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## Spiritual Life

### A CALL TO MOVEMENT

**Taken from "SERVANTS OF CHRIST AND OTHERS" by Lewis Savage, 1964.**

Our concern for the moment has to do with the scope and mission of the Society of Friends...We still answer the Queries and go through the routine business as of old, but all is not well with us. The signs of spiritual health at the beating heart and center of our life are not encouraging...we can, if we will, recover our spiritual health...if we are willing to pay the price and walk the sacrificial road...We must be shaken wide awake, smitten with a fresh passion, infused with a new marching power.

If Quakerism is a movement, as I assume, it must move. And it must move with wisdom and insight.

We must under God have a new birth of life and power. We, like others, have been infected with the world. We have too nearly conformed our ways to the unchristian civilization which surrounds us.

It is an eternal principle of life itself that it can be saved only thru self-giving. Life takes on the glow of consecration only when it 'loses' itself for the sake of others. These little Quaker islands of ours, which dot the length and breadth of our country, would stir with new life if they suddenly found themselves awake to the tasks of life which lie ready at hand, there in our immediate communities.

A monthly meeting ought to have life and quickening interests. Few things are more deadening than perfunctory performances, dull routine, wheezing occasions, which everybody, especially everybody under forty, dreads. Either such meetings ought to be freshened up by bringing in new creative interests, or the number of meetings should be reduced.

As we move toward our centennial, our task is two-fold. To strengthen the spiritual life of our members, and to give our message and ministry to the world. To do this effectively, we need fresh vision, we need to make creative plans, we need to make a fresh commitment of life to Christ and we need to unite as "workers together with God" in putting our plans into action.

O Christ, give us a clear understanding of Thy will for our lives and our Meeting. Give us a greater love for Thee, and for our fellowmen. Amen.

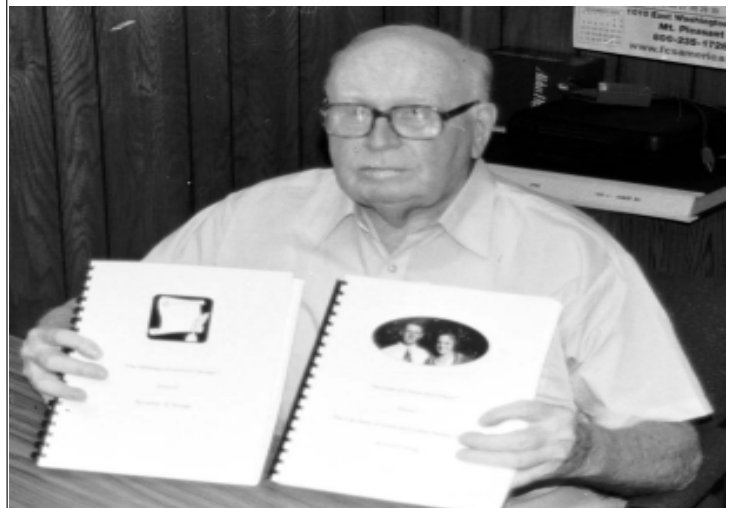
### THE JOURNEY OF A RECORDED MINISTER

Lewis Savage of Salem started to write his life story as a gift to the younger generations of his family. After compiling his thoughts on his life in the Quaker ministry, his relationship with his wife, Esther decided to share his life story with everyone.

Savage, 86, a recorded minister of Iowa Yearly Meeting, has written two books; "Servants of Christ and Others," the memoirs of his work in the church and his life with his wife, and "The Writing of Lewis D. Savage," a compilation of sermons and historical articles.

Savage said he first got the idea of writing his life story from his son, George. George was fighting the cancer that would eventually take his life in 1996, and thought the story of his father's life, which began in the horse-and-buggy age and continues into the space age, would be of interest to the younger generations of the Savage family.

"Servants of Christ and Others" spans from Savage's childhood in Salem, through his years in the Quaker ministry in Iowa, Ohio and Indiana, to his life with Esther and their many activities in the Mt. Pleasant area after moving back in 1968. He met his wife, Esther, the daughter of a Quaker minister from the Grinnell area, while they were in high school after her father moved to Salem to serve as pastor of the Salem Friends Church. Savage has served pastorates in Iowa at Motor, Bangor, LeGrand, New Providence, Fairfield and Cedar Creek. He also served Friends Meetings in Leesburg, Ohio, Wabash, Indiana and Fairview, Ohio.



Copies were made for his children and grandchildren, and Savage has donated copies to the Wm. Penn Library.

*-By Steven Martens, Editor,  
Mt. Pleasant News, September 2001*

## LADIES SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 6  
Lynnville Friends Church

Speaker: Joanna Weaver  
Author of "Having a Mary Heart in A Martha World"

She will help us find intimacy with God in  
the busyness of life.



Luncheon tickets will cost \$5.00 each

Tickets and further details will be sent to  
each church USFW president or contact person.

## RETREAT

Especially for Parents

Camp Quaker Heights

Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20

(speakers not yet confirmed)

Cost \$40 per person if registered by April 12<sup>th</sup>

(includes lodging & 2 meals)

Save \$10 each if registering 5 or more from 1 church

After April 12, \$50 per person

Detailed brochures and registration blanks  
Will be sent to each church in the near future.

## GODS GIRLS GETAWAY!

OPEN TO ALL LADIES AND TEEN GIRLS!

May 3-4, 2002

Camp Quaker Heights, Eldora, Iowa

Ladies - Our former "Breakaway" has changed to  
encourage us to grow! We are going to entitle this  
weekend  
"The Fruit of the Spirit" and it's going to be fun! Bring  
your sleeping bags, bible, casual clothes, and walking shoes.

### Friday

6:00 p.m. - registration in the lodge

7:00 p.m. - supper

8:00 p.m. - Time of fellowship, praise  
and worship, fun!

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast in the lodge

9:00 a.m. - Praise and Worship, sharing  
testimonies, prayer, and praise!

12:00 Noon - Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Times of refreshing. Walks,  
fireside chats, fellowship, praise and worship and prayer.

Cost: \$ 25.00 - Includes all meals and lodging!

Registration: Call Julyn Goodhue at (515) 989-4139

Or email her at: [goodhue4@juno.com](mailto:goodhue4@juno.com)

Give her your name. Tell her you're coming!

Pay at the door. It's that simple. See you there!

Questions? Call Kerry Hadley at (319) 456-8000 or  
email her at [kerryh@lisco.com](mailto:kerryh@lisco.com)



# Missions

Many lowans had the opportunity to hear about the Pedigo's ministry in Chicago the last weekend of February. Steve was the guest speaker at both the Iowa Quaker Men's Banquet and a local meeting the following Sunday. Twenty-six years ago Steve and Marlene Pedigo felt a burden to work and help in the inner city areas of Chicago. Out of that obedience and persistence the Chicago Fellowship of Friends has developed into what it is today.

Cabrini Green is the community within the city of Chicago that the Chicago Fellowship of Friends calls home. It is presently made up of large public housing units, which explains how 5,000 people can live in such a small area. The ministry purchased an old school building in the area and converted it into a church. They seek to serve the community in tangible, caring ways.

Currently they have an after school program that Marlene Pedigo organizes and directs. It is the only licensed after school center by Illinois in the community. This (1) helps the 40 children with their homework and encourages the attitude that education is important (2) is a safe place for children in the hours before parents return from work (3) is an outreach to the parents as parenting classes are given.

Safety issues are a high concern. A union of churches in the community was formed and out of this group 3 programs have been activated. School children now have a safe way to get to and from school. A job-training program has been initiated to prepare young people to be an asset to their families and community. Lastly it is a housing alternative ministry.

The housing alternative ministry is focused on a large change for the community ahead. Much of the public housing units will be torn down in the near future. The area is going to be blended with a mixture of different types of housing. 50% of the new homes will be at market value and be privately owned. 30% will be public housing units. 20% is planned to be affordable housing in which people would receive partial government funding. This will make purchasing homes attainable for many that would not have been able to before. The Chicago Fellowship of Friends is helping in the transitional stage to prepare residents to move in to the new developments and to learn how to deal with private ownership.

There are Sunday services, Sunday school and Wednesday night Bible studies. In the summer many kids go to Quaker Haven Camp in Indiana. Also much travel is done particularly in the summer to promote the ministry.

If you would like to contribute to this worthy ministry that is changing lives and families, one route would be to send your checks to Robert Watson, the Iowa Yearly Meeting Missions Board Treasurer. Be sure to mark which mission you desire your funds to go to.

Submitted by Donna Hoeksema,  
IAYM Missions Committee



## MINUTE ON URBAN VIOLENCE

The people of our fellowship have been hit particularly hard by violence in our community and elsewhere in the city in recent months. We grieve as we remember three people who were dear to us: Tamika McFadden-Harris, a friend of one of our members, who was shot on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 2001, as she shielded her daughter from gang members' bullets in East Fairfield Park; Anthony Kellup, age 22, the son of an attender, killed in a drive-by shooting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2001; and Tyrain Groves, an attender of our church, who was shot to death at 412 West Chicago in Cabrini-Green in the early hours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January of this year.

We remember and celebrate the lives of these three people and everything about them that was unique and special, at the same time that we mourn their tragic deaths. The manner in which they were taken from this world contributes to a larger, appalling reality: that the city of Chicago had the highest number of murders of any city in the United States in 2001. There are no doubt many causes of this monumental problem, and there are indeed many ways in which the people and government of this city might seek to respond.

As members of the Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakers, we believe that each person can know God personally and directly. Friends believe that a life transformed by walking in God's light is a life of peace; with George Fox, the founder of Quakerism, we witness to "that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars". In the public sphere, this often means that we involve ourselves in efforts to prevent violence—to take away the occasions for violence.

It is in this light that we would call for new violence prevention efforts in our city. The mayor and police commissioner have pledged an increase in law enforcement; we would advocate for the continuation and strengthening of the current Community-Assisted Policing Strategy (CAPS) program, which connects the police and community members, allowing the two groups to do more together than they can alone. Additionally, we encourage the people of our church, those of other churches, and members of the community at large to consider what connections we each can make to make our city a safer and more peaceful place to live.

*Approved by the Chicago Fellowship of Friends, 1/27/2002*



*Arvin DeCook shares on the details of the Lynnville/Fairfield Friends mission trip to Mexico. They will build a storage shed for missionary use on the border.*



*Fourteen pastors and spouses gather for prayer, sharing and retreat at New Melleray Abbey near Dubuque February 21-23.*



*Steve and Marlene Pedigo meet with the advisory board prior to Steve coming to Iowa to speak at the Quaker Men Banquet.*

**Quaker Men Banquet offering of \$ 1,275 will go toward shingling the chapel roof at Camp Quaker Heights!**

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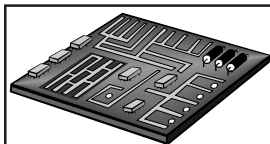


Front, (l-r) Terry Beare, Mary Humrichouse, Holly Steiner, Lydia Whitehead, Don Humrichouse, Steve Heilskov  
Back, (l-r) Martin Steiner, Jane Whitehead, Nick Whitehead, M.R. Whitehead, Lyle Steiner

Nine members of a mission team from the New Providence area had the experience of traveling to Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela, in January to aid Mission Aviation Fellowship by building an addition to the hanger. This new room serves as a waiting room for persons who fly on an MAF plane into the jungle to various mission stations there. The group, sponsored by the Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church, went at the request of Dan Whitehead, a member of that church who serves as a missionary pilot with MAF.

Thank you for your cards, telephone calls and the floral tribute in remembrance of Floyd. It meant so very much to me and my family all the love that you have shown. We have lost someone very special....Thank you for sharing in our grief.

-The Family of Floyd Wheaton



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2002 IAYM BUDGET - \$ 142,138.00  
RECEIVED AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2002 - \$



## VITAL SIGNS

**DEATH - Marilyn I. Lair**, 75, of Marshalltown died February 9, 2002, in Bradenton, Florida where she was a winter resident. Marilyn was a member of the First Friends Church in Marshalltown where she was active in various areas and a faithful member. Services were held at Marshalltown Friends on February 25, 2002, with pastor Phil King officiating. She is survived by a son James Lair of Riverton, Illinois, a daughter Lois Lane of Overland Park, Kansas, a brother John Wetherbee of Marshalltown, 2 granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

### Honey Creek-New Providence Friends

Mission Conference

March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday**, 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast  
Presentations  
8:30 a.m. – Mesquakie Friends  
Victor & Brenda White  
9:00 a.m. – Quakerdale  
  
7:00 p.m. – Opening singing  
7:15 p.m. – Quaker Heights Camp  
Program by Ric Garrison  
7:45 p.m. – Stan & Karen Bauer

**Sunday**, 9:30 a.m. – Children's K-12<sup>th</sup>  
Martin & Holly Steiner  
Adults Fellowship Hall  
10:45 a.m. – Worship  
William Penn Campus  
& Stan Bauer and Missions

Questions? – call Lloyd McDonald, Herschel Mendenhall, Nancy Callaway, Terry Beane or Les Clappitt members of the Missions Committee.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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