

The Iowa Friend Newsletter

The Core Value Statements *by Tom Showalter—General Superintendent*

I cannot overstate the importance of last year's approval of our awesome mission statement and this year's approval of core values. Some of the initial feedback I have heard is a lack of understanding of their validity or application of such things. Let me simply say that these and the eventual vision statement become the plumb line by which all activities within our yearly meeting are determined. Every organization, your church included, has a purpose or reason for existence, and it is either stated or implied. Things are done in an attempt to accomplish something.

In your local setting, try to determine what that purpose or reason for existence may be. I have a friend who used to ask three questions to participants while on mission trips, "1) What do you believe? 2) What do you do? and 3) if I watched you long enough, would I know what you believed by what you do?" Profound application! The reason that mission, values, and vision is so important can be summarized with a conversation between The Cheshire Cat and Alice in Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*:

Alice: Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?

The Cheshire Cat: That depends a good deal on where you want to get to.

Alice: I don't much care where.

The Cheshire Cat: Then it doesn't much matter which way you go.

Our Mission Statement was adopted in 2018: "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)." The Core Values adopted in 2019 uses the acronym of IAYM:

Imitating Jesus

Advancing Jesus' Agenda

Yielding to Jesus

Maturing to Fulfill Jesus' Agenda

Some have shared that using the acronym seems a bit forced. The reality is that the mission, values, and forthcoming vision statement are so important, we want to incorporate strategies and techniques to make them easier to remember. In the Advanced Reports, there was more explanation given to these:

"Imitating Jesus: (Lifestyle) Becoming more like Jesus in the public square where I am called to serve as I seek to make disciples." The importance of this statement is to show our discipleship is not a program, but a lifestyle. In the mission statement, we are to exalt Jesus Christ by be-

coming fruitful disciple makers. For that to be possible, I must first be a disciple who also desires to make disciples. That is a process and as we mature we become healthy disciples who can make other disciples. To His disciples, Jesus profoundly gave two (of many) insights: 1) "For every tree is known by its own fruit." (Luke 6:44); and 2) "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35). As we are seen, people should see the difference Jesus has made in our lives in tangible ways.

"Advancing Jesus' Agenda: (Love) Being transformed by God's love so as to impact our relationships with Him and all people." Once I am a disciple, I imitate Jesus and do what He did, love as He loved, serve as He served, walk as He walked. What was Jesus' agenda? We find out by watching what Jesus did, we gain understanding through His Word, and we see the example as He pursued His Mission. As a starting point, we see Jesus give the Great Commission which should be motivated by the Great Commandment to love God and love people.

"Yielding to Jesus: (Purpose) Making God's love known by serving all people with integrity as empowered by the Holy Spirit." Even Jesus when praying to His Father said, "Not my will, but yours be done." To pursue the mission, we must do whatever is needed to "throw off all that hinders" and "run with perseverance." We cannot pursue God's agenda when we are unable to let go of ours. Even attempting to restate our own agenda with a spiritual rephrasing is still our agenda... "A rose by any other name smells as sweet" to quote Shakespeare. We must submit our ways to His ways because His ways are not our ways (Proverbs 3:5-6 and Isaiah 55:8-9).

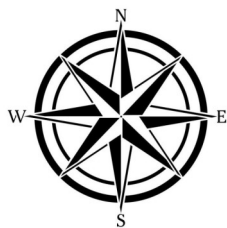
"Maturing to Fulfill Jesus' Agenda: (Ministry) Intentionally making disciples in accordance with God's will and in obedience to all of God's Word, the Bible." As stated earlier, we are to advance Jesus' agenda, but to do so requires ongoing maturity to do it better and better. "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." (Phil 3:12).

The core values are connected to the mission statement. The mission is "Why" we exist and the Core Values are "What" we do and "How" we do them. I will continue to write, share when I am with you, and lead Iowa Yearly Meeting in the pursuit of the mission. If you have questions, feel free to ask.

Iowa USFW Fall Retreat

2019-2020

Theme: Finding the Way



**MIDDLE RIVER
FRIENDS USFW
HOSTING AT**

**CAMP QUAKER
HEIGHTS**



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

4:00pm

4:00 pm Arrive at CQH, Check in:

Tall Oaks \$40 per room

Camp Grounds \$20 per campsite

4:45 pm Carpool to Eldora dinner at Pizza Ranch

6:00 pm Return to CQH

6:15 pm Board Meeting

Alternate activity for non-board members

8:30 pm Vespers – all are invited to participate

Retreat Cost: \$10.00 for Saturday

Registration Deadline: September 16, 2019

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

9:30am – registration

10:00am – 3:30pm

Morning: Praise & Worship

Message Presented By:

Sarah Radcliff

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Afternoon:

Praise & worship, Panel Discussion

Business Meeting, **Closing Prayer**

**Mission's Board Article—by: Kenneth
Smith**



**Save
The
Date**

July 12-18, 2020
at a conference center
in Kisumu, Kenya.

The theme is
**Come,
Abide
Go.**

Africa: Worship with Kenyan's, go on a Safari, visit a different culture. Are you registered to attend Friends Triennial sessions? Why not?

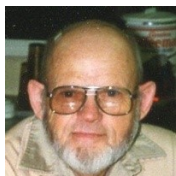
Quaker Men and U.S.F.W.I. will be meeting also. Here is a chance to go and stay late. The planning committee is meeting right now and making final plans.

I Have been in pastoral ministry many years and can remember events that changed me. This event could be the inspiration that your ministry might need. Don't let age or your youth stand in your way. Start making plans now to attend. This is the kind of event that may happen only once in your life. You can't go? Maybe you need to think about helping another go financially. The IAYM Nominating committee will lead the process of naming IAYM representatives to the Triennial July 12-18, 2020. This will be officially done at next year's Spring Body. Cost will be in the range of \$2000-\$2200. An appeal will be issued to assist in representative's attendance.

•We have completed another year of Iowa Yearly Meeting sessions. Thank you for being with us. It is vital for the health of Iowa Yearly Meeting that we have people participate in IAYM sessions. Out of thirty-three total churches in IAYM, 11 had no representatives at our gatherings. That is one-third of our churches! I understand that there were some legitimate reasons for not attending, but when circumstances allow, please assure your meeting is represented at our gathered business sessions.

•Additionally, we had boards without advanced reports and no representatives at either the Round Table discussion or during business sessions to give reports. "Whoever shows up makes the decisions." We can do better! Leadership is a high calling and the responsibilities are important to be accomplished.

•Lastly, thank you to those who have responded to the Yearly Meeting evaluation. This feedback is very important in our planning.



Oliver Edwin Hadley, 92, who passed away Saturday, May 4, 2019. He was born July 31, 1926 in rural Warren County Iowa near Ackworth to Jahu and Fannie Hadley. He was preceded by brother Lester (Garnet) Hadley, sister Vera (Ted) Cutler and sister Thelma (Paul) Perisho. In 1933 the

family purchased a farm and moved to New Providence. Here they were very involved in the Honey Creek Friends meeting. In 1944 he graduated from New Providence high school.

Soon after graduation he was drafted but being a Quaker he was registered as a conscientious objector. He was called to report to duty in Trenton, North Dakota CPS (Civilian Public Service) Camp and later in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

In 1947 he married Hazel Hadley and began their life together on the farm. Not long after an illness he went to work at Superior Art Glass company in Indianola where he spent the rest of his working years leaving his mark on Iowa. He made and restored many stained glass windows. He was an artist as well, designing as well as constructing windows. He designed the windows for the Jewish Retirement home and he helped rebuild the rose window in the dome of the downtown First Methodist Church both in Des Moines. Towards the end of his work career he was in charge of rebuilding the large window for the Iowa Governor's mansion. After retirement he and Hazel spent about 10 years RV traveling with MMAP, Mobile Missionary Assistance Program. His whole life Edwin was active in the local church, Iowa Yearly Meeting, Quaker Men and especially Camp Quaker Heights church camp. His family was very important to him. He and Hazel were married for 71 years ... together always, best friends, working together. He was deeply concerned for the faith and care of his family. Always willing to give a helping hand. He loved his families but his greatest love was for his heavenly Father. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; children, Shelia (Jerry) Keisel, Rebecca (Gary) Septer; 4 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; children, Roddy, Daniel Hadley; grandchild, Todd Keisel; siblings, Lester Hadley, Vera Cutler, Thelma Perisho.

Victor Allen White

December 13, 1944—June 12, 2019

Victor Allen "Pemipieyah" White was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Henry and Mary (Wahpecome) White. He was 74 years old.



Victor and Brenda Cheek were married June 19, 1970 in Oklahoma City. He worked for 18 years with the Firestone Company in Oklahoma and also, along with Brenda, pastored for the Mesquakie Friends Church in Iowa for 26 years. He and Brenda have been residents of Okemah for the past 6 years. He was a proud Kickapoo and Shawnee Tribe citizen and was a member of the Okemah First Baptist Church. Victor loved to tell stories and sing at powwows and also enjoyed making drumsticks. He had an infectious smile that all who know him will remember.

He is preceded in death by parents; five brothers, Melford, Archie and Daryl White, Art Penney and Frank Seymour and one sister, Violet Joyce White.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda White of Okemah; his daughter Carmen (Jessie) Matanane of Iowa; his son, Travis (Jenny) White of McCloud, Oklahoma; three brothers, Bob (Diane) White, Russell (Jackie) White, and Anthony White; three sisters, Mary Charlotte White, Sandra (Ronnie) Parsons, Maureen (Donnie) Kupczynski; 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.



Lyle Elmer Smith, 94, passed away on May 17, 2019. Lyle was born February 2, 1925 to Earl and Florence (Woods) Smith. His early years centered around Motor School, Motor Friends Church, farming, 4-H, neighbors and family. He graduated from high school in Milo where he played basketball and enjoyed math and physics. After high school his time at Simpson College was interrupted by World War II. He was called home to farm, but later was drafted and served briefly in Japan until his discharge in May 1947. He graduated from Simpson College in 1948 and later from Drake Law School.

On May 30, 1949 Lyle married Edna Pauline Hadley. In the following years, four children were born. In addition, it was not unusual for another family member, friend, or a foster child to live with them for a short time. After graduation from Drake, Lyle accepted a job with Iowa Farm Bureau Insurance in Clarinda, Iowa. In 1953, he worked one year as an attorney then worked with Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance in Des Moines. The family has many pleasant memories of their years in Des Moines including many games of ball, family vacations and activities at Des Moines Friends Church. After the oldest three children had left home, Lyle and Edna decided to move back to the farm where Lyle grew up. They lived there until they moved to The Village in Indianola in 1991.

After retiring, Lyle and Edna enjoyed several trips including Belize, Kenya, England, Alaska, Mexico, Canada and trips with Friends Disaster Services. Lyle helped start Friends Development Fund for Iowa Yearly Meeting and worked for many years with Habitat for Humanity. One of Lyle's dreams in his later years was to share his vision of a peaceful community based on Christian principles. Lyle kept active and productive to the end of life. His life was a testimony of Christian faith, love and service. He is survived by his children, Wayne Smith, Charlotte (Lloyd) Stangeland, James (Anita) Smith, Ronald (Deanna) Smith, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and sister-in-law, Barb Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Edna (Hadley) Smith, and three brothers—Ival, Marvin and David.

{CALENDAR} OF EVENTS

2019—2020 Iowa Yearly Meeting Calendar of Events

- September 13-15: **Family Camp** at Camp Quaker Heights
- September 17: 7-8:30 p.m.: **“An Introduction to Estate Planning” webinar**, led by Everence and sponsored by IAYM's Friends Development Fund.
- September 20-21: **USFW Fall Retreat @ CQH**
- September 10, 17, 24: **Fall work days @ CQH**
- October 3-5: **FUM Board** in Richmond, IN
- October 12-13: **Winneshiek Quarterly Meeting** at Valton Friends Church
- October 4-6: **Man Camp @ CQH**
- October 18-22: **Pastor's Retreat & Conference**
- November 2: **All-Boards Retreat**
- January 25, 2020: **BOC Zoom Meeting**
- Feb 22, 2020: **Quaker Men's Winter Banquet** with Van Harden (from WHO radio) as speaker
- March 28: **Spring Body Meeting @ Grinnell Friends Church**
- March 30-April 3: **Beane Lecture & Pastor's Short Course**
- July 12-18, 2020: **FUM Triennial** in Kisumu, Kenya (<https://www.friendsunitedmeeting.org/connect/triennial>)
- Nov. 11-13, 2020: **Church Multiplication Conference**

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