

# THE IOWA FRIEND

## Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

### From the Desk of our New General Superintendent

We are excited to be in Iowa! My family and I have made it to Iowa and we look forward to working with you to see the Lord's purposes pursued.

First of all, as I begin in this new position, I want to say "Thanks" to Ron Bryan for the relationship we have formed and for his assistance as I adjust into this new role. If you have not done so, I would encourage you to let Ron know that you have appreciated his leadership over the last 12 years. I have appreciated his heart for the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Second, in many places, October is Pastor Appreciation. Make the most of this opportunity to let your pastor know they are appreciated. Be creative in expressing your authentic appreciation for the work your pastors do.

Third, if I can be of any assistance, feel free to let me know. My office email is [tshowalter@iaym.org](mailto:tshowalter@iaym.org). I am on Facebook and you can contact me through the office at (641) 673-9717.

May the Lord bless you, your family, and His work amongst Friends! ~Tom Showalter

IAYM Missions Board's

### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

**Solar Panels ~ for Friends Theological College**

We are asked over and over to be as green as possible; light bulbs, new appliances, more insulation, etc, etc, etc. What if you could help somebody else be green and help them be more self-sufficient?

During the Spring and Summer of 2016 I will be taking a sabbatical leave from WPU and working at the Friends Theological College (FTC) in Kaimosi, Kenya. Their primary objective is for me to install as much solar electric capacity as they can afford. This is due to the extremely unreliable electric grid and high cost of electricity in Kenya. I estimate that to meet the needs of the entire campus would cost \$80,000 - \$100,000. Friends United Meeting is currently attempting to raise the money. At this time they have approximately \$5,000.

There are around 800,000 Quakers in Kenya. FTC is the only Friends school that trains Kenyans to be pastors, youth workers, and missionaries. The students who attend are poor and struggle to pay their school fees. That in turn makes it difficult for FTC to pay salaries. The solar electric systems will help reduce operating expenses and make it more likely that salaries can be paid on a regular basis.

The electric grid in Kenya is very unreliable. The electricity goes off multiple times most days and is off completely for

days or even weeks at a time. FTC is attempting to embrace computer technology, but that is difficult to do with sporadic electricity. The solar electric systems will provide 24/7 electricity.

For me personally, this will provide considerable experience designing and installing a large photovoltaic system. This will help make me more authentic in teaching my Alternate Energy course. For the most part though, this sabbatical is not about what I can gain, but what I can give. Hopefully this will provide a good example for our students. When I return I hope I can give a presentation at Penn which would fit under the Heritage & Culture committee objectives.

Finally, working in Kenya is just plain enjoyable for me. I am looking forward very much to the slower and simpler lifestyle. ~Jim Hoeksema~

Gifts for this project can be sent to the Mission's Treasurer—  
Dorothy Taylor

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## October

- 10/7-10 FUM General Board Meeting
- 10/11-13 IAYM Pastor Retreat @ CQH
- 10/30-31 All Committee Gathering @ CQH

## July 2016

- 7/7-10 USFW/Quakermen Triennial in Cedar Rapids
- 7/27-30 Annual Yearly Meeting Conference @ WPU

## FEAST for Youth Workers

October 6—Woolson Friends

October 20—Mesquakie Friends Center



FUM still needs help to reach the \$20,000 goal

2015  
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**A Place  
to Play**



## Connecting Friends through the work and stories of Friends United Meeting

## New Staff Appointments



**Lisa Scarpelli** is the newly-appointed Program Assistant for Global Ministries. Lisa is a 2012 graduate of Earlham College in the Peace and Global Studies program, with a minor in Spanish. She participated in the first year of the Quaker Voluntary Service program, serving in Atlanta with the Georgia Women's Action for New Directions. She is an alumna of Pendle Hill's Leadership Development Program and has volunteered at the Dayton International Peace Museum and the Richmond Independent Living Center. For the

last two years she has been volunteering with an after-school tutoring program for Latino children in Dayton. She was raised in both the Dayton Friends Meeting and the Catholic church, and still actively participates in both faith communities.

After a competitive search, FUM has appointed **Kenneth**

**Kihima Saina** to serve in the position of Joint Business Manager for Friends Theological College and the Africa Ministries Office. Kenneth is a member of Kariokor Meeting in Nairobi, and has been working as a senior accountant in a manufacturing firm. His passion for ministry and commitment to the Friends church led him to seek a position in which his professional skills could be used for the building of God's Kingdom.



FUM has also appointed **Dan Kasztelan** to the position of Web/Media Specialist. Dan has been campus minister at Wilmington College since 2008. He is a recorded minister in Wil-

mington Yearly Meeting and a member of Campus Friends Meeting. In addition, he has worked as a newspaper or freelance photographer for over 35 years. His photos have been published in, among others, the EPA's *Toxics Release Inventory*, *Quaker Life*, *Friends Journal*, *East-West*, and *The New York Times*. He and his wife Suzanne live with their two college-aged children, two English Shepherd farm collies, and three derelict cats.

# FWCC- Section of the Americas Fall Committee Meeting @ HCNP



September 17-20, Iowa Yearly Meeting hosted the Friends World Committee and Consultation Section of the Americas Executive Committee meeting at the Honeycreek-New Providence Friends Church. This is a twice a year event and each time it meets in a different location. Last year for example we met in Portland, Maine. This committee oversees the work of FWCC from Alaska to Peru. The staff is housed in Philadelphia and we had people registered to come from nine different states and two countries, Cuba and Guatemala.

The task of coordinating all of the location and travel was given to me, Ron Bryan, this year in lieu of my not going to Mexico City (all members were urged to travel) which was held in March of this year. There were a total of fourteen in attendance and HCNP with the cooperation and coordination of the HCNP USFW, provided homes for everyone to stay in as well as serving the main meals on Thursday evening through Sunday noon. A very big thank you goes out to HCNP members who worked and served in a variety of ways to make this a very successful gathering. Many of our guests had never been to Iowa, nor had they been so close to millions of acres of corn and soybeans. It was an eye opening experience for everyone.

Much of the work is done as bi-lingual and

requires many people who have special gifts in speaking fluent Spanish. It is amazing to come together from such a diverse background and find so many common concerns and direction when waiting together in the Spirit. The big event we discussed at length is the changes coming for FWCC World Office and its Constitution. The Constitution will be discussed and probably modified in January, 2016, when a World Plenary meeting is to be held in Peru. There is a growing sense of excitement for Friends from Central and South America who are experiencing significant growth in membership and Yearly Meetings at this very moment. Bolivia Yearly Meeting for example is now counting 30,000 members in their membership. Guatemala, in its three different Yearly Meetings in excess of 20,000 members and there is quite a stir about the revival happening within their churches.

Presently Iowa Yearly Meeting has a total of four members serving on FWCC-Section of the Americas as representatives, Glen Safford, Karen Bauer, Brenda Cox and Ron Bryan.

*~Ron Bryan~*

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Or visit their website  
At [fwccamericas.org](http://fwccamericas.org)



Please contact Alicia Daleske at Camp Quaker Heights to register for meals and for overnight lodging. Please let Alicia know if your board will be meeting Saturday morning so she and Chip can arrange meeting places for all boards. Please make all reservations by October 23 to allow the camp time to prepare for our arrival.

Camp Quaker Heights contact  
Email - [campquakerheights@gmail.com](mailto:campquakerheights@gmail.com)  
Phone- 641-939-5977



**Cost for meals:** Breakfast: \$4 Lunch: \$5 Supper: \$6

**Lodging** Tall Oaks: \$40 per room Cabin: \$10 per person RV: \$15 per spot

**Friday, October 30, 2015**

Supper: 6:30 PM

Evening Meeting: 7:30 PM Tom Showalter will be sharing about himself with time for us to ask questions and to get better acquainted. This is a great opportunity to get to know our new superintendent.

**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Devotions: 9 AM Led by Tom Showalter

All Boards Meet: 9:30 - Noon

**Lunch: Noon**

**BOC Meeting:** 12:45 PM or as soon as lunch is completed.

## **Is God Calling IAYM to Begin a New Latino Ministry?**

On September 20th at Middle River Friends, a group of Latino and Anglo Friends met for a time of prayer and discernment around the idea of starting a Latino ministry in IAYM. Representatives from the IAYM Missions and Church Extension Boards were present as well as others who desired to join in prayer about this new possibility. The meeting was in both English and Spanish and many shared a vision and heart for the Latino cultures that are located here in Iowa and the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with this people group right here in Iowa.

There was a time for group discussion and questions arose about how to actually implement this in IAYM. After a time of prayer and much discussion, it was determined that God is opening doors for this type of ministry in IAYM and we want to be obedient. We recognized the fact that Friends move slowly but deliberately to clearly hear the Spirit and to know the direction to go. We determined that the next step is to bring this idea to a larger body of Friends to have others join in the prayer and vision process before we move forward with any of the logistics of beginning this new ministry. We gave our blessing and prayers to Middle River Friends where the Monzon family from Guatemala have found a home for now, and a presentation will be given to both Church Extension and Mission boards at All Boards meeting. We ask all of IAYM to join us in prayer as we seek to be obedient.

*Submitted by Katy Palmer*



# FEAST

Calling all Youth Leaders/Sunday School Teachers, and Young Adult Leaders. The Youth and Young Adult Board invites you to attend a night to gather together, eat some pizza, chat with one another and talk about ministry in the local church. We are also going to ask you to bring a couple of your teen leaders with you so that you can have some momentum going back to your church.



You have 2 opportunities to join us. Pick either the one closest to you or the one that fits your schedule better.

Please email Scott:

[scott@IAYM.org](mailto:scott@IAYM.org)

if you have any questions and/or you are planning on attending and how many you are bringing so we can have enough food.

**When:** October 6

**Where:** Woolson Friends Church  
1005 Jasmine Ave  
Richland, IA 52585

**Time:** 6pm-8pm

**When:** October 20

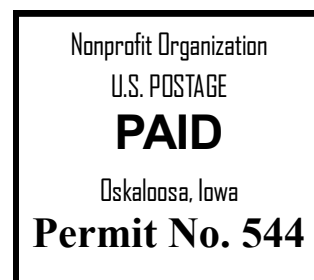
**Where:** Mesquakie Friends Church  
1898 350th  
Tama, IA 52339

**Time:** 6pm-8pm

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## Thanks

I want to recognize the staff of Iowa Yearly Meeting that has shared this work with us over the last twelve years. I am thankful for the people that have served with me for the variety of ministries that comprise our outreach. Mary Thury has been with me in the office now for ten years. As everyone knows it takes more than one person to coordinate and complete the wide range of tasks we are charged with. We have made it thus far as a team and I want to thank her publicly for making it all happen. At Camp Quaker Heights we have had several significant changes in scope and size of our staff. Ric Garrison and I worked as a team in the beginning and he was there for me in many different ways when I first began. Linda, his wife, stepped up and took over Ric's tasks after his very premature death. But with the help of Chip Daleske coming in to help we all came through a very difficult time. Now we have Chip and Alicia and I continue to be thankful for all of the people who have worked at CQH. With the arrival of Scott Biddle for our newly formed position for Youth and Young Adult we are mov-

ing forward in a very quickly changing society and time of our nation. His leadership is very important. Finally, we now have Mac and Bernie at Mesquakie Friends Church and we all feel the enthusiasm they have brought for all of us. I want to say thank you for me and my wife, Joyce, for the many moments we have had together across Iowa Yearly Meeting, you are all family to us.

In closing please receive our thanks for the love gift we received during Yearly Meeting Sessions. We have set that gift aside so we may do something special to celebrate our years of ministry to Iowa Yearly Meeting. As one pastor wrote to me this week, "I would imagine you are having bitter/sweet moments". In reality that is a very good description of my emotions. I feel at times like I want to do more, but am sure this is God's timing and it is only an act of obedience in retiring. However, this moment is abundantly filled with so many memories and faces that I cannot be but be blessed for having walked together with all of you.

*Ron and Joyce Bryan*