

January 2021

The Iowa Friend

"The Body of IAYM exists to exalt Jesus Christ by becoming fruitful disciple-makers and expressing God's love by serving all people (John 15:1-17)."

Iowa Yearly Meeting

Live at a Higher Level

General Superintendent,
Tom Showalter

Welcome to 2021, you survivors of 2020!! You made it through, arguably, one of the most difficult years of your lives. However, before we celebrate too rambunctiously, keep in mind that we really do not know how this year will be any different than last. Sorry to burst your proverbial bubble...

Several weeks ago, as I was writing a prayer request in the weekly mailing, I found myself feeling challenged to consider the rich heritage of Friends and our testimony as disciples of Jesus Christ. Even though many of the variables in a new year are unknown, there is still an expectation that those of us in the Church will act and behave in ways that are pleasing to the Lord. Colossians 3:17, NIV: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

The early Friends were known to implement the SPICES into their lives (Simplicity, Peacemakers, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship). As I have previously written, these elements are crucial and needed in our world today. Regardless of what

is happening around us, "...we are Christ's ambassadors..." (2 Corinthians 5:20) and our behavior should reflect that high calling. Stephen Covey, in *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, conveys the idea that "between stimulus and response, we have a choice."

I'd like to challenge you for 2021 to live at a higher level than you did in 2020. Although chaos may be prevalent in your community (physically or online), choose to live as the ambassador of Jesus that you are. If we hope to impact the communities in which we worship, show those around you the difference Christ has made in your life. Love the Lord your God and Love your neighbor! Love God, Serve People, and Make Disciples!

As I wrote in a recent "News You Can Use":

- In the midst of the pandemic, pray that we will have learned to be a **Simpler** people because we trust God to give us our daily bread
- In the midst of divisiveness and contentiousness, seek the Prince of Peace and be a people of **P**peace

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- Coming soon:
World Café Multiplication Discussion via Zoom.
- January 23,
2021: **Board on Coordination (BOC) meeting**
- April 9-13,
2021: **Pastor's Retreat & Conference** (due to the change of Yearly Meeting sessions and COVID shutdown, we will be planning to have pastor's retreat & conference for these dates at Camp Quaker Heights). Our plan is to have Sonlife's Joel Zaborowski back to lead the Sonlife Retreat "Repair & Prepare"

Dates for the 2021 Quaker Camping season....**SAVE THE DATE**

Little Fry Camp – June 11-13

Middle School Camp – June 13-17

High School Camp – June 18-23

Elementary Camp – June 24-27

January's IAYM Mission Board Emphasis

Providential Homes Eldora Iowa

"The Christian who is pure and without fault, from God's point of view, is the one who takes care of the orphans and widows, and who remains true to the Lord- not soiled and dirtied by his contacts with the world." James 1:27

The above verse is not all encompassing as a leading for every follower of Christ, but it is the foundation of a ministry known as Providential Homes.

Providential Homes was found a little over 10 years ago in response to a statement made by a member of Honey Creek-New Providence Friends. In casual conversation, this teacher mentioned that one of her students was living out of a car in Eldora. It struck me speechless for a moment. My mind raced, (Out of a car? In Eldora?). That kind of thing happens in Chicago, or New York, maybe in Des Moines, but Eldora, Iowa?

A group was formed to see where God would lead in meeting this need. Through prayer and discussion, it was determined we could do something, albeit not eradicate the problem, but an answer we could be a part of. We would not push local government to address the situation alone or throw money at it to make it someone else's responsibility. It was up to us to come alongside hurting, despairing people and help them get a fresh start.

Providential Homes got off the ground through generous donations (one of the initial donations was our first house!) The program works at its best when volunteers and future home owners work on the physical structure to make it structurally sound and livable. When the house is ready to be moved into, then the future home owners start to pay back to Providential Homes any legal fees, utility bills, material bills, etc. which have incurred during the refurbishing process. Once the bills and services have been paid back, the house is turned over to the individual(s) who have been involved in the process.

It is not easy work. It is not squeaky clean work, as you have people dealing with people face to face. You learn about abuse, heartache, despair, resentment of the church, etc. But there is always appreciation that there is hope without judgement.

This is not a plea for donations for Providential Homes. Any urge to give out of this should be given to your present mission giving or a local individual. You see, this is a plea to continually support the individuals involved in missions both stateside and abroad. This is a plea to follow through with the Holy Spirit's leading in your life.

Providential Homes is not of the magnitude of Habitat for Humanity. We have turned over two houses; provided safety and security for several individuals for times up to two years; presently have a house resided by a mother and her three children; and have just been offered another house to start this winter. Our work is small, but it is work we can do. Be open to the leading you can do.

I am uncomfortable when it is implied that we should leave mission work to missionaries until I embrace the fact that if I am a follower of Christ, I am a missionary wherever I am, whatever I do. So are you.

Thanks!
Arlen Daleske





Articles on Outreach From our IAYM Churches

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Let's encourage each other in reaching out and serving in our local communities and meetings!

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- Pray that we will be a people of **I**ntegrity regardless of how those around us (physically and online) may be behaving
- Even as in-person meetings have been limited or otherwise affected, pray that we will look for unique ways to live in **C**om-munity authentic ways
- The example to serve others was given to us by Jesus. So seek to love the Lord, love people, and treat all people with **E**quality even though we have many differences

As we (or the people around us) struggle financially, we desire to seek God's Kingdom first and desire to teach and be examples of good **S**tewardship practices

Love God, Serve People, and Make Disciples!

Happy New Year!

In Memory

Lisa Young (April 22, 1975-Dec. 16, 2020). She was a long-time member of Bangor Liberty, very involved in the church and attending camp at Quaker Heights. Formal services are being planned for summer 2021.



Myrna Savage (83) March 2, 1937—December 14, 2020

She was the daughter of Ernie and Ila (Aves) Vannatta. Myrna grew up in Dillon IA and graduated from LeGrand School in 1954. She married David Savage on August 26, 1955.

Myrna was a member of LeGrand Friends Church. She is survived by her husband, David; sons: Alan (Bobbie) and Jeff (Linda); daughter Deb Martin; along with several grand and great grand children.



Betty Louise (Koboldt) Easley (78) passed away on December 17, 2020.

She was born at home in Earlham, IA on November 6, 1942 to Wayne and Martha (Wilson) Koboldt. Betty married Roger Lamar Easley on March 14, 1964. She was a devoted member of Earlham Friends Church, playing piano, leading the singing, teaching Sunday School and volunteering.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Roger (2003); her parents (2005), and her son Jeff (2020). Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Judy Easley-Marshall (Craig); daughter-in-law, Nina Lorimor-Easley, brother, Bruce (Mary) Koboldt; and sister, Nancy (Koboldt) Basart, all of Earlham.

Seminary Scholarship

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends has a limited amount of funds available for **seminary (Masters or Doctoral program) studies.**

These funds are for those planning on entering the Friends ministry as pastors, missionaries, Christian Educator or youth workers. An applicant will need to be a member in good standing of a Friends Church and plan on attending an evangelical institution. Applications should be received by **May 1, 2021** for the next school year or four months before courses begin.

For more information or an

application, contact

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TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being taken for a \$500 college scholarship to be distributed in the 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 academic school year (January of 2022). College students within Iowa Yearly Meeting are encouraged to seek an application through the Yearly Meeting Office.

Deadline for this scholarship is January 31st, 2021

A recipient will be determined at Spring Body 2021



Iowa United Society of Friends Women (USFW) William Penn University Scholarship Fund

Guidelines

Following are guidelines for the selection of candidates for this scholarship. The Scholarship committee shall consider applications for scholarships and make decisions as to recipients.

1. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by need of the applicant and by funds available.
2. The candidate shall be a participating member of Iowa Yearly Meeting.
3. A candidate from the Yearly Meeting shall have successfully completed secondary education requirements and shall have been accepted by William Penn University.
4. **Applications must be received by January 31st, 2021**
5. To be considered for a scholarship for the succeeding academic year, recipients must submit a request to the committee each year.
6. Scholarships shall only be awarded for a maximum of four (4) academic years.

MISSION BOARD'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Iowa Yearly Meeting Mission's Board is offering a college scholarship of up to \$1000 for the 2021-22 academic school year. **People within Iowa Yearly Meeting who want to pursue an education at a Christian college or an accredited college or seminary to prepare for full time mission's work with a Friend's organization** may contact the Mission's Board to receive an application. For the scholarship, please contact the Yearly Meeting office for more information. **The deadline is 3/1/21**

Kenneth & Betty Palmer Scholarship

The purpose of the Kenneth & Betty Palmer Scholarship Endowment is to assist students who are members of the Friends Church and who are involved in graduate studies (Masters or Doctoral program) in preparation for or furthering their ministry. This includes, but is not necessary limited to, pastoral ministry, missionary service, Christian Education and youth ministry.

****A maximum assistance of \$500 per semester shall be granted to an applicant but final determination will be based on funds available and the number of eligible applicants.**

****Recipients of scholarship assistance shall apply by May 1 for the next school year or four months before courses begin. Continuation of scholarship shall be determined by need and by funds available. The maximum anyone can receive under this scholarship program is \$4,000 or eight semesters, whichever first occurs.**

****Applications available through the Yearly Meeting Office.**