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# The Iowa Friend

Iowa Yearly Meeting: Spreading Like Prairie Grass to Make the Love of Jesus Christ Known in the Heartland and Beyond

**What:** Leadership and Membership training for members of Iowa Yearly Meeting

**When:** November 8 and 9, 2013

**Where:** Marshalltown Friends Church

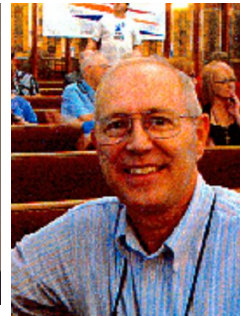
**Registration cost:** \$25 per person covers refreshments and lunch on Saturday

**Who:**

Lon Fendall, former professor from George Fox University & Clerk of Northwest Yearly Meeting

Colin Saxton, General Secretary of FUM and form Superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting

Lloyd Stangeland, Chair of IAYM Board of Trustees and former CFO for two corporations in Iowa



**Purpose and format:**

For the last few years the office has received numerous requests for instruction about local church, Clerks, Elders and Stewardship/Treasurers positions. So we have been blessed by people willing to come and give us direct teaching on these subjects.

- **Clerking** Led by Lon Fendall out of Northwest Yearly Meeting
- **Elders** Led by Colin Saxton out of FUM's offices
- **Stewardship** Led by Lloyd Stangeland, from our own IAYM as a recognized leader in finances and accounting practices.

The event will be divided into 3 sessions (one on Friday night and two on Saturday). Each session will have 2 workshops offered. A lunch will be served on Saturday at the church. It will be designed to allow us uninterrupted and focused times to delve into and explore the Friends faith walk for these very important aspects to our churches governance and operation. Hopefully allowing us the time to learn and discuss the Spiritual importance and necessity for proper discernment and leadership.

## IAYM Missions Emphasis for October

### Sam & Becky Barber and the Belize Friends School

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When first asked to write this I was a little hesitant. I felt that I have written this before for Quaker life back in 2008. Since then, I have come to realize that there are many people in Iowa Yearly Meeting who do not know who Becky and I are and what we are doing in Belize. So I feel that the best way to handle this is to give a brief background of Becky, then me and our lives together and our work in Belize.

Becky was born in Pueblo Colorado to a Mennonite family. When Becky was five her mother died and her family moved to Freeman SD. Becky became a Christian in her childhood. At age 11, Becky's father re-married and the family moved to Council Bluffs till her senior year then they moved back to Freeman SD.

I (Sam) was born in Mt. Pleasant and raised in Salem. My family was not a church family. I started going to Salem Friends because of their children's programs and eventually youth programs when I gave my life to Jesus. After that I became very active in youth and church.

Becky and I both went to Vennard College in 1988. We married in 1991 and finished our education at William Penn graduating in 1993. In 1997, we moved back to University Park to be on staff at Vennard College. Eventually, we became members at College Avenue.

In 2007, we led a mission's trip to Jamaica. After that, trip there was a hurricane heading to Jamaica. We as a group were praying for safety of the people and work there when someone said "What about Belize?" Well, that thought would never leave. My wife searched it on the internet and found that Cain's (former directors) wanted to retire. After a time of discernment, prayers, and interviews we eventually went to Belize in 2009 with our four children.

What we are doing in Belize is twofold. First, we are the directors of Belize Friends School. This is a "second Chance" school. We take kids who did not do well in school for whatever reason and give them a chance to forward their education. Secondly, we have an incarnational ministry. By

this, I mean that we are trying to be an example of God's love to people who have heard the gospel but have never seen it lived out. We do this by just being as transparent and caring as possible. We also open our home by inviting people from the local church over. Fellowship is something new to most Belizean Christians.

Over the last two years, we have seen lives transformed in many ways. God has been good to us and continually challenges us to greater depths of trusting and serving Him. We are proud to represent Iowa Yearly Meeting in serving this way. Blessings, Sam Barber



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The Missions Board emphasis this month is on the Barbers and their work in the Belize Friends School, Belize City, Belize. Sam and Becky Barber are Co-Directors, Principal & teachers for the school as Field Staff workers for Friends United Meeting of which IAYM is a member. **We would encourage you and the churches of IAYM to support this ministry by your continuing prayers and financial giving and by taking a Thanksgiving/Fall/Harvest offering in November.** As an aid in this a Bulletin insert is being emailed to your churches with our prayer that this will be used as an encouragement in your missions outreach. Please make any checks payable to: IAYM Mission Board and send it to: : Dorothy Taylor, 1121 Parkway Dr. Apt.1, Boone, IA, 50036. These funds will be forwarded to Friends United Meeting for the support of the Barbers and their work.



## Deaths

Bob Crabb, husband of Brenda Saver Steifeldt, passed away September 30, 2013. Bob was a member a Honey Creek-New Providence Friends.

C. Leslie Wood, a member at Honey Creek – New Providence Friends, passed away on September 16, 2013.

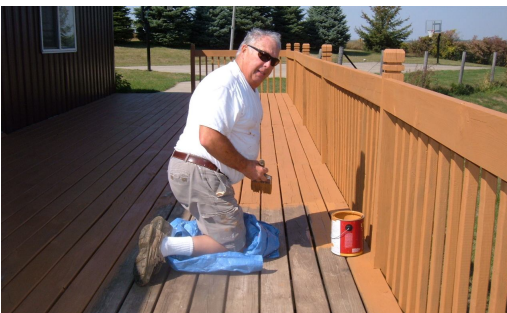
### All-Boards Retreat At Camp Quaker Heights

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Dan Smith, of Quakerdale, will speak on Discovery Network



November 2<sup>nd</sup>, all boards will meet following morning breakfast. A lunch will be provided and the BOC will meet in the afternoon.

More details will be sent out to churches and to Committee chairpersons. Please reserve this weekend if you serve on a board of Iowa Yearly Meeting!



## Young Adult and

### Family Bonfire Gatherings

October 27th Fairfield Friends

November 3rd Middle River Friends



These events are scheduled to go from 5:30-8:00. There are 2 more that are in the process of being booked. This will be a great time to gather together and connect with Friends! Please contact Scott for more information!

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IAYM Youth and Young Adult Director



### WHAT A DAY! *From ~ Dennis White*

I believe almost everyone who saw the movie "Field of Dreams" (filmed partly in Iowa) remembers one line from that film, "If You Build it They Will Come." My paraphrase of that would be "If You Publicize a Need, They Will

Come!" Friday, September 27, was the publicized work day at our Mesquakie Mission, and they came: from the northwest, Light of the Lakes at Arnold's Park, The Southeast at Salem Friends, the Northeast at Hesper (Postville), Austinville, Woolson, Pleasant Plain, LeGrand, College Avenue, Marshalltown, Lynnville, AND Mesquakie. We counted at Least 26 workers, men and women. We followed Alan Smith from Milford onto the Mesquakie grounds at 9:00 a.m. pulling a trailer with his back hoe on it. When we left at 5:00 p.m., he was still running his back hoe to finish burying the new drain line from the church building rain gutters.



The five goals for the day were completed: 1) An enclosure was built around the furnace in the youth building to deaden the sound of the furnace. 2) Clear (actually rebuild) the plugged underground roof drain. 3) Install two layers of insulation in the director's house attic. 4.) Install roof vents in the director's house. 5) Paint the decks on the youth building and Director's house (Using only brushes, no rollers and can you imagine how many spindles there would be in the railings for 50+ feet of deck?) In addition to these goals, Locust trees by the pond were cut down and the

wall paper in the church rest rooms was removed and the walls and partitions were painted.



It was a great day and much was accomplished under the gentle leadership of Lloyd Stangeland and Walt Sylvester. Several were involved in the preparation and serving of the noon meal which was enjoyed by all.

We want to thank everyone who had a part in this work day at Mesquakie.

**It was a great day.**

## FOCUS on the Ministries of FUM Ministry of the Month—October 2013 Friends Church Peace Team

The Friends Church Peace Team (FCPT) was founded by Kenyan Friends and Quaker organizations in 2008 during the post-election violence in Kenya. Since that time, FCPT has helped people and communities heal from violence and build resilience in resolving conflict peacefully.

In early 2013, Kenya held another national election. This time FCPT's work bore fruit in the clear ability of communities to tolerate a diversity of political opinion and ethnic identity within a transparent civic process.

Today, FCPT is expanding its efforts by working inside the Kakuma Refugee Camp teaching non-violence to refugees from around Africa of many different faiths. Work is also continuing on Mt. Elgon to help end an ongoing, localized inter-ethnic conflict. Young people there are being taught to engage in the political process through dialogue and nonviolent action.

FCPT is transforming Kenya in Jesus' name! Thank you for your support of the Friends Church Peace Team.

### Prayer requests:

1. Praise God that the 2013 Kenyan elections were largely peaceful.
2. Pray that Kenya will continue on its journey of healing and reconciliation toward a peaceful multi-ethnic and multi-religious society.
3. Give thanks that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Camp Manager granted permission for FCPT to minister inside Kakuma Refugee Camp.
4. Pray that the refugees who are participating in the violence prevention programs will be touched by the Prince of Peace and will feel encouraged in their lives.
5. Pray that the people of Mt. Elgon, from all ethnic groups, will embrace each other as brothers and sisters under one Father God.
6. Pray that the youth of Kenya will have hope for their future and will work together for peace.
7. Thank God for the support of Friends in Kenya and around the world for the work of the Friends Church Peace Team.

Save the date!

Friends United Meeting Triennial  
June 11-14, 2014  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
Marion, Indiana

The Johnson Lecture will be presented by Richard J. Foster, Quaker author, theologian and founder of Renovare. Daily devotions by James Bryan Smith, theologian, author, speaker and founding member of Renovare.

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Clerking Conference for purchase.



## Looking For A Greater Spirituality:

An Indian Philosopher's  
Journey from Creative  
Intelligence to  
Intelligent Creator.

### Dr. Vishal Mangalwadi

The author of seventeen books, including a classic, "The World of Gurus," Vishal was initiated into TM in Maharishi's living room in Rishikesh, India.

**Saturday,  
October 19, 2013  
7:30 p.m.**

*Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts*

200 N. Main St. Fairfield, Iowa- *No Charge!*



# *Fall Ideas to "Live Love" Year 2*

The "Live Love" project is to give practical examples of how we can show genuine love and compassion to those around us in an effort to live out the goal of loving God and loving others.



**Techies Day:** This is your chance to give your friendly technician(s) some well-deserved thanks. When your PC goes down, or gets a virus, that person is invaluable. He's on top of his trade, and can get your system back up and running faster than you can say "gigabyte". Make sure that your techie know that he is appreciated. Give him a token gift or send an e-card with your compliments.

**Trick or Treat for UNICEF:** Order your fundraising kit. Assemble your boxes when the kit arrives. On Halloween, go door-to-door Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF or have a UNICEF party with friends. Did you know that UNICEF has helped cut child deaths by 40% since 1990 and distributes 25 million anti-malarial mosquito nets yearly?

<http://www.trickortreatforunicef.org/clubs-groups>



**Listening:** Some folks say they have nothing to give, except time. However, that can be the best gift to many. Ordinary people, when given the opportunity to share their story, become real gems. Time and presence are the best gift you can give. You can make the day of someone in a retirement village or cancer ward by simply being with them and listening as they share their life.

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.*



## **Projects for your Whole Church to Work on Together**

### **Community Cleaning:**

- Identify buildings in need then obtain approval and arrange to wash and scrape off dirt and graffiti.
- Provide for a "dutch" day for street sweeping and washing.
- Adopt an area or city block to wash and clean signs and benches, pick up trash etc.
- Cut & remove the weeds in parking lots, vacant lots, etc.

**Pastor Appreciation:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Think of one small thing your pastor enjoys —M&Ms, fishing lures, coffee, etc. Ask each member to bring that item on Sunday. OR Use an October calendar to schedule folks for a month of surprises. Each day, the pastor will receive a token of appreciation from an individual, family, or group. The tributes will vary — a balloon delivery, a shoe shine, an apple pie, a gift card. Don't forget a note with specific reasons you appreciate your pastor's spiritual leadership.

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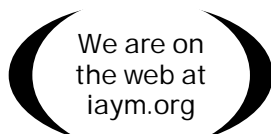
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## Iowa Yearly Meeting Schedule

### October

- 10/5 USFW Fall Retreat at Lynnville Friends
- 10/6-8 Pastors Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights
- 10/9-12 FUM General Board Meetings
- 10/19-20 Vishal Mangalwadi event in Fairfield
- 10/16-27 Ron Bryan to Kenya & Tanzania, Africa

### November

- 11/1-2 All Boards Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights
- 11/5-9 Campus Ministry—Poverty Awareness Week
- 11/8-9 Quaker Leadership Training in Iowa for Clerks, Treasurers, and M&C

### February 2014

- 2/22 QuakerMen Family Banquet @ WPU

### March 2014

- 3/1 BOC 9:30 am at College Ave. Friends
- 3/15 Spring Body 9:30 @ Grinnell Friends

**Yearly Meeting 2014  
July 30th—August 2  
at William Penn University**

