

THE IOWA FRIEND

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends

Young Adult Weekender '17

June 2-4
in Des Moines

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Things we will be doing:

Iowa Cubs game Friday night at 7:00
Serving Des Moines Saturday
Dining at a local eatery Saturday evening
Visiting a church together Sunday morning

MORE INFO AT:

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES @ IAYM.ORG

REGISTER AT:

IAYM.ORG/EVENTS

Cost: \$50 plus lodging

(Hotel and local area church options)
You will get a shirt if registered by 5/14

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Summer Friends Camp @ CQH

June 2017

9-11	Little Fry	\$235
	Grades K-2nd	
11-16	Jr/Sr High Camp	\$345
	Grades 7th-12th	
11-16	Servants In Training	\$300
	(S.I.T) High School Junior— College Sophomore	
18-22	Elementary Camp	\$285
	Grades 3rd-6th	

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**Brochures available NOW at
your local church OR con-
tact office and one will be
mailed to you!**

**Register by May 14th to
save \$25 off the listed
price**

**And be guaranteed
a t-shirt!**

Peace Curriculum Update

Prayer is Needed!

With Charlotte Stangeland

The Missions Board would like to provide an update on the Peace Curriculum that has been written for Friends Schools in Kenya. You may remember that funds were collected to help with the printing. The books have been printed, but until an Education Secretary is hired to provide oversight, the program is on hold. FUM would like the Kenya Churches and Schools to raise the money, so they will take more ownership of the program. They may have enough money to have a part-time secretary by the end of the year, but things in Kenya do not move very fast.

Book 1 has Standard (Grades) 1-4 and Book 2 has Grades 5-8. They printed 1,000 of each so they have 2,000 books printed. Last spring (2016) Dana Oswald and her aunt did a training session with about 25 schools and those schools are, we hope, using the curriculum. However, we will not be doing more trainings until the Education Secretary is in place. No one has time to oversee the work until we get that position filled. Dana is willing to go back to Kenya and help with more training after they get a secretary. There will be expenses for holding the workshops—transportation, food, paying for the venue, etc. I don't think they plan to print more books right now.

We are not actively seeking funds yet because we don't know how long it will be before we can hold workshops. However, if people wish to contribute, they can go to the FUM website and go to the Donate page. They have to click on OTHER and write in that the donation is for the Peace Curriculum.

SEEDS is a project to raise funds for the peace curriculum. This year we have 100 acres rented in Kenya for this growing season. They are planting maize and will sell it to the Friends Schools after harvest. Every year it is difficult to find good land to rent from an honest landowner. Last year the person we rented from was not entirely honest and we did not get the full crop from the 80 acres that we rented. That meant that we did not make a profit. We are renting from a different landowner this year and pray for a better outcome. What is really needed right now is **lots of prayer support**. *Please join us to pray for this program.*

Here are some things to pray for:

- Thank God that the curriculum is complete and 2,000 books have been printed.
- Thank God that we did get 100 acres to rent this year for SEEDS.
- Thank God for the 25 schools that are using the curriculum.
- Thank God for John Muhanji, Francis Makete, and the other SEEDS board members who worked so hard to find land for rent and are currently looking for land for 2018.
- Thank God for the teams (Primary and Secondary) who persevered and wrote the peace curriculum.
- Pray that Kenya churches and schools would get excited about having an Education Secretary and would raise the necessary funds quickly.
- Pray that the SEEDS crop would be profitable this year.
- Pray that SEEDS would find an honest landowner who would rent them land for several years. (They would like to rent 200 or more acres and get a contract for several years.)
- Ask God for direction and grace to keep the project moving forward.

~ from our IAYM Missions Committee~



We welcome Friends from all across our global body who are spiritually on fire, or smoldering embers ready to burst into flame, as well as Friends who are discerning risky new steps or are simply longing for deeper worship.

Join Friends as we stoke our spiritual fires and stretch ourselves through communal worship, learning, and fellowship. Together we will open ourselves to Christ's presence and power and allow the Spirit to work within us. Childcare is available for this event, and scholarship are available for Young Adult Friends.



Every three years, the global community of Friends United Meeting gathers to celebrate our life together, to grow in our ability to serve the world, and to worship Christ our Lord!

Along with our Triennial host, Great Plains Yearly Meeting, FUM invites and welcomes Quakers from all over the world to join us in Wichita, Kansas, on July 12-16, 2017.

We will meet on the campus of Friends University, and look forward to seeing you there.

50 Days of Revival

Though we may not hear it through the media, revival is breaking forth in many places around the world. As a follow-up to our 50 Days of Praying for Revival, we hope to share some of these stories.

From PRAYERCONNECT, April-June, 2017, we learn that thousands of Muslims are disillusioned by the violence and unrest in Mosul—ISIS's last stronghold in Iraq. Before ISIS seized Mosul in 2014, Mosul had the reputation as the Iraqi city most closed to the gospel. Triggered by the lack of freedom in Islam and gratitude to Christians offering help to refugees fleeing war-torn countries, thousands have turned to Christianity. It is anticipated that more people will be ready to leave Islam and beg for Christ to take their lives and give them healing.

Thank God that the Gospel message is breaking down barriers and reaching a group of people who have been closed to the Gospel. Let us pray for those who have turned to Christ that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them; that they will never doubt God's love for them; that they will fearlessly tell others about Jesus.

~Mary Glenn Hadley~



Penn Christian Fellowship Reunion

and Fine Arts Event to be held on campus of William Penn University this summer, June 22-25.

Deadline to register is June 1st, 2017

You will find the schedule of events and a registration form on the event page of the William Penn website!

Friends Response Team Update

(Friends Disaster Service)

The Friends Response Team (FRT) board met via conference call this past month. Two things were discussed.

1) FRT coordinator, Mike Moyer, is in the process of updating the local church coordinator contacts. The following churches have a recently confirmed local church coordinator: College Ave, Grinnell, Honey-Creek New Providence, Mesquakie, Motor, Valton, and Woolson.

The FRT church coordinator, may or may not be a FRT volunteer for a project. A church coordinator primarily does two things:

- 1) alert the IAYM FRT to a specific emergency or short term need in your area/locality and initiate a call for FRT action by calling or emailing Mike Moyer (moyerm@wmpenn.edu 641-455-3470 (cell) or the IAYM office; and
 - 2) communicate any IAYM/FRT call to action to members in your local church community. We need to update and confirm the remaining FRT meeting coordinators! If your meeting has not recently updated its Friends Response Team coordinator, please email Mike <moyerm@wmpenn.edu> and include the following contact info: name, mailing address, email address, and phone number(s).
- 2) As Mike and Deb Moyer will be out of state from June 6-July 19, Lowell Vanderploeg agreed to serve as FRT coordinator in the interval. Lowell can be reached at: lowell40@iowatelecom.net 641-275-8023 (cell).

The current updated database of FRT volunteers lists 42 volunteers. If you would like to know/confirm whether you are on the FRT contact list, please contact Mike Moyer.



{Our God}
IS ABLE
TO DO
*exceeding
abundantly above*
ALL THAT WE
ask OR imagine.
-Ephesians 3:20



2017 Ministry Conference

July 26-29

William Penn University & College Avenue Friends



Communication

If there is one struggle that has been heard in every meeting, no matter the organization, church or committee, is the issue of communication. Everyone has information they want to get out, but doing it effectively has been a problem with information overload.

We are trying to get out information in a weekly mailing, Friend of Friends, that has all upcoming events coming as well as things that can help with your ministry. We understand that not all churches can do everything, but we want to at least give you an opportunity to see what is going on in IAYM. We are also wanting to give everyone the opportunity to know what is going on. This is where we put out info about Camps, retreats and trainings. It is where we put ideas about revival or how to be better at prayer, as well as what is happening in our churches. Please take time to sign up and also to encourage others in your churches to sign up! We currently have about 10% of our total membership on this list.

If you have something you want to share, send it to the office at office@IAYM.org, and it will be considered for upcoming emails. We would love to hear what your church is doing to reach your community, making disciples and what God is doing.

There are a few other links that can help you stay up to date with other local ministries as well. These links can be found on our website as well other organizations (iaym.org)

Scott Biddle, Director of Youth and Young Adults for Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends



Iowa Yearly Meeting
Iaym.org

Our own resource for event registrations, links, newsletters, church directory, etc. Sign up for our weekly enews through the "newsletter" link on the homepage!



Friendsunitedmeeting.org

Their site has been recently redesigned! Stay up-to-date for events and news by signing up for their email newsletter!



Quakerdale

Quakerdale.org

"Serving as Christ Serves"

Quakerdale is a Christian not-for-profit organization joining with youth, families, and communities through opportunities of prevention, education, and support."

We provide youth and family support services in over 66 counties throughout the state. Annually we serve more than 3,000 individuals, children and families from many different backgrounds and walks of life.

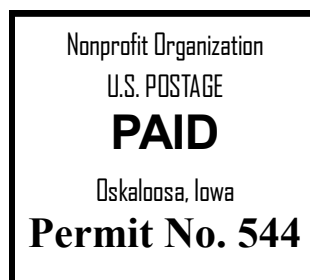
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Does your local meeting have an event you would like included in this publication?

Please contact our office via email with the information for the event. Items need to be submitted by the 20th of each month to be included in the next publication.

Join with south central Iowans in learning about and discussing Immigration, concerns of Immigrants in Iowa and how Iowans are responding.
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 6-9 PM
at College Ave Friends, 912 North C St,
Oskaloosa,
Facilitated by AFSC, Iowa Director,
Erica (Palmer) Johnson

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2-4 Young Adult Weekender

9-11 Little Fry

11-16 Jr/Sr High Camp

18-22 Elementary Camp

25-July 1 Kaleo Academy @ Barclay College

July

12-16 FUM Triennials

26—29th Annual Ministry Conference

@ William Penn University—Oskaloosa, IA

September

8—10 FAMILY Camp @ CQH

2016 Minute Books
Are now available for purchase

Contact the office to order your copy!

\$12 per book