

THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

Stoking THE FIRE

claiming
spiritual power for
transformative action

July 9-12, 2017
Wichita, Kansas

Have **YOU** made plans to attend
these events?

Registration is still open!

[One] kindled soul may be the agent whereby
the slumbering embers within are quickened
into a living flame.

— Thomas Kelly
The Eternal Promise



31st Triennial Gathering
of Friends United Meeting

Friends University, Wichita, Kansas
July 12-16, 2017

Speakers: Miriam Were, Wess Daniels,
Jan Wood and Colin Saxton

Friends United Meeting has ex-
tended the Triennial Regular
Registration Fee date to June
15th the cost is \$210, after that
date it will be \$275.00.

FUM 2017 Summer Mission Project



A big year for Belize!

Goal: \$25,000

This year's **Summer Mission Project**
focuses on equipping our new building
in Belize—a former auto parts
warehouse. This 8,000-square foot
space will become the new quarters
for **Belize Friends**
School, and home
to a new **Belize**
City Friends
Center. This is
the start of a new,
larger vision for
FUM in Belize!



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United
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Meet and visit with Oscar Mmbali—
Belize Friends Pastoral Minister

Iowa Locations:

June 20—at Camp Quaker
Heights (Elementary Camp)
June 21—At Mesquakie Friends
June 22—Bangor Liberty Friends
June 24—Indianola Friends
June 25—College Avenue Friends



Church in Action ~ College Avenue Friends~

An issue that College Avenue Friends Church cares about especially deeply is hunger. You can see this in the many among us who volunteer at the local ecumenical food cupboard, in Jan Palmer's Take Along Lunch program that helps hungry kids get through the weekend, and the Oskaloosa Summer Lunch Program that I especially want to highlight here. It is a non-profit under the umbrella of the United Way of Oskaloosa and because of the high poverty levels in our community it is both fully reimbursed for every meal by the USDA, as well as is not required by them to ask the children for proof of their neediness. It now has twelve sites in the Oskaloosa area.

At a Golden Circle program (a monthly small group for senior members) the winter before last, the previous director came and told us about the program, and immediately I wanted to learn more about what it would take to become a site. College Avenue sits of course right next to the Friends Park, the shadiest park in Oskaloosa on a hot summer day, and its recently updated play structures and sand pit are the perfect place for large groups of kids to play. Historically CAF had its Jack and Jill preschool whose legacy is readily seen in our facility's ample kitchen and nursery, which is a wonderful plan B location in the case of rain or bad weather.

I knew all of this work was worth it when I saw the kids enjoying hospitality together as equals free of the poor kid stigma I grew up with, as well as mothers enjoying each other's company in a welcome break from the isolation that comes with small children.



Also, many of these kids did come out in the fall for our movies in the park, and I remember one day walking over to the church when seven kids riding their bikes all greeted me gregariously shouting "Hi Pastor James!" when before, they might not have even realized a church met there for worship or recognized me at all. Seeds of love were scattered very thoroughly last summer, and I pray some of these relationships that started last year will continue to deepen and grow, and of course come to discover that Jesus is at work. ~James Tower~

****to read the full article—visit fieldsofjustice.org**

Revival Testimonies from Around the World

Forty-one years ago China's Cultural Revolution snuffed out all forms of religious expression. Today people in China are looking for some sort of moral compass to organize society. They are turning to religion. Underground churches are meeting openly with the result of at least 60,000,000 Protestants now recognized in contrast to the one million identified when Communists took over power. How did this begin? A few years ago a small gathering of Christians got together to pray 24/7. That has now grown to a nationwide prayer initiative uniting hundreds of Chinese churches including some state-controlled churches where big revivals are happening. Some say that in two decades China will become the largest Christian nation. CBN

**~Let us continue to pray for Revival in Iowa
Yearly Meeting!**

HESPER FRIENDS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME DEDICATED MAY 13, 2017

A short dedication service and open-house were held for the renovated former Hesper Friends Meetinghouse on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Prayers, welcomes, and appreciations were shared during the dedication service, and the new home was open to visitors from 1 until 4 p.m. Visitors were also invited to enjoy an 1860's style baseball game between the Decorah "Driftless Dodgers" and the local Habitat for Humanity board members, played in the adjoining parking area.



The sloped floor in the former main room has been leveled, and the renovated home now features kitchen, spacious living-room, three bedrooms, full bath, and half bath on the main floor. The former cloak room has become laundry room, with stairs leading to the basement. The basement kitchen remains functional and includes a few new cupboards.

The downstairs bathrooms have been converted to a half-bath and storage.

Many visitors were surprised at the size and space of the rooms, having been used to seeing a sea of pews!

Holly Dahl, the new owner, and her two daughters have been living in the home for several weeks and are happy to become a part of the Hesper community.

WANTED

Articles to share in this series
"Church in Action"

Does your local meeting have an
"action" article to share in future
newsletters? Please submit to:

office@iaym.org

Let's encourage each other in
sharing the Love of God in our local
communities!



Ministry Conference of Iowa Yearly Meeting

July 26—July 29
William Penn University

{Our God}
IS ABLE
TO DO
exceeding
abundantly above
ALL THAT WE
ask OR imagine.
—Ephesians 3:20

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

The passage from Ephesians 3:20 will be the theme verse to remind us that we serve an Awesome God! When we study the Bible, we see that God has much more in mind than what we currently experience. Meditate on these verses for a moment:

*“And we...are being transformed into his (the Lord’s) likeness with ever-increasing glory...”
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)*

*“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son...”
Romans 8:29 (NIV)*

*“...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 1:6b (NIV)*

At our annual gathering, we will be challenged to align our plans with God’s plan for our lives and for the direction of our churches. We will begin to see how we can impact the communities in which are churches are located.

Each day, there will be a theme or focus for the day. These come from lyrics in the song *Thrive* by Casting Crowns.

Plan now to join us for our annual conference where we will enjoy the fellowship of the gathering of Friends, share in the work of Iowa Yearly Meeting, and see how God would transform us to Thrive in the coming days. Even if you are unable to attend the entire conference, plan to join us for evening services or other portions to participate in the greater community of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches.

Thomas Showalter

~ **General Superintendent** ~

Wednesday— “God We Thirst for More of You”

9 am Board on Coordination followed at **10 am** with other board and committee meetings

Lunch—on your own

1 pm **Ministry & Counsel Body of Representatives @ (MTC)**

2:45 pm **General Body of Representatives**

5 pm Dinner at (MTC)

6:30 pm Worship at College Avenue Friends with
Tom Showalter, General Superintendent

Followed by a New Pastors Meet-n-Greet in Fellowship Hall

Thursday— “We Were Made for So Much More”

7:30 am Breakfast at MTC @ William Penn

8:15 am Morning devotions

9 am General Body of Representatives (MTC)

Noon Lunch at Musco Technology Center (MTC)

1:15 pm General Body of Representatives (MTC)

3:15 pm Service Project Planning Time

5 pm Dinner at MTC

6:30 pm Worship at College Avenue Friends

WPU—William Penn University

CAF—College Avenue Friends

MTC—Musco Technology Center

Friday— “To Know You and Make You Known”

7:30 am Continental Breakfast at College Avenue Friends (CAF)

8:30 am Morning Devotions @ CAF

10:00 am **Memorial Service** @ College Avenue Friends

Noon Lunch at Musco Technology Center (MTC)

1:15 pm Afternoon “Church in Action” Work in community

Dinner on your own

6:30 pm Celebration service @ CAF

Saturday— “It’s Time for us to More Than Just Survive”

7:30 am Breakfast at Musco Technology Center (MTC)

8:15 Morning devotions @ MTC

9-9:45 am Workshops Session 1

10-10:45 am Workshops Session 2

11 pm USFW Celebration of Service

QuakerMen Gathering

~at Musco Technology Center~

12:30 pm Mission Banquet at Musco Technology Center

Guest speakers—John Muhanji

Guest Musician—Doc McCaulley

IAYM Annual Memorials

Local Meetings on Ministry and Counsel are to prepare memorials for deceased members who have, in their judgment, made an outstanding spiritual contribution to the church and who have served faithfully in places of leadership. Please present these memorials to the Monthly Meeting for approval and then send on to the Yearly Meeting Office (Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends at office@iaym.org.) Mary will scan the memorial and forward to IAYM M&C.

IAYM M&C will compile all memorials submitted since last year's Memorial Service. M&C will then lead the Memorial Service on the Friday morning of the current Yearly Meeting.

If you have any memorials to submit this year, please send them prior to July 15, 2017. Thank you.



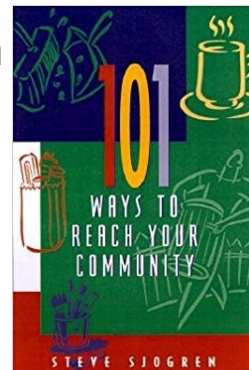
Ministry Conference 2017

CHURCH IN ACTION

This year we will be giving each church a copy of the book "101 Ways to Reach your Community". On Thursday afternoon we will divide into several groups and look through the book to choose an outreach activity for the following day. Each group will have access to a small amount of funds to help with their chosen outreach.

Then on Friday afternoon we will venture into Oskaloosa to serve the community with the Love of Christ! Our evening worship will be a time of Worship and celebration of giving to the local community through service!

Our hope is that these types of local work/service ideas will spur your imagination about ways to be a light to your local communities. Make sure to pack along some work clothes!



QUAKER KIDS UNIVERSITY

Ages 4—6th Grade
(just completed)

The theme for Quaker Kid University will be -

"Growing with God"

Spiritual growth is a lifelong process that starts when we are young. Our program will help children learn to grow in Christ through prayer, Bible reading, church attendance, and sharing the Good News with others. There will also be times at QKU for games, snacks, outdoor play and service. We look forward to getting to know your children and helping them grow with God.

The schedule and cost will be:

Wednesday 1:00-5:00 pm and will be \$5

Thursday and Friday 8:45-5:00 and will be \$15 each day

Saturday childcare only and will be \$10

Cost all four days is \$30 per child or a max of \$60 per family

Other information for parents:

-Drop off and pick children up at College Avenue Friends (CAF) basement unless directed otherwise.

-Plan to send a towel and change of clothes/swim suit with your children as outdoor and water games will be played at the park.

-When you drop off your children for the first time you will be asked to fill out a notecard with contact information during and after Yearly Meeting and any health/allergy information we may need to know.

-Please remember to leave the contact number you have given us turned on/vibrate and not off/silent during meetings. We need to be able to contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Nursery Care Available!
\$10/day

At College Avenue Friends

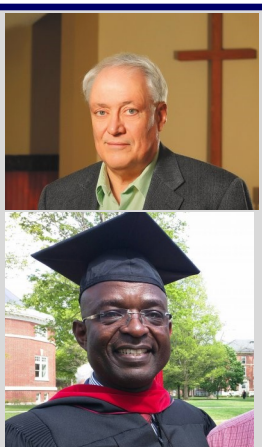
Children must be registered before our conference begins so we have adequate coverage available. Call office for any questions (641) 673-9717

Parents/guardians must pick up child(ren) for all meals.

Children under 4 eat for free!

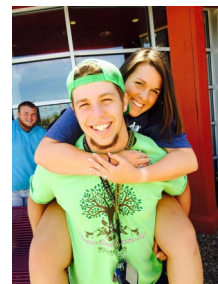
Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Missions Banquet at our Ministry Conference. The Banquet will feature a delicious buffet followed with special music by Doc McCaulley. John Muhanji will be our speaker. Plan to bring a love offering to support AMO (African Ministry Office) and their wonderful work and fellowship with Friends.

Saturday—July 29th @ 12:30 pm
at Musco Technology Center



Worship Leader Derek Robinson

I am 21 years old and I am married to my beautiful wife, Madison Robinson. I am called to be a student minister, and I have a passion for worship and music. I intend to graduate from William Penn in the Spring of 2018 with a degree in music, and will be moving to Kansas City to pursue a Masters of Divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



REGISTRATION 2017

PLEASE have registrations in by JULY 14th!

Questions?? Call the office @ 641-673-9717

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Adult Registration

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Spouse (if attending): _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Church/organization: _____

Adult \$45 per person x _____ #adults = _____

OR \$15 daily walk-in rate (Wed. Thurs, Fri.)

Registration fee helps cover costs for speakers, facilities

MTC = Musco Technology Center

Adult Meal Tickets (banquet priced separately)

6 meal Plan \$42.00 x _____ #adults = _____

(all meals served @ MTC)

4 meal Plan \$ 30.00 x _____ #adults = _____

(lunches and dinners only @ MTC)

Individually Priced Meals

Wednesday July 26

Dinner \$8.50 x _____ #adult = _____

Thursday July 27

Breakfast \$6.00 x _____ #adult = _____

Lunch \$7.50 x _____ #adult = _____

Dinner \$8.50 x _____ #adult = _____

Friday July 28

Continental Breakfast at CAF

Free Will Offering

Lunch \$7.50 x _____ #adult = _____

Saturday July 29

Breakfast \$6.00 x _____ #adult = _____

NOON MISSIONS BANQUET

\$13.50 x _____ = _____

Dietary needs

Gluten Free _____ or Diabetic _____

Adult Registration+

Meals + Banquet total

2

Youth/Children Registration

Quaker Kids University (K-6th grades)

\$30 per child or family rate of \$60 (all 4 days)

(includes lunches on Wednesday, Thurs & Fri)

OR Wed: \$5 Th/Fri: \$15 each day

Sat: \$10 (childcare only) -

Name and age of Child(ren)

Youth (4-12) Meal Tickets

4 meal Plan \$20.00 x _____ #youth = _____
(breakfast and dinners)

Individually Priced Meals

Wednesday July 27

Dinner 5.00 x _____ #youth = _____

Thursday July 28

Breakfast 3.00 x _____ #youth = _____

Lunch 4.00 x _____ #youth = _____

Friday July 29

Lunch 4.00 x _____ #youth = _____

Dinner 6.00 x _____ #youth = _____

Saturday July 30

Breakfast 5.00 x _____ #youth = _____

NOON MISSIONS BANQUET

\$13.50 x _____ #youth = _____

(price same adults and youth

NOT included in meal plans)

Youth Registration

Meals + Banquet total

NOTE:

There will be no programming for 7th-12th grade students this year.

NURSERY (for children under the age of 4)

must contact office by July 17th to register!

\$10 per day per child (located at College Avenue Friends)

Name and Age of Child(ren) days attending W Th F S

All meals are free for our kids under the age of 4!!

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Lodging Fees

Market Street Dorm (all a/c) - bring your own bedding/towels/toiletries

\$15 single/night \$30/double/night

Wednesday _____ single _____ double

Thursday _____ single _____ double

Friday _____ single _____ double

Yearly Meeting Campground/park \$10 per night

(kitchen, showers, and bathrooms available in

YM office or at College Avenue Friends)

Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____

Special Requests for Housing:

Singles will be housed in Quad units with 4 bedrooms 2 full baths
Doubles have 2 bedrooms with private bathrooms

Mail to IAYM, PO Box 657,

Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Make checks payable to Iowa

Yearly Meeting (or IAYM)

Payments can also be made by

PayPal at "iaym.org"!

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TOTAL:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2017

2-4 Young Adult Weekender
9-11 Little Fry
11-16 Jr/Sr High Camp
18-22 Elementary Camp

25-July 1 Kaleo Academy @
Barclay College

July 2017

9-12 Stoking the Fire
12-16 FUM Triennials
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September 2017

8—10 FAMILY Camp @ CQH

Registration form and
information included with this
newsletter

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Register today!

