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DR. SOURS - NEW PRESIDENT OF WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY

The board of trustees of William Penn University has announced the appointment of Richard E. Sours as Penn's 25th president. In making the announcement, Bill Kimball, chairman of the board, expressed his satisfaction in the selection. "I am very pleased to welcome Dr. Sours to William Penn University," Kimball said. "He is exactly what the university needs in a president."

Trustee and chair of the search committee, Joe Crookham, echoed Kimball's support. "Finding Dr. Sours at this point in his career is one of those very fortunate opportunities for William Penn University. He has strong administrative experience, an excellent understanding of the financial issues of small colleges, a real interest in building a high quality institution, and most importantly the talent and experience to do it."



"Rich and his wife Charlotte both have a strong affinity to a small town life style and will be a great addition to the Oskaloosa community as well as the college community," he continued.

Since 1997, Sours has served at Ferrum College, a small liberal arts school in Virginia, as Executive Vice President and Academic Dean. He received his doctoral degree from the University of Virginia, his M.S. from Michigan State University, and his undergraduate degree from Towson University of Baltimore MD. He taught mathematics and computer science for over 25 years at Wilkes University in Pennsylvania before moving to Ferrum.

"I believe that interest in small, private colleges and universities will continue to increase," Sours said, "and William Penn University has a lot of potential in meeting this growing demand."

"Students can shape their individual educational experience to a much greater extent in a small school than they can at a large university," he stated. "They can form closer friendships with professors, advisors, coaches, staff and others, and receive the support they need to succeed academically and in co-curricular areas of their education."

Sours believes that the university has both the opportunity and the capacity to impact each student's character development as part of the educational experience. He explained, "William Penn University, as a faith-based institution, can build into its students' educational experience initiatives that address the character, moral and ethical aspects of the students' growth."

"Both the curricular and the extra curricular parts of the William Penn experience will help our students be introspective and intentional about their roles in society. They will have the moral and ethical character to be respected in their communities, and they will have the skills to be leaders in their workplaces, schools and communities."

Sours will assume his role as president in mid-May. He was selected for the position following a national search that began more than six months ago. He is one of three candidates who visited the campus last month. During that visit, he had the chance to meet with faculty, staff, students and community members.

The new president considers "the greatest resources for any organization" to be its people. He said, "When my wife and I visited, we sensed the family atmosphere that exists at William Penn, and we feel fortunate to be included as new family members."

Sours and his wife Charlotte have two sons: Stephen, who is youth pastor at The American Church in Paris, France, and Kevin, who is a graduate student in biochemistry at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

William Penn University is a four-year liberal arts institution established in 1873 by Quaker pioneers. Penn offers traditional programs through the College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies, as well as an accelerated degree completion program known as the College for Working Adults. Penn's unique emphasis on leadership has been recognized by the Templeton Foundation for outstanding student character development.

~ submitted by William Penn University ~



Friendly Flashes

*"Then a poor widow came and dropped in two pennies."
~ Mark 12:42~*

How often have we felt that what we have to give is too small to make a difference? In Earlham right now, we are trying to raise money to build a new nursing home. The company who was running the old one closed it and it could no longer be brought up to code. We are slowly making progress, but the first money, the "seed money", came in very small donations. From people who like the widow gave all that they could.

Back in 1996 Johann Maurer came as a guest of Iowa U.S.F.W. He shared with us his desire to have the New Testament translated into Russian, so that the, new: and old Christians could read it in their own language. You reached into your pockets and gave all you had. The collection amounted to \$ 1,139.001 That "seed money" grew until finally the dream came true. The JOYFUL NEWS translation is completed!

It never fails to amaze me what God can do when all of our little bits are put together. We have had a basket for pennies for almost twenty years. The list of all the people our children have helped with their collection of pennies is' mind bog-gling. This is in addition to the funds they raise to buy a Thanksgiv-ing dinner for a family in need.

When Jesus saw what the widow put in the offering, he called his disciples to him and said " I assure, this poor widow has given more than all the others have given. For they gave a portion of their riches, but she gave everything she had." When we are faithful to listen to what Jesus says to us and give out of our poverty all that we have he will bless us. We must remember that all we have is really his in the first place. We were blessed just by knowing that we were helping to spread God's word. Second we were blessed with growth, both personally and as a group. When we are obedient to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, we always experience spiritual growth. From this will come the opportunity to serve Him in greater ways. Maybe that will happen as we serve the Welcoming Tea to those who come to the triennial in Des Moines in July 2005. . For those who are faithful in the small things will be given greater things to do.

May we, like that long ago widow, give all that we have in service to our Lord, not holding back even the smallest part of our lives.

Blessings, Linda Burnett

THE MASTER'S TOUCH



**It's in the beauty around me
That I see you, Lord, each day...
The stately trees, fragrant blossoms,
As I go along my way.
Your love is all around me,
The bright blue sky above,
The sun that shines upon me,
The call of the mourning dove.
No artist can do it justice
With the stroke of a paint-filled brush.
He could never capture it all,
The beauty of the Master's touch.**



RIVERSIDE FRIENDS CHURCH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Saturday, July 10th

3:00 pm -- Games at the church: fishing from the bank, volleyball for adults and teens, special games for kids.

5:30 pm -- Cookout with hotdogs, beans, and stuff (bring a dish to share)

6:30 pm -- Outdoor service (weather permitting), The Riverside Praise Team and guests will be featuring outreach music and testimonies.

Sunday, July 11th

9:00 am -- Sunday school hour will feature a history of Mason City and the church.

10:00 am -- 25th Anniversary Service: Special songs by the children, teenagers and adults, messages by former pastors, and visiting leaders, with opportunities for all to testify how the ministry has touched their lives.

12:00 noon -- Potluck following the service

All this takes place at Riverside Friends Church, 527 North Kentucky Avenue, Mason City, Iowa.

For directions or more information
please call us at 641-424-6094

ARNOLDS PARKS CELEBRATES 110 YEARS

We would like to invite you to be our guests at a weekend of praise and worship to help us celebrate 110 years as a Friends Meeting at Arnolds Park, June 25 through 27th. The following is a tentative schedule of our planned events.

Friday, June 25

7:00 pm -- praise service at the church

Saturday, June 26

8:00 am --donuts and coffee at church

9:00 am -- (optional) fishing seminar or chalk talk

11:30 am -- picnic at Arnolds Park Community Room

1:00 pm -- tour of the area campus

7:00 pm -- Praise Cruise on the Queen II (freewill offering)

Sunday, June 27

9:30 am -- Sunday school

10:30 am -- morning service with Ron Bryan

12:00 noon -- catered potluck

The Praise Cruise on The Queen II seats 200 and will be a high light of our time together. Don't wait to get your reservations made! Please respond by June 1, 2004 with a time of arrival and a telephone number where you can be reached so we can better plan for your visit.

In Loving Friendship,
All of us at Light of the Lakes Friends

RSVP TO: Light of the Lake Friends
PO Box 765
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

*I will need accomodations
I have accomodations available*





LOOKING AHEAD "A Future and a Hope" MINISTRY CONFERENCE

William Penn's Food Service, Sodexo Marriott, has provided us with the menu for this year's ministry conference. So that they can better prepare for our stay, they are asking "Friends" to look over the menu and choose ahead of time which meals you would like to purchase. If you want to eat all your meals at the university, you may purchase an adult meal ticket for just \$30.00. Please clip and save this portion of the newsletter. Your registration/brochure will be in the July/August issue of the Iowa Friend.

	4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug
Prices per person:	No meals served on Wednesday	Breakfast 7:15am-7:45am	Breakfast 7:15am-7:45am	Breakfast 7:15am-7:45am
	Adult / child Breakfast \$ 4.00 / \$ 2.40 Lunch \$ 5.00 / \$ 3.15 Dinner \$ 6.00 / \$ 3.95 Banquet \$ 10.00	Eggs to Order Belgium Waffles Tator Circles Sausage Links Cereal Assorted Danish	Eggs to Order French Toast Tri Tators Bacon Cereal Assorted Danish	Eggs to Order Pancakes Tator Tots Ham Patties Cereal Assorted Danish
Advance Adult Meal Ticket \$30.00 Meal ticket includes: 3- Breakfasts, 2-Lunches, and 2-Dinners (does not include Saturday banquet)		Lunch 12:00pm-12:45pm	Lunch 12:00pm-12:45pm	Banquet 12:00pm
There are no meal exchanges on the tickets and no refunds		Spaghetti with Meatballs Green Beans Breadsticks Salad Bar Deli Bar	Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Italian Veggies Breadsticks Salad Bar Deli Bar	Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy California Veggies Fresj Friot Sa;ad Pasta Salad Dinner Rolls Chocolate Layer Cake
		Dinner 5:30pm-6:00pm Chicken Stir Fry Rice Broccoli Salad Bar Deli Bar	Dinner 5:30pm-6:00pm Philly Steaks French Fries Peas Salad Bar Deli Bar	



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday

- 9:00 Registration Opens
- 9:00 BOC Meeting
- 10:00 All Boards Meet
- Noon Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 M&C Body of Representatives
- 2:45 General Body of Representatives
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:45 Worship @ CAF With Ron Bryan
- 8:15 Social to welcome Dr. & Mrs. Sours, New William Penn President & Wife

Thursday

- 7:15 Breakfast
- 8:00 Centering Prayer
- 9:00 General Body of Representatives
- Noon Lunch (Wm. Penn Board Gathering)
- 1:00 Worship @ WP With David Brock
- 2:15 World Ministry Reports
- 3:30 Ministry Forums
- 4:30 Free Time
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:45 Worship @ CAF With David Brock
- 8:15 Talent Show



Friday

- 7:15 Breakfast
- 8:00 Centering Prayer
- 9:00 General Body of Representatives
- 9:30 Memorial Service
- 10:30 Worship @ WP With David Brock
- Noon Lunch (Pastors Association Gathering)
- 1:00 World Ministry Reports
- 2:15 Ministry Forums
- 3:15 Free Time
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:45 Worship @ CAF With David Brock
- 8:15 Social to welcome Grace Friends Church as a new Monthly Meeting



Saturday

- 7:15 Breakfast (New BOC Meeting)
- 8:00 Unprogrammed Worship
- 9:00 New Boards Meet (if called)
- 10:00 USFW Meeting
- 10:00 Quaker Men Meeting
- Noon Missions Banquet

CAF - College Avenue Friends Church
WP - William Penn University



MEETING MOMENTS

Four ladies from the **Ackworth Monthly Meeting**, Gladys Nicholls, Irene Houghtaling, Armetta Keeney, and Eve Goodhue, recently began cooperating with the Juvenile Court Office of Warren County by providing a monthly training session for designated girls of Junior High age. The objective is to provide one on one assistance to teach the girls to cook as part of a mentoring program.



The girls with the pies they made are (L to R) Tasha, Kara, Retha, and Ashley.

The sessions are conducted on a group basis in the church kitchen. It is a great opportunity for the more senior members of a small congregation to have an impact on the community by utilizing their unique skills.

The sessions are patterned after a similar program developed and designed for Madison County by Pat Sullivan, a dedicated and innovative juvenile court officer. The Ackworth ladies have been assisted by Emily Sherry, a juvenile court liaison officer for Warren County, and Laurie Vos of Serve Our Youth Network of Iowa.

Cooperation and support from the local juvenile court office staff is essential for designating appropriate participants, providing transportation, coordinating schedules and various other support services. For more information, feel free to contact any of the cooperating ladies from the Ackworth Meeting.

Bear Creek Friends found these past winter months busy beginning on February 1st when our members participated in the FUM Chain of Prayer. Jeff Horn, of Early Chapel in Redfield, filled the pulpit on Sunday, February 15. Dinner was provided following monthly meeting on February 29th, by Eldon and Marilyn Coulter's children. The Coulter's celebrated 50 years together. Church members and a few neighbors and family friends joined together for the celebration. meal.

Lenten studies began on March 4. Each Thursday evening, until Easter, we gathered for a soup supper, followed by a Lenten lesson led by our pastor, Dallas Gilreath. Several guests and visitors joined us throughout the 6-week study.

Ron Bryan, Yearly Meeting Superintendent, was our guest Mar. 14. That afternoon he was speaker at Quarterly Meeting held at the Earlham Friends Church, which several of our

members attended. Saturday, March 27th, found many of our ladies attending the USFW Spring Meeting at New Providence. Our pastor and other members attended the Spring body of Representatives April 3rd at Middle River.

Our Friday morning coffee hour continues, with church members and neighbors joining in. The coffee drinkers were recruited on Friday, April 9 to stay for a yard clean-up session in preparation for our upcoming Easter Egg hunt. A Good Friday observance was held on that evening at the Church of Christ in Earlham, with some of our members participating in the community choir for that program.

Our annual Easter Egg hunt was held on Saturday afternoon, April 11th with lovely weather, a large turnout of children, and an object lesson before the hunt with eggs that opened to show symbols of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Easter was celebrated early in the morning at the joint sunrise service, held this year in town at the Earlham Friends Church. Our pastor gave the message, and a breakfast followed. Our regular Sunday School and morning church service was held as usual .

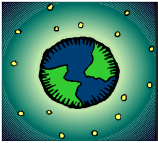
April ended with another workday as we tore out the old carpeting in our basement and four Sunday School rooms. With fresh paint jobs, new curtain, and new carpeting to look forward to, we're ready for a bright summer!



Clara Millett and Martina Bowman were recognized for their years of service on the Quakerdale Board of Trustees. Clara served 6 years and Martina served 12.



Hesper Quarterly Meeting met April 24th & 25th at Hesper Friends Church in Decorah.



African Great Lakes Initiative

Dear Friends,

Peace. Even now, when violent conflicts fill the news, peace is there – like the sound of falling snow in the silent night. During the past 6 years as the Coordinator of the African Great Lakes Initiative, I have been blessed to meet many remarkable “snowflakes of peace.”

Matthis Ndimurwanko, the President of the Kibimba Peace Committee, started a reconciliation group, less than two months after he was one of two survivors of a horrible massacre in Burundi where 72 Tutsi were forced into a gasoline station office and set on fire. Sizeli Marcellin, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide, first wanted revenge for the killing of most his family, but with in a few days realized that violence would perpetuate the conflict and, instead, became the leading advocate of peacemaking for Rwanda Yearly Meeting of Friends.

After four years of steady progress of introducing conflict resolution skills in Rwanda, recognition has finally come for our efforts – the United States Institute for Peace (USIP) has awarded AGLI a grant for the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) to expand the training with *gacaca* judges and genocide suspects released from prison in Rwanda.

One of the USIP proposal evaluators commented that she thought the proposal was “one of the best (she had) seen.” The proposal includes 48 Basic AVP workshops for the judges and released prisoners, 10 Advanced AVP workshops, and the training of 30 addition AVP facilitators.

We need your help to make this project a success because USIP regulations do not allow any of their funds to be used to pay for food at workshops. Since this proposal is heavily weighted towards workshops in Rwanda, this means that AGLI has to raise an additional \$18,650.

In Burundi, a tentative peace agreement has been implemented after 11 years of civil strife. AGLI would like to contribute to the reconciliation in that country. We plan to hold trauma healing/reconciliation workshops with Tutsi in internally displaced persons’ camps (IDP camps) and their surrounding Hutu neighbors. Each IDP camp will have 4 workshops for adults – ten Tutsi from the camp and 10 Hutu from the community and two more for young people. At the end of these six workshops the 120 people plus other members of the camps and community will hold a “Reconciliation Day,” allowing people who have not spoken to each other for 11 years to re-establish relationships and build a more peaceful future. It will cost \$7,000 to implement this program in one IDP camp.

In September, AGLI plans on conducting an in-service workshop in Rwanda for the trauma healing workers we have trained from Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda. Cece Yocum of St. Petersburg, FL, Adin Delacour of Northampton, MA and Adrien Niyongabo of Burundi will facilitate this in-service. The cost will be \$12,000.

When the Rwandan genocide occurred in 1994, I wondered how the country could ever be restored to health. I find it exciting and full-filling to be a part of the process of this recon-

ciliation not only in Rwanda, but also in Burundi, Uganda, and Kenya. When I visit the region, rather than be depressed by the horror of the past, I am always uplifted by the work that the Africans are doing to heal their societies – in many respects they are far ahead of those of us in the United States in their reconciliation efforts.

We need your continued donations to implement these necessary and exciting programs and allow additional “peace snow” to fall in the region.

Peace,

David Zarembka, Coordinator
African Great Lakes Initiative
3031 Laclede Station Road
Maplewood, MO 63143

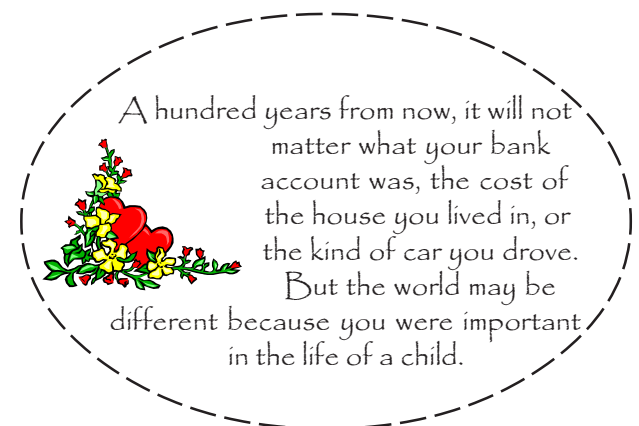
PS: In addition to your normal contribution, please consider adding an additional amount for food for the AVP-Rwanda workshops. Thank you for your ongoing support.

- \$12.00 pays for food for 1 person for a 3-day workshop
- \$24.00 pays for food for 2 people for a 3-day workshop
- \$60.00 pays for food for 5 people for a 3-day workshop
- \$120.00 pays for food for 10 people for a 3-day workshop
- \$240.00 pays for food for 20 people for a 3-day workshop

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Quakerdale held it's 5th annual employee recognition banquet at the DMACC center in Newton on Friday evening, May 14th. Many awards were handed out. Some in recognition for outstanding service as well as many humorous awards.



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VITAL SIGNS

ANNIVERSARY -- The children of Charles & Carla Neifert invite you to celebrate with them their 40 years of marriage at a come-and-go reception held in their honor at Hesper Friends Church (2355 N. 1100 Rd., Eudora, KS) on Sunday, June 20, 2004 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Please RSVP by June 6, 2004, to: Mike Neifert 122 N. Pine Street Argonia, KS 67004, 620-435-6627 argoniafriends@havilandtelco.com

or to

Pamela (Neifert) Roe at pcr311@yahoo.com

If you are unable to attend, kindly send your congratulations by way of a card to the address above. No gifts please.



Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
For they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called the
children of God.



Little Fry camp participants gathered for a group picture with 50 parents and children on May 15th & 16th. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time with many experiencing Camp Quaker Heights for the first time. We went canoeing, played organized games, roasted hot dogs and marshmallows by the camp fire, and sang praises to God. Early Sunday morning after breakfast, we hiked on the path at the state park.

Anthony and Rachel Nieuwsma led us in worship, and Ric shared with illustrated talks. Linda Garrison, Jessica Owens, Meredith Garrison and Nancy Smith shared and instructed us on four different craft projects. This is the 3rd year for Little Fry camp. We have seen a sizeable increase each year since it's inception. This camp is designed to bring mothers, fathers, grandparents and young children into an introductory camp experience.

~ by Ron Bryan~



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