

December 2021

# The Iowa Friend



## Advent: Let Us Be

For the Christian, Advent is meant to mark a time in the year where we remember and celebrate the time God broke through the cosmic barrier to become one of us. During this time, we recognize the impact of His all-encompassing rescue mission, and we choose to respond with actions that support the words we sing, say, and proclaim every Sunday throughout the year, all the while looking forward to the completion of God's work during the Second Advent. It is a season of waiting, of preparation, and of anticipation. But waiting doesn't have to be passive. Advent isn't like waiting at a bus stop, but more like preparing for a guest. There is work to be done in the waiting. There are opportunities to both prepare for the coming of our Lord and to communicate His character to those around us even while we wait.

Our participation in Advent is most importantly an acknowledgement that, on this side of the cross, Christ dwells with us and IN us. We are His body, His Church, and proclaiming His presence and love to the world is in our hands. So let us be the things we often wait for in the Advent season.

**Let us BE people of Hope in a hopeless world.**

**Let us BE people of Peace in a chaotic and broken world.**

**Let us BE people of Joy in a dejected and unhappy world.**

**Let us BE people of Love in a world that is unacquainted with unconditional love.**

I love the verse below from the Christmas hymn "O Holy Night" that I believe really captures the beauty and power of our role as Christ's ambassadors and how living out His character is the best way to wait and prepare during Advent. Let us wait with action by being God's hands, feet, mouth, and heart to someone who doesn't know Him. We have been gifted, called, and released to do more than passively wait. We can be incarnational because Christ dwells with us and in us!

*Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace;  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our  
brother;*

*And in His name, all oppression shall  
cease;*

*Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus  
raise we;*

*Let all within us praise His holy name!*

Merry Christmas Friends!

—BY MANNY GARCIA,

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT



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**"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)."**

## Calendar

### January 22 -

BOC Zoom Meeting  
@ 9:30 am

### March 26 -

Spring Body of Representative

@ Grinnell Friends  
9:30 am

### April 23 -

USFW Spring Fling  
@ Motor Friends  
9:30 am

### July 28-30

Yearly Meeting  
@ William Penn



Congratulations to Oscar Mmbali and Miriam Arnell on their recent marriage in Belize!

## Year End Gifts for Staff

Our Iowa Yearly Meeting Pastors Association is giving gifts for staff in December. If you would like to contribute—please send your gift to

Wes Blanchard  
(treasurer for the Pastors Association).  
His address is:  
12172 150th Ave., Indianola, IA 50125

Please send your gift before  
December 16th.

The staff of our Yearly Meeting are:

Manny Garcia—  
General Superintendent

Mac & Berny McDonald—  
Mesquakie Friends

Chip & Alicia Daleske—  
Camp Quaker Heights

Mary Thury—  
Office Administrator



College Avenue Friends (CAF) has been the host for Iowa Yearly Meeting for our entire history. The meetinghouse was built as a chapel for Penn College (now William Penn University) in 1912. It was owned by the Yearly Meeting as our annual gathering place. In the 1960's it was transferred over to the local meeting for their upkeep and worship center. Little has been done to the exterior of the building over the past 100 years. Plans are to tuck-point the exterior and improve the interior as well. CAF is asking for your prayers as they embark on a \$250,000 campaign for these purposes. If you or your meeting would like to contribute to this campaign, please send checks to 912 North C Street, Oskaloosa, 52577. Thank you for your consideration and prayers!



**Iola Mae Powell Cadwallader**, 97, of Oskaloosa, passed on November 15, 2021. She was born August 14, 1924, in Plains, Kansas, the youngest of nine children born to James Garfield and Georgiana Conaway Powell. Following graduation from Plains High School, Iola earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas in 1947. On August 12, 1948, Iola married Warren Eves Cadwallader. Together, they raised three children, Mariann Dee, Warren Lee, and Jane Powell. Iola and Eves shared a committed, generous love that modeled joy, creativity, and love of family and community.

Creative expression was a value and a necessity for Iola. She wrote four full length musicals, all produced in the Oskaloosa community. Iola was an active member of College Avenue Friends Church. She valued this fellowship of faith, including the work of the United Society of Friends Women (International) and Faye Circle. Iola served as Director of Jack and Jill Preschool at the church for 15 years. Iola loved taking on a new challenge, framed life in positive terms, and was a model for life-long learning. She will be remembered for her ready smile and kind eyes, and her strong love of family, faith, education, and community.

**Archie Lavon Jones**, 78 of Stuart passed away on October 19, 2021. Archie was born on October 12, 1943 to Wayne and Pauline (Waddell) Jones. He attended Stuart schools and enlisted in the Navy when he was 17 years old. He went to trade school to become a body and fender man. That career lasted 25 years. He did scrapping most all of his life until about age 70. He also worked at Adair Co. Landfill for almost 12 years; where he retired. He was married to Joan McGinnis and they had four children, Alan, Greg, Jeanette, Jessica. Later he married Viola Feltner who he had dated before he entered the Navy in 1960. Archie and Viola got married June 2, 1987 and he gained three children- Lori, Michelle, and Darrin. He was a member of the Stuart Friends Church. Archie loved the Lord and His word! Archie and Viola took many vacations and one day road trips. He loved all his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Archie and Viola adopted two granddaughters and raised them as their very own.

## IAYM Mission Focus—December

## Daniel Zagami

The vision for a trip to the Nyarugusu Refugee Camp in Western Tanzania came about in 2019 for the purpose of setting up ongoing training for refugees while they are awaiting resettlement. The training would provide them with practical tools and skills to serve as missionaries in the countries where they are eventually resettled.

Many of the Congolese refugees in Clarkston come from the Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. Our original goal in traveling there was to establish a relationship with a like-minded church or ministry who could host our training.

However, due to the sudden arrival of the coronavirus pandemic, we were twice forced to cancel travel plans. But during the time of waiting, we began a relationship with the Union of Swahili Refugee Youth Mission which has a branch in the Nyarugusu camp. They expressed interest in partnering with us to run the training.

We began producing videos in Clarkston with Swahili interpretation. These videos were sent to our facilitator in the camp. We purchased solar panels and equipment for the training and the students were responsible for their photocopies and the means to watch the videos. We have 19 students in this Congolese class.

Each week, the students watch a video and follow up with questions through email. They are given a written assignment at the end of each unit which they send back to us. We have been able to connect with the class via Zoom twice.

So, the goals for the Africa trip changed with the partnership and start of the training in the camp. We therefore hoped to use the trip to meet the students and facilitators in person and to assess what was needed to continue the training. Finally, the trip would provide an opportunity to start a second class for Burundian students who also live in the camp.



Daniel, Atiya  
and  
Leonard

This trip was very challenging! I was originally planning to go with three Congolese refugees from our church plant in Clarkston. However Makete became sick just before departure and had to remain home. Also, Atiya was unable to get the proper QR codes to enter Kenya so we missed our first flight.

Traveling and making multiple border crossings during Covid with two Congolese refugees, who have very limited travel and ministry experience, was not easy! After meeting with all relevant government officials, we were unable to secure entry permits for the refugee camp. We were told that

all non-essential visits to Nyarugusu were suspended due to concerns over Covid outbreaks. So we moved to our "Plan B" which was to organize a meeting and training with the students in the town of Makere which lies just outside the main gate of the refugee camp.



We were able to partner with a small church in that town who agreed to host us for 4 days. All 19 Congolese students and 20 Burundian students, along with their facilitators, were able to attend. It was a great time to get to know everyone and more importantly to better understand the situation in the camp and to assess the needs for the ongoing growth of the training and for the next steps for the students after the training is completed.

I was greatly encouraged to hear how well they understood the vision for this training – to prepare people to serve as church planters so that when they go for resettlement, they are not just going as refugees but as missionaries. They will have the practical tools needed to start a New Testament church in places where people have no church.

We had many discussions about how that might look practically. This is an area for prayer as we now have to think about logistics for guiding and caring for refugees who go as missionaries when they are resettled.

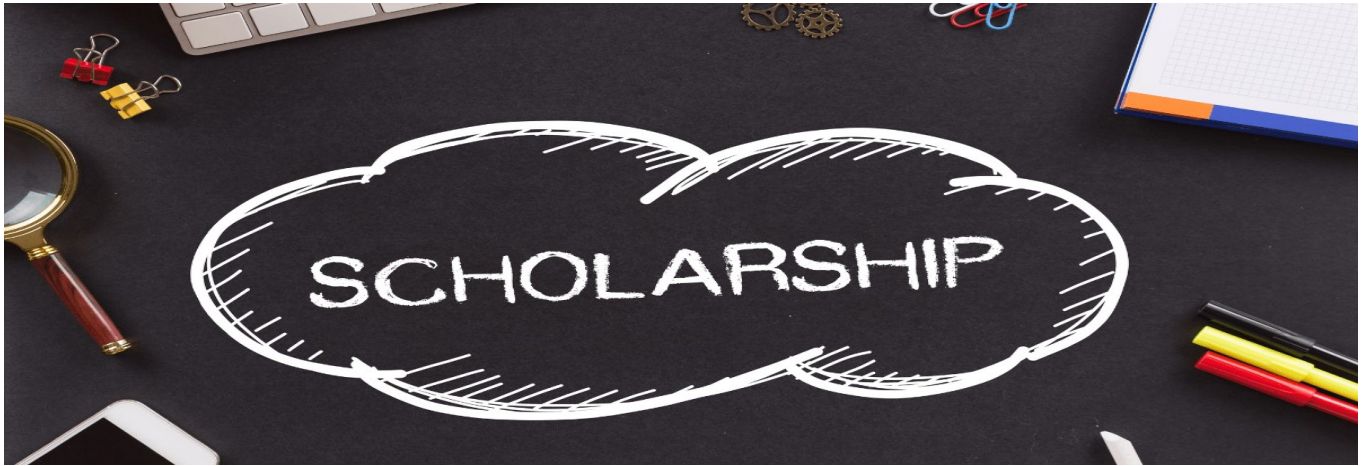


We are praying for the facilitators Tresor (Congolese class) and Bagona (Burundian class). They explained their needs for a bicycle to travel the 10 miles between the classes within the camp and for a copier/scanner which will make producing the curriculum much easier.

It was stressful to travel with Congolese refugees during Covid! But God was with us and I am so encouraged by the progress of this training and by the enthusiasm of the students. It is exciting to think that very soon we will be commissioning some from these classes to go out to their countries of resettlement as missionaries. We are planning for a graduation ceremony in February/March 2022. It is unlikely that I will travel at this time however we plan for either Thomas or Mokwa from the Clarkston church to oversee the graduation.

Thank you for praying for us! Thank you for your support of this exciting ministry. Let's continue to pray for the Lord to guide these students and facilitators.





## 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, 2022**
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.

## 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.

## 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, 2022**

**A recipient will be determined at  
Spring Body 2022**

## 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 3/1/22**