage all spouses to attend - they may attend for free!!

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
ZIP _____ PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
CHURCH _____
SPOUSE (if attending) _____

PAY WHEN YOU ARRIVE! - SPOUSES ARE FREE!

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