

April 2022



IOWA YEARLY MEETING

The Iowa Friend

Going Farther Together— Manny Garcia, General Superintendent

One of my all-time favorite movie trilogies is *The Lord of the Rings*. In the first installment, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, Frodo Baggins and 8 other companions embark on a journey to save Middle Earth from the grips of the enemy, Sauron. On this quest they learn the importance of going together. Even as they split into various groups throughout the course of the story, they all depend on one another and each one's fate is tied to the next.

This story reveals more about life than we probably ever realized. As we journey through life, doing our best to live the kind of life God desires for us, we need each other. God created us for community, we know this to be true because God created us in His image and He is community; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God had perfect and complete fellowship within Himself before creation was even on the radar. And, while we realize our need for one another, there are times where we just don't know what that looks like or how to engage in community, which causes us to wander and to become lonely and estranged.

We have been making preparations for our 160th Annual Iowa Yearly Meeting Sessions and my excitement is growing daily as I look forward to engaging with our larger community. This, after all, is the way God designed us to live . . . together!

For the last two years our opportunities to live into this reality have been taken from us by a global pandemic and perverted by the cultural issues that would seek to divide us. But here we are, on the precipice of a new day and we, the Church, have an opportunity to be an example of just how good life in community can be. Don't miss it! Lean back into the good and beautiful life God invites us to experience together.

Let me offer just a few ways in which we can move back toward this kind of life.

Pray Together

Prayer is one of the greatest gifts that God ever gave us. We have the ability to hold an audience with the Creator of the Universe! That should be enough for us to want to be in His presence as often as we can be. Prayer, however, has taken a back seat to our own efforts, ideas, and desires. We have taken this wonderful gift and turned it into a life raft and a last resort. If we are to seek God's will and vision for His Church, we need look no further than the Holy of Holies. When God's people take time to seek unity within community, powerful things can begin to take place. If you want proof of that reality, just read the book of Acts.

Practice Together

Dallas Willard used to say that we shouldn't be asking ourselves, "What would Jesus do?", but a better question to ask is, "How did Jesus train?" We cannot simply act like Jesus did without putting in the time to be truly changed from the inside out. The idea of spiritual formation tends to lean toward the private side of our lives but approaching formation from a corporate posture can reveal hidden and new ways that God may be growing us that we were previously unaware of. Studying scripture, serving others, extended retreats, prayer, and spiritual direction are a few ways to do this,

but the ways to "practice" together are as enumerable as the people involved. Anything that puts your community in the presence of God can be life giving and life changing.

Play Together

It is spiritually and physically healthy to have fun (read that again). That means sometimes we need to get together simply to enjoy each other's company in God's presence. Jesus spent a lot of time with his followers when he wasn't teaching, healing, or serving. What else can we assume he was doing other than simply enjoying being with them? If you'd like some biblical support of that, read the story of Mary and Martha; Jesus tells Martha to stop worrying so much and simply enjoy being together. This can look different to different communities, but the focus is the same, enjoy each other, laugh a lot, and go home feeling spiritually full and emotionally energized.

Worship Together

This seems like a given, but I've been troubled by the number of people who claim their belief in God is enough. "The church", they say, "is full of hypocrites so I'll just sit here and believe in God in the comfort of my own home." And now we can go to church online! Please don't mishear me, there is a time and place for this, but we cannot experience the sacraments remotely. They were meant to be experienced with others, in community. I'm not saying we all must go to a brick and mortar building and sit in a pew. While this is the way many choose to worship in community, any gathering of God's people with the intent of offering our sacrifice of praise to Him is worship. A house church, a group meeting in the park, a service at a nursing home or a prison, a group gathering at a coffee shop, or a bonfire in someone's backyard can all be forms of corporate worship. The focus isn't so much on where we meet, but why we meet.

Of course, this is not an exhaustive list, but it's a place to start. As the Chinese proverb states, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." We need each other in this journey of life. We have a responsibility to one another, and like the ragtag group of sojourners that made up of the Fellowship of the Ring, our fates and the fate of the Church are interconnected and interdependent. We truly are better together!

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore." (Psalm 133)

College-Aged Students -
You are invited to the
FRIENDS STUDENT GATHERING at



December 28th, 2022 – January 1st, 2023

Indianapolis, IN

2022-2023 Kaleo Cohort Recruiting Underway!

We are looking for high school students in evangelically-minded Friends Churches who are interested in diving deeper into their calling and leadership. The next Kaleo Cohort begins with Theology Camp on the campus of Barclay College June 23rd-29th, 2022. Contact Brockie Follette to nominate a student at:

brockie.follette@barclaycollege.edu

Kaleo 2.0 Summer Ministry Interns

This summer we are continuing our Ministry Internship program called Kaleo 2.0 and we hope to place at least two of our Kaleo Academy Alumni in ministry at a Friends Church this summer. Our dream is for many of the young leaders who complete Kaleo Academy to one day serve in a ministry internship within a Friends Church. Contact Katy Moran for more information about this program at:

katy.moran@barclaycollege.edu

Calendar

April 23 - USFW Spring Fling @ Motor Friends
9:30 am "Renewal of Hope"

May 21st—Camp Cookie Day

Camp Dates

Little Fry—June 10-12

Elementary—June 23-26

Middle School—June 12-16

High School—June 17-22

July 27-30 Yearly Meeting

@ William Penn University

Their love was so strong, that after 58 years of marriage, they could not stand to be apart for long. **Donald "Don" Macy**, 85, passed away Saturday morning, March 19, 2022. His beloved wife, **Joyce Macy**, 82, passed away Monday evening, March 21, 2022. They were both longtime residents of Bangor.



Donald James Macy was born November 2, 1936 to James W. and Marian (Kinzer) Macy in Liscomb, IA. After high school, Don served in the United States Army in intelligence. While in the Army, he served in Germany and was honorably discharged.

Joyce Ann Hoing was born March 16, 1940 to Francis "Bussy" and Ruth (Brewer) Hoing in Marshalltown, IA. Following high school, she moved to California to be a nanny for several years before her return to the Midwest.

Don and Joyce met and fell in love in 1963. They were united in marriage on November 8, 1963 in Marshalltown. Don farmed in the Bangor area until he retired in the late 1990s. He had his own trucking business and traveled throughout the United States. Joyce worked for 38 years at the Marshalltown Hospital as lead unit secretary until her retirement in 2002.

They were members of the Bangor Liberty Friends Church. More than anything else, they loved spending time with their family and adored their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Doris Marie Nordyke, 87, of Richland dies February 20, 2022.

She and her twin sister, Dorothy, were born on January 31, 1935 to Daniel Adam and Laura Esther Ritter Guy. Their parents instilled early the concept of dressing like twins, which they always did on special occasion; even the last few days of their lives. Doris married Kenneth Nordyke on September 1, 1956, and lived all her married life near Richland. She worked in the Fairfield Hospital and was the first Jefferson County Hospice Nurse. Doris was a hands-on farm wife, who loved and cared for their many farm animals. She was an active 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher at Woolson Friends Church, where she was a life-long member, and member of several women's clubs through the years.

Anna Lee Kivett, 93, of Le Grand, passed away on Monday, March 29, 2022 at Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines. Ann was born on March 29, 1929, in Washburn, Missouri; daughter of Frank and Florence Diem. After high school, she went to Springfield, MO, to college where she met her husband, Leroy. They moved to Kansas, and then to Le Grand, where Ann spent her career teaching elementary students and raising three children. Ann and Leroy were very active in the school and LeGrand Friends Church.



Motor Friends Church
14350 240th Ave
Milo, IA 50166

APRIL 23, 2022
10:00am – 3:00pm
(9:30am – 10:00am registration)



2021-2022 Theme

RESTING IN HIS SHADOW
RENEWAL OF HOPE

Morning
Announcements
Praise & Worship
Message Presented By:
Tanya English
West Branch Friends Church
Afternoon:
The PAD project for Africa
Personal Packets for Kenya
Women and Girls
Closing Prayer

Registration: 9:30 am **Retreat Cost:** \$10.00 **Registration Deadline:** April 20, 2022
If needed, Childcare will be provided

You may mail this form to:
Lila Smith PO Box 89 Milo, IA 50166

Or email the information to: kenlila@aol.com

Church _____ Society: _____

Number attending _____

Names of attendees: _____

(Number & Names of children) _____

Please bring a Sack lunch for your child (children)

Note: You do not have to be a member of USFW to attend. Money does not have to be paid in advance.
You may pay at the registration table.

Submitted by: _____ Phone Number _____

Mission Board's Easter Offering Robert Wafula— FTC



Robert Wafula has been serving as Principal of Friends Theological College (FTC) in Kaijosi, Kenya, since October, 2014.

Robert Wafula is a Friends pastor, a Christian leader, a scholar of religion, a social sci-entist and an educator. He is an alumnus of Friends Theological College, St. Paul's United Theological College in Limuru, Kenya, Earlham School of Religion and Ohio University.

His PhD was earned from Ohio University in the field of Cultural Studies in Education with his research focusing on the intersection of indigenous cultural practices and Christian faith among the Bukusu community of western Kenya. He holds two master's degrees — in International Affairs and in Religious Studies — and has published in the fields of cultural studies, development studies, Quakerism and comparative religions. Prior to serving as Principal of FTC, Robert taught comparative religions, anthropology, cultural diversity and comparative literature at Columbus State College and at Central Ohio Technical College in Ohio.

Robert has completed his second three-year term of service a FTC, and FUM is in the process of renewing support pledges for this third term.

Send gifts to our Mission's Treasurer
Dorothy Taylor

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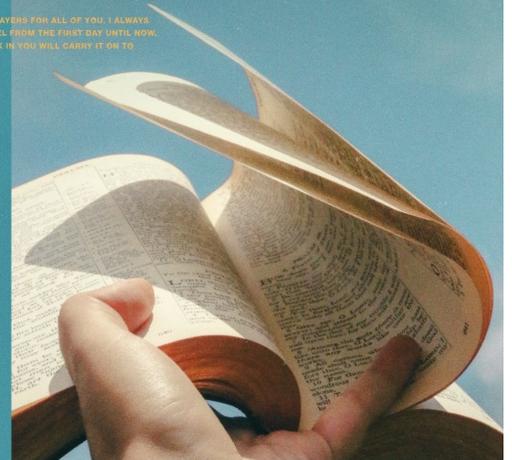
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INSPIRED BY THE PAST TO IMPACT THE FUTURE

PHILIPPIANS 1:3—6

160TH ANNUAL SESSION — JULY 27-30, 2022

"I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU. IN ALL MY PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU, I ALWAYS PRAY WITH JOY BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW. BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS."



 Iowa Yearly
Meeting of Friends

GOD IS FAITHFUL — YOUR WORK IS NOT IN VAIN — GOD IS FAITHFUL — YOUR WORK IS NOT IN VAIN

Easter Blessings

*May Christ's glory and
the promise of this joyous
time of year, bring peace
and happiness to you and
those you hold most dear.*





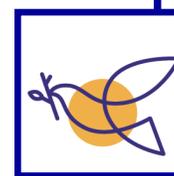
HEBREWS 11:13



Traveling Thru
CAMP QUAKER HEIGHTS

CANOEING - HIKING - SWIMMING - CARPET BALL - DISC GOLF - MINI PUTT - BIRDS - ARCHERY

LITTLE FRY CAMP (GRADES K-2) JUNE 10-12 / ELEMENTARY CAMP (GRADES 3-5) JUNE 23-26
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP (GRADES 6-8) JUNE 12-16 / HIGH SCHOOL CAMP (GRADES 9-12) JUNE 17-22



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