

# LEAPS:

*From Faith to Practice*

May 9-12, 1991

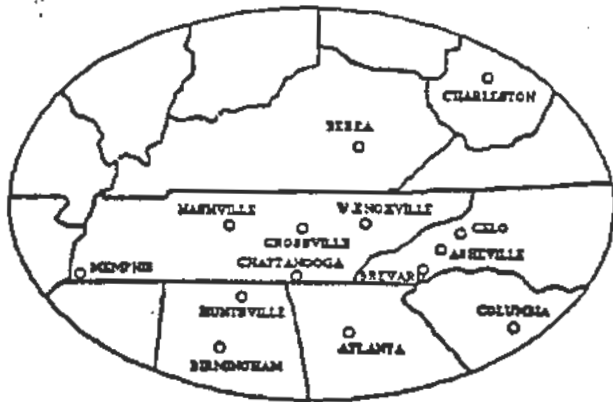


Southern Appalachian  
Yearly Meeting Association  
*Hiwassee College*  
*Madisonville, Tennessee*

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING



**SAYMA**  
**Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting**  
**and Association**  
**of the Religious Society of Friends**

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

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Dear Friends Everywhere:

From the rolling, rural campus of Hiwassee College in Madisonville, Tennessee we send our loving greetings to Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association Friends who stayed at home and to Friends around the World..

Before beginning our own agenda, we agreed to support Norway Yearly Meeting's urging that peace and security be included in the deliberations of the United Nations conference on the environment to be held in Brazil in 1992.

The pain all Friends suffer regarding the war in the Mid-East surfaced often during the four days of SAYMA's deliberations. Yet most of our time was spent in everyday "getting on with it." As a very young Yearly Meeting, we continue to give much attention to strengthening our organization and to rejoice in the blossoming of new worship groups in our area. An important milestone was reached when first copies of A Guide to Our Faith and Our Practice arrived - after sixteen years of dedicated work!

The theme of this year's Yearly Meeting was Leaps: From Faith to Practice. This was addressed through queries considered in small, daily worship sharing groups and through panel presentations. Meetings reported making such leaps as providing sanctuary for refugees, clarifying tax and/or earmarked contribution status with local authorities, undertaking building and/or educational activities beyond the apparent strength of the Meeting, cooperating with other faith groups in persistently addressing a city's poverty problems, and supporting a military counseling center. Other significant leaps of faith are mentioned in individual State of the Meeting reports.

Individual leaps described varied from changes which helped heal after parents' divorce to international experiences and radical changes in faith perspectives.

A treasured aspect of Yearly Meeting is the opportunity to connect with wider Quaker concerns. Reports from American Friends Service Committee, Friends General Conference, Friends World Committee for Consultation and Friends Committee on National Legislation were supplemented by interest group discussions. Other interest groups considered the making of decisions, positive aspects of eldering, outreach of Meetings, parenting, hypotherapy, business meeting process, special concerns about the war in the Gulf, Central America and other subjects.

But one of the main reasons for attending Yearly Meeting is always the hope to extend and deepen our acquaintance with individual Friends. This too happened in large measure. Younger Friends accomplished it through craftwork (Mississippi mud to rocket launching!); and through singing and swimming, field trips, and campfires. The SAYMA teens and pre-teens participated in an overnight caving trip and a whitewater rafting expedition as well as workshops on relaxation and sexuality. One of the most frequently expressed worries of our small Meetings is how to develop a good children's program when we have so few young people; the Yearly Meeting seems to be one of our very best resource for this. All of us participated in impromptu singing, folk dancing, the nightly coffee house and movies and - most important and most precious - frequent periods of worshipping together.

A leap implies a risk and uncertainty about results. Not all leaps were viewed as fully successful. But Meetings and individuals grew because of them and gained support and courage for further leaps.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting,  
 Steve Meredith, Clerk

*Steve Meredith*

Epistle Committee: Olga Ahrens, Barbara Eather, Kay Parke, Penny Wright

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Twentieth Annual Meeting

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The meeting opened with a period of silence. After routine announcements epistles from other yearly meetings were read. London Yearly Meeting challenged the world-wide Quaker family to seek to discover what Friends' witness should be.

Minute #1 In response to a request from the Norway Yearly Meeting, our Yearly Meeting in session decided to ask the United States ambassador at the United Nations, the Friends office at the UN and the chair of the UN Conference on Environment and Development which meets in 1992 to take an initiative to place peace, disarmament, and the extended concept of security on the agenda for the UN Conference on Environment and Development meeting in 1992. Kay Park and Marion Fuson will draft the letters.

Minute #2 A traveling minute to Oslo was approved for Kay Parke.

Minute #3 Asheville Meeting will be the repository for A Guide to Our Faith and Our Practice and will handle its sale and distribution.

Minute #4 A list of SAYMA clerks will be made available to Steven S. Coughlin, Ph. D. of Georgetown University who is doing research regarding the relationship of diet and other lifestyle factors to major forms of cancer. A pilot study has already been made of some Friends of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

A request for funds from Pat Floerke from Catawba Valley Meeting in Hickory, North Carolina, which would enable her to join a Witness for Peace project in Nicaragua and Guatemala was referred to the finance committee.

Connie reported that the 501 (c) (3) application has met the approval of the IRS office in Atlanta. Tax exempt status will affect purchases, postage, mailing, etc. Meetings can use the SAYMA number if and when IRS final approval is given.

Daryl Bergquist announced a meeting to develop the Field Secretary Program June 18 - 20 at Kirkridge. The question of whether to send a representative was left to the finance committee, based on their analysis of funds available.

A clearness committee was offered to Betty Hurst, SAYMA delegate to the FWCC World Conference in Kenya. This was to help her resolve questions of safety and appropriateness of her trip to the Kenyan sessions. She accepted the invitation for such consultation.

Victor Vaughn asked for direct membership in SAYMA. The yearly meeting felt that the Friend's request for individual membership in SAYMA came from a unique situation. It was not a request for membership from an isolated Friend. In this case there were unresolved issues and ministry concerns related to both the Friend and the monthly meeting. The Oversight committee recommended that the clerk of the yearly meeting convene a clearness committee which would report to yearly meeting. A follow-up report indicated that Victor would meet with Friends from Knoxville to make further efforts to resolve existing differences.

SAYMA is growing. A new worship group in Greenville, South Carolina, is under the care of Brevard. South Central Kentucky Worship Group, under the care of Nashville Meeting, meets in Bowling Green on the second and fourth Sundays at 4:00 o'clock. Tri-cities has been accepted by West Knoxville as a Preparative Meeting.

The steering committee of Friends Committee on Unity with nature will meet this summer at Arthur Morgan School. Eric Joye has additional information.

William Penn House in Washington is sponsoring a War on Drugs Seminar June 19-23. An effort will be made to send a representative from our Junior Yearly Meeting to this seminar

Lyle Jenks of Friends General Conference recognized approximately ten individuals in our assembled group who were on the planning committee for Gathering '91 at Boone, N. C. He also directed our attention to the display containing the publications catalogues and religious education resources of FGC. The purpose of FGC is building bridges among various Friends groups. One of the challenges is helping people to understand Friends. He requested feedback on resources now available and asked for suggestions about how FGC could best serve meetings in their future efforts.

Other reports presented to the Yearly Meeting gathering were: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) report, by Free Polazzo and Bert Skellie; Friends World Committee for Consultation, by Maaret Houghton and a representative from Ohio; Quaker House, by Greg Sommers; Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), by Dick Cordray; Pendle Hill, by Marion and Nelson Fuson and Robert and Pat Lyon.

At the final business session on Sunday morning the Epistle of the First International Theological Conference of Quaker Women which was held at Woodbrooke College at Birmingham, England in 1990 was read as well as the Epistle from the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

After considerable discussion the SAYMA Epistle was approved. Reports were received from Junior Yearly Meeting, Ministry and Nurture committee, Nominating committee, the ad hoc committee on a permanent SAYMA address, and the budget committee. The proposed budget was approved.

Minute #5 After considerable discussion the SAYMA Epistle was approved. Reports were received from Junior Yearly Meeting (Cheryl Baker), Ministry and Nurture committee (Bill Boyd), Nominating committee (Connie LaMonte), the ad hoc committee on a permanent SAYMA address (Sally Mykel), and the budget committee (Dick Houghton).

Minute #6 Friends approved a formal minute of appreciation to Cheryl Baker, Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinator, and Ron McDonald, Junior Yearly Meeting Co-coordinator.

Minute #7 Friends approved the Nominating committee slate as presented by clerk of that committee, Connie LaMonte.

Minute #8 The proposed budget was approved.

The requests for money from Atlanta Friends, Jubilee House, the Field Secretary gathering, William Penn House, and Pat Floerke were referred to Representatives Meeting.

  
Steve Meredith, clerk

  
Mina Fields Johnson, recording clerk

## STATE OF THE JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING

I felt it was important that those who worked with our Younger Friends should have felt led to do so. However, when the usual method of sending letters of recruitment and phone calls produced few volunteers, I decided to change the focus of JYM. Fortunately, in January I found a co-ordinator, Ron McDonald, who would enthusiastically embrace his role and agree to begin the co-ordinator's role for SAYMA 1992.

Having a "camplike" atmosphere where the different age groups could rotate from one "center" or activity station to another made it easier for our last-minute volunteers to assist. From playing in some real Mississippi River mud to the campfire on Friday night, the children appeared content. From the Lost Sea and rafting, to dyeing with natural materials and making puppets and kites, the children and adults seemed happy. One art activity had the children center on their "inner worlds;" others were more outwardly focused and active. Although there were no formal "lessons" that taught to this year's theme, there were lessons in faith being taught from both staff and children. In fact, the lessons we older Friends learned from our Young Friends (pre-school through teens) were probably the most important ones. Their "leaps" may appear to be completely action oriented but they may fool us all. Their "leaps of faith" are subtle in that they believe in us, as their leaders. They like to believe that when they come to SAYMA they will have a good time and see old friends and make new ones. They like to believe that each year at SAYMA there WILL be a children's program complete with structured activities and some free time with their family and friends. Within this structure, they can feel free to explore new activities, meet new friends and perhaps feel more secure.

I believe that in order to have a children's program we Friends need to be able to supply that security and reinforce the children's belief in us by getting involved in the JYM in whatever capacity one thinks (s)he can. Although there were many who assisted by sharing their skills and talents or by spending anywhere from one hour to the whole weekend with us, JYM still struggles to find enough staff.

This is not meant to be a lecture. Rather, it is a plea for each of us to brainstorm ways to solve this annual challenge of finding committed people. Ron and I along with all the children thank you all for your physical, spiritual, and financial help.

"To watch the spirit of children, to nurture them in Gospel Love, and Labour to help them against that which would mar the beauty of their minds, is a debt we owe them; and a faithful performance of one duty not only tends to their lasting benefit and our own peace, but also to render their company agreeable to us" John Woolman (1758).

**SAYMA GENERAL FUND PROPOSED BUDGET and STATUS REPORT**  
**July 1, 1990 - May 5, 1991**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Budget July 1990- June 1991	Year to Date	Budget July 1991- June 1992	Diff.
Assessment	11,250.00	11,658.60	12,050.00	800
Newsletter	1,300.00	1,357.00	1,300.00	
Yearly Meeting Registration				
Housing and Food	500.00		1,000.00	500
Book Sales	50.00	40.00	50.00	
Contributions	100.00	53.00	100.00	
Interest	100.00	154.31	100.00	
Total Receipts	13,300.00	13,262.91	14,600.00	1,300
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
<b>SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>				
Newsletter	1,300.00	1,296.36	1,600.00	300
Yearly Meeting				
Adult Program & Facilities	500.00	619.53	0.00	-500
Housing and Food				
Book Sales		215.77	0.00	
Young Friends Program				
Coordinator	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
JYM Program Expenses	1,700.00	473.38	1,900.00	200
Delegate Expenses				
Representatives Meeting	200.00		100.00	-100
Delegates to WQO's	1,600.00	1,101.10	1,800.00	200
FWCC Triennial Delegate Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Guide to Our Practice Fund	0.00		0.00	
Clerk's Enrichment Fund	0.00		0.00	
Ministry & Nurture Fund	0.00		0.00	
Friends World Conference (three) one time expense			1,300.00	1,300
Administration	500.00	663.83	500.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00		50.00	
<b>YEARLY MEETING PROJECT</b>				
Spiritual Development Fund	0.00		0.00	
Released Friend Fund	100.00		0.00	-100
Youth Project	0.00		0.00	
<b>MONTHLY MEETING PROJECTS</b>				
Crossville Friends School	550.00	550.00	550.00	
Rural Southern Voice(Celo)	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Other	450.00		450.00	
<b>WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
AFSC	650.00	650.00	650.00	
FCNL	650.00	650.00	650.00	
FGC	650.00	650.00	650.00	
FGC Field Secretary	700.00	700.00	700.00	
FWCC	650.00	650.00	650.00	
FWCC 3rd World Delegates	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Quaker House (Fayetteville)	650.00	650.00	650.00	
RSWR (Interest; Savings Act)	100.00	0.00	100.00	
Total Expenditures	13,300.00	11,169.97	14,600.00	1,300

**SAYMA FUNDS AND BALANCE SHEET**

July 1, 1990 to May 5, 1991

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>7/1/90</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>5/5/91</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	4,918.29	13,262.91	11,169.97	7,011.23
Clerk's Enrichment (200)	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
FWCC Triennial Rep.(2000)	1,060.00	300.00	0.00	1,360.00
Guide to Our Practice (400)	378.38	0.00	0.00	378.38
Ministry & Nurture (300)	264.20	0.00	44.00	220.20
Released Friend (1,500)	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Spiritual Development(600)	625.00	0.00	0.00	625.00
Yearly Meeting Scholarships	815.28	0.00	0.00	815.28
Youth Projects (1,500)	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00

**ASSETS**

Cash-checking (NOW acct)	5,061.15	7,410.09
Cash-FCNL Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00
Accounts Receivable		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>11,061.15</b>	<b>13,410.09</b>

**EQUITIES**

General Fund	4,918.29	7,011.23
Sum: Titled Funds Listed	4,276.46	6,398.86
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>11,061.15</b>	<b>13,410.09</b>

The current year assessment guide line per member is \$ 25.00 for the Yearly Meeting Budget. The additional assessment for the SAYMA Friend newsletter is \$ 3.00 per recipient.



SAYMA Receipts from Monthly Meetings  
1990-1991 to May 5th

NAME	INCOME 6/30/90	
	Assessment	Newsletter
Asheville	(90) 2,250.00	(90) 270.00
Atlanta (Macon, Athens, North Side Americus Plains )	(82) 2,050.00	(120) 360.00
Berea	(47) 1,175.00	(25) 75.00
Birmingham	(15) 375.00	(17) 51.00
Brevard	(18) 450.00	(11) 33.00
Celo (Boone)	(23) 567.60	(45) 135.00
Charleston	(14) 350.00	
Chattanooga		
Columbia	(24) 600.00	
Crossville (Cookeville)	(32) 800.00	
Huntsville		
Memphis	(17) 425.00	(32) 96.00
Nashville	(35) 1,375.00	(49) 147.00
West Knoxville	(36) 900.00	(40) 120.00
Miscellaneous	341.00	70.00
	11,658.60	\$ 1,357.00

Note: The numbers in parenthesis are the estimated monthly meeting members the 1990-91 year

The current assessment guide line is \$ 25.00 per member or active monthly meeting attender and \$3.00 for each SAYMA Friend newsletter person on the mailing list.

## SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN YEARLY MEETING & ASSOCIATION

The following is a description of how SAYMA funds are allocated. It was requested that this note be prepared by the Yearly Meeting Treasurer for the information of the Monthly Meeting Treasurers and Monthly Meeting Clerks.

The Yearly Meeting budget has been divided into four sections as follows:

1. SAYMA operational expenses,
2. Yearly Meeting projects,
3. Monthly Meeting projects, and
4. Contributions to wider Quaker organizations.

The primary financial activity of the Yearly Meeting is support of the SAYMA Friend newsletter, the Youth Yearly Meeting program and the sending of delegates to represent SAYMA at annual meetings of the wider Quaker organizations in which we are active participants. These element of the Yearly Meeting activity are strongly encouraged and with the approval of SAYMA Representatives Meeting can go over budget.

The projects of the Yearly Meeting and the Monthly Meetings are placed on the budget by a proposal to the SAYMA Representatives Meeting and with an approval at the Yearly Meeting Business Meeting. Direct requests for projects and one time requests for funds at the annual Yearly Meeting Business Session are not encouraged because the assembled Friends at Yearly Meeting frequently are not well enough informed to act. For requests from organizations outside of SAYMA's area, it has become the practice to forward these requests the Monthly Meetings. SAYMA Yearly Meeting has not collected funds from the Monthly Meetings for these extra-ordinary projects and if it is building a surplus the assessments from the Monthly Meetings should be lowered. Scholarship funds for persons who wish to attend Yearly Meeting are available and will be granted when the request is approved by the local Monthly Meeting and then forwarded to the SAYMA Treasurer.

Contributions to wider Quaker organizations are listed on the bottom of the SAYMA Budget. This list may change as a function of action taken at the Yearly Meeting Business Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting is the source of the Yearly Meeting funds. It has more flexibility and appropriately is the place for decisions about further funding for Quaker organizations. Therefore, Friends with requests for other Quaker organizations or unusual expenses are encouraged to take these to their Monthly Meeting for consideration and/or inform Friends of these needs through the SAYMA Friend newsletter. This method for handling Yearly Meeting Funds was planned by the Finance Committee in order to allow Friends at Yearly Meeting more time for other matters and forms of expression.

Prepared by J.R. Houghton Treasurer 5/22/1991

5/11/91- Ministry and Nurture

M&N cmte met at 1:15, 5/11/91. Attending were: Kathy Johnson and Bill Boyd (co-clerks), Connie LaMonte (Birmingham), Rusty Maynard (Asheville), Betty Hurst (Tri-Cities), Marion Fuson (Nashville), Marty Simons (Chattanooga), Hibbard Thatcher (Nashville), Peggy Bonnington (South Central Kentucky), Daryl Bergquist (Birmingham, FGC Field Secretary), Maaret Houghton (Crossville), Sharon Annis (West Knoxville)

I. Meeting centered with a period of silence. The group then gave paired introductions.

II. Realigning southern and western regions was discussed. It was decided to move Eastern Tennessee, and Alabama meetings into the Western region.

III. attenders caucused in regional groups to discuss what the M&N was doing and could do within their regions to nurture the meetings.

*except for Knoxville & Tri-Cities area Connie will be clerk of Western.*

The regions responded as follows:

#### Eastern

- suggested advertising times and places of meetings of smaller meetings for others might plan to attend while on the road in the region. The time and place of meeting for Catawba Valley will be sent to the editor of SAF.

#### Western

- N&M will confer with Nashville to open its Fall gathering to all meetings in the Western region.  
- It was suggested that those attending the World Gatherings of FWCC should be available to talk to MMs and regional gatherings.

#### Southern

- Southern region continues to have a Fall gathering and may invite Augusta, GA mtg (SEYM) to this gathering. *Kathy J. will again become clerk of Southern region.*

#### Northern

- Will try to have a one day meeting with Berea and Charleston invited and possibly Friends in western Virginia.  
- Betty and Annis expressed a willingness to visit Berea and Charleston on their own. *Sharon*  
- Ask Charleston how M&N can help them to come closer to SAYMA.

It was generally agreed that M&N should continue to meet at Representatives Meetings.

\* Monthly Meetings should appoint separate representatives to M&N and Rep- Mtg so that they can attend to SAYMA business and committee business at the same time.

The M&N Committee has compiled and distributed to MMs a brainstorming list of suggestions for nurturing meetings. Everyone is invited to add to the list.

#### IV. New meetings, isolated Friends

A new meeting in Greenville, SC has become a Preparative Meeting under the care of Brevard Monthly Meeting.

They meet every First day at 5PM in the home of Ben and Carol Lee Cameron. Please notify any isolated Friends in the area to contact the Camerons.

A group is forming in South Central Kentucky to meet in Bowling Green. Contact Steve Meredith with the names of any isolated Friends in the area.

If you are aware of any isolated Friends, please send their names, addresses and phone numbers to Bill Boyd, Rt 1 Box 370, Hays NC 28635.

#### V. Survey Results

Connie summarized results of the survey sent to MMs asking for advice to M&N on how MMs can be served by and can serve M&N. Needs included:

- more visitation
- Ministering to meetings
- Help with clearness committees -- for membership, marriage, or for whatever reasons.
- First day school

The committee discussed how to plan for the loss of Daryl's work with ministry and nurture.

SAYMA M&N is planning to sponsor workshops at representative meetings and 1992 yearly meeting. Suggested topics included:

- how to develop ministry and nurture in MMs.
- developing clerks
- clearness committees
- role playing on visitation and other ministry and counseling functions.

VI. M&N arranged a clearness committee to meet with Vic Vaughan to discuss his request for associate membership in SAYMA outside of MM affiliation. The group discussed the value of membership in Friends meetings, the traditional role of the MM in defining membership in the Society of Friends, understandings of the history of "associate membership" in SAYMA, and the SAYMA Faith and Practice. Options were discussed. Vic decided to withdraw his request for associate membership in SAYMA, *and will pursue other alternatives.*

REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT SAYMA ADDRESS, ETC.

Membership: Nelson Fuson Nashville  
Dick Houghton Cookeville  
Becky Ingle Chattanooga  
Joyce Johnson Celo  
Mina Johnson Memphis  
Sallie Mykel Atlanta  
Karen Skellie Atlanta  
Joyce Underwood Asheville  
Bettina Wolff Asheville

PROPOSAL TO SAYMA, Meeting for Business, Sunday, 5-12-91

I. Short Range: (for the first year)

Ask Asheville Monthly Meeting to take responsibility for dispensing the new SAYMA Guide for the next year (\$3.50 copy + postage and handling.)

II. Long Term: After consultation with monthly meetings and representative meeting, decision to be made at yearly meeting 1992.

A. Establish a "permanent" address for SAYMA at one of the centrally located meetings not later than May '92.

B. Hire a part-time person, perhaps someone who is already serving as a meeting secretary, for an average of ten hours a week for 50 weeks at minimum wage. Estimated cost \$2300.

C. Purchase or seek donations of a four-drawer file cabinet, desk, codaphone, and supplies. Estimated cost first year \$1200.

D. Since the SAYMA expense will be increased by about 30%, we will need to increase the annual assessment from \$25.00 to \$33.00.

JOB DESCRIPTION OF SECRETARY

Skills

The applicant should be comfortable using a computer; typing and filing skills are also important. The secretary should have organizational ability and be a "self starter."

Experience

Familiarity with Quaker and SAYMA process and structure is essential. Flexibility with regard to work schedule is desirable.

## Responsibilities

### Attend Yearly Meeting

Receive, open, then discard inappropriate mail and forward "good" mail to SAYMA clerk or other appropriate officers.

Receive monthly meeting mailing lists and keep SAYMA master address list up to date.

Assemble SAYMA and monthly meeting archives in central location. Find out where SAYMA files are located at present (Swarthmore, Haverford, Guilford, etc. or in monthly meeting offices, attics, or storerooms.)

Weed out "trash," then microfilm essential documents in duplicate, one set to be kept at SAYMA office, the other set at appropriate Quaker college archives.

Make regular reports to clerk, representatives meeting, and yearly meeting.

### Responsibility of SAYMA to secretary

Decide to whom SAYMA secretary is responsible, who in SAYMA hires or fires the secretary, who advises secretary, answers questions, etc.

If person is hired on contract basis, SAYMA does not need to pay withholding tax or social security taxes.

### Equipment details

Computer should be Apple II or 3865x (about \$1800) which is compatible with SAF computer. (The Kaypro computer is too old for present use and should be sold or disposed of.)

The secretary should have access to a safety deposit box to store SAYMA copies of microfilms.

### Reply to mail requests

Letter on 3/11/91 from Association of Statisticians of Religious Bodies to Connie LaMonte will be answered by Nelson Fuson who will assemble the requested data.

Letter on 3/27/91 from Thomas C. Hill to Margaret Farmer will be handled by Nelson Fuson who will coordinate the study and send in a report with tentative results.

In common with other Friends Meetings, Asheville Monthly Meeting at the time of this writing has been much exercised with questions related to the Gulf crisis - how did we let things come to this pass, and what must we do about it now? How to heal wounds we have helped to cause? Where do we go from here? Our concern has led to the reactivation of a committee on military counseling and another on the environment, with special attention to means of reducing oil dependency.

But we also return to our daily concerns. We continue to enjoy and improve our Meetinghouse and its lawn and garden areas. Larger attendance since acquiring our own house encourages us to consider long-term plans seriously. What is our mission to our community and among Friends, and what spaces do we need for this? We find that our First-Day School requires more and different kinds of space. We are not sure that our meeting room itself will eventually accommodate our growing community, especially on occasions such as the entertainment of regional SAYMA meetings, and the called meeting recently held to confront the Gulf crisis. Like-minded organizations in Asheville seek more opportunities to share our facilities than we can offer. We have recently agreed to serve as repository for copies of SAYMA's Faith and Practice. All this constitutes opportunity and challenge.

Regular worship continues to nourish us, and the Monthly Meeting's business is conducted with a focus upon true Light - in so far as our human capacity allows. Several committees actively carry on such functions as ministry and oversight, the financial and official structure of the Meeting, a well-stocked library, the First-Day School for children, the maintenance of house and grounds. Adult religious education is at least partly met by Forum discussions following Meeting for Worship, and by spring-time mid-week meetings, which last year studied Friends' Queries and Advices.

The wide geographical extent of the Meeting, as well as a diversity of social concerns, has prevented the Meeting as a whole from undertaking significant unified projects of community service, other than those suggested above. Many individual members, however, are vitally involved in such activities as shelter for the homeless, improving race relations, promoting the care of children and the provision of alternative education, women's affairs and environmental concerns. The Meeting contributes regularly, financially and through the services of members, to local efforts in these areas, as well as to several Friends' organizations of wider reach, such as FCNL, AFSC, and FWCC.

We attempt to foster community among our members through regular social times following Meeting for Worship, and through care for families and individuals with health or other serious problems. Two members of our Music Committee sponsor a monthly musical evening at the Meetinghouse, encouraging free participation and enjoyment of each other's talents and knowledges in this field. Here, we touch people outside the circle of Friends worship. Similarly, we take interest in groups which use our Meetinghouse and often include members of the Meeting - such as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Alcoholics Anonymous, a support group for women, and others.

Our First-Day School has added considerably to the children's feeling of community through such events as a skating party, camp-out, and the children's participation with the adults in preparing meals for a shelter for homeless people and carrying Christmas music to a nearby nursing home. We recognize, though, a need to find better ways to meet our older children's interests. This may be the most important current unsolved problem for our Meeting.

STATE OF THE MEETING  
Athens Preparative Meeting  
5/12/1991

Athens Meeting has shrunk in number in the past year. We suffered another death in our community last fall. Other members once active have reduced their participation for one reason or another. First Day School continues to be active, though child members no longer equal adults on most Sundays. A burgeoning baby population (2 births this year, and a new attender with a toddler) has led to a decision to hire a babysitter.

The Meeting continues to foster a relationship with a Georgia prison inmate (once a Death Row prisoner, now serving a life sentence). Several members and the First Day School correspond with him. One person has visited, and another visit is planned.

Many attenders have been greatly distressed over the Persian Gulf war. Individuals in our group participated in peace vigils, letter writing and community discussions. The Meeting sent a letter to all the local papers (it appeared in only the most rural publication). Concern for the war-torn world also led several Friends to contribute to a collection of goods and money for the Georgia Quest for Peace shipment to Nicaragua again last summer.

For the first time, the Meeting held a special Christmas Eve service, based on an idea presented in Friends Journal. This intergenerational meeting was greatly appreciated by all who were able to attend; we plan to make this an annual event.

Our telephone number in the local Yellow Pages has brought us several visitors, mostly people passing through for conferences, etc. These visits, and visits from Atlanta Friends and FGC Field Secretary Daryl Bergquist, have been enriching. Hosting the Half-yearly Meeting for groups under care of Atlanta Meeting last fall was another enriching experience.

Our group has been in existence for just over five years. Made up primarily of professional people with young families, balance between personal, professional, and spiritual lives is a constant struggle. All too often, Meeting comes third in our lives. Attempts to develop mid-week meetings have inevitably failed over scheduling difficulties. Sporadically-planned potlucks are enjoyed though usually not well-attended. A second-hour discussion series on the book Quaker Spirituality has never been well-attended, but reading the book has been individually enriching for many of us. We realize that we need to nurture our own spiritual lives if we wish to deepen the life of the Meeting. We hope to discover renewed energy and focus in the year to come.

Beth Ensign & Betsey Lescoe



ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING  
SAYMA REPORT  
SPRING, 1991

Atlanta Friends Meeting is a vital and growing meeting. At the end of 1990, we had some 160 attenders, 69 of whom are regular members. With sojourning members (22) and less frequent attenders our numbers are around 200. Five persons were accepted as new members in 1990: Tom Eubank, Bill Holland, Lyle McCormick, Pat Michaelson and Dan Snyder. Four others transferred their memberships to Atlanta: Elizabeth Enloe, Beth and Lorne Garrettson and Julia Ewen. We have a variety of programs designed to build community and nurture spiritual life within the meeting including "Friendly Eights" (small groups of Friends who get together once a month to get better acquainted), Monthly Forums, an annual Gathered Meeting Retreat, a time for worship sharing which we call "Second Hour", held every month in which there is a fifth Sunday and a series of Parenting forums which offer an opportunity for sharing parental concerns. We also have a Caring Committee which seeks to provide pastoral care within the meeting and to follow up with newcomers and we maintain a retreat cabin which was used 95 nights during 1990, primarily by families and individuals seeking recreation and solitude. First Day school is well attended with about 30 young people each week. For 1990, the youngest children focused on learning cooperation and respect, the elementary age children studied Quakerism, the Jr. Highs did Bible study and the Sr. Highs focused on individual concerns brought forth in the group. The meeting's library committee has begun a small collection of books on Quakerism.

During 1990, we took under our care the union of several couples (Tom Eubank and Chris Holder, Melanie Cramer and Emmett Fuller, Carole Wicker and Karen Shaudys). We also held three memorial services (Myrtle Dooley, Dave Doe and Georgia Dreger). The Meeting approved a minute during the year which provides for

the union, under our care, of all persons regardless of the sex of the couple. In our outreach beyond our immediate meeting family, we have an active social concerns committee and a sanctuary committee which focuses on direct aid to refugees as well as on educating North Americans about the realities in Central America. Two Central American families received direct assistance and a six week study series on Central American issues was held with over 100 attenders. Atlanta FCNL kept us informed about important legislative issues and organized letter writing campaigns. Our outreach also includes our representatives on the local Christian Council and Clergy and Laity Concerned as well as our oversight of Athens Preparative Meeting and our nurture of worship groups at Northside, Americus-Plains, Carrollton and Macon.

Coinciding with the decision to sell Quaker House and to build a new Meetinghouse, a group of Friends explored the possibility of a Friends School and in June of 1990 the Friends School of Atlanta was incorporated. During this extended period many Friends thoughtfully and prayerfully considered this possibility, including the question of whether to take the School under the care of the Meeting. Realizing that reaching consensus over this question would be divisive for the Meeting and that there was strong support for a school among members of the Meeting, the separate entity, Friends School of Atlanta was created, with its own Board of Oversight, By-laws, and Minute of Understanding with the Atlanta Friends Meeting. At Business Meeting, 10th Month, 1990, the School Exploration Committee was therefore laid down.

A very exciting accomplishment for us this year was our completion of a pledge campaign and a loan contract which enabled us to begin construction on our new meetinghouse. After a lot of hard work and generosity on the part of many Friends, a beautiful building is now rising out of the ground and will be completed in August. In addition to pledges for the new meetinghouse, Friends also met a budget increase of 25% over last year and replaced \$6000 in rental income lost when we sold Quaker House. It has clearly been an exciting and fruitful year for Friends in Atlanta.

Berea Friends Meeting  
State of the Meeting Report  
May 1991

Meeting for Worship is the focus of the life of the Meeting. Worship is generally silent with little vocal or outward forms of ministry. An average of 20-25 children and adults attend, remaining fairly constant in the past several years. Most Sundays the seating in the Meeting room is filled with some overflow into the back of the room. Several Meetings this year have been powerful and centered, while some members find the silence to be often empty and the sense of the meeting scattered.

Our Meeting for Business has been rich and often well attended this year. Many important discussions have been had and many begun in that meeting. We have discussed topics as diverse as coffee boycotts, the meaning of membership in the Meeting, changing the format of Meeting for Worship, and draft counseling, to name a few. As a response to the War in the Middle East, our Meeting took on the responsibility for providing draft counseling to the Berea community.

The children in our Meeting continue to be a vital and challenging focus of our thoughts and time. The children's program has been well organized and children's program committee meetings have been well attended and lively. Children participate in the first 15 minutes of Meeting for worship, then exit to begin their program by singing together. The younger children continue to enjoy *Sparklers*, presented by different adults each week. The older children have been studying the Bible, with presentations organized around books in the Bible each week. The older children had a special four week program on understanding and responding to the war in the Middle East, which was a wonderful program for all involved. Occasional intergenerational activities involve mostly parents and their children and are usually lively.

The adults usually have a second hour discussion. These discussions have been varied and timely this year addressing living wills, evangelical Christianity, gay and lesbian concerns, affirmative action, the format of Meeting for Worship and many other topics.

Ministry and Counsel conducted an all-member survey again this year. Members continue to use this opportunity to discuss concerns, ideas and criticisms concerning our experiences of the Meeting.

The Meeting enjoys Friday night soup suppers in members homes as a means of sharing more during the week. We also have occasional special evenings in which the Meeting features a Friend who shares experiences of his or her life in an all adult group. We have welcomed several new members this year and found the experience of assisting several couples in clearness for marriage to be enriching and challenging.

May, 1991

Greetings from Birmingham Friends Meeting,

We have had a busy and fulfilling year in our meeting. Regular events that have fed the life of the meeting include the revival of our First Day School program which has not been active since the late 1970's, monthly potluck lunches and active committee meetings. We also have a women's spirituality group which has met regularly this year. Our Adult Second Hours have focused on The Chalice and the Blade and SAYMA Faith and Practice. Several of our members have been involved in wider Quaker organizations.

Birmingham Friends Meeting has also been active during the Middle East conflict with weekly silent vigils and a conscientious objectors workshop conducted by Nelson and Marian Fuson. The workshop brought one of our largest groups to the meeting and one of the vigils had over 50 attenders. These events not only strengthened the members of the meeting but also served to make the community aware of the Quaker peace testimony. Because of increased interest in this testimony, we also had a second hour on the Peace Tax Fund at which attenders wrote letters to elected officials.

BFM has also been enriched by its connection with Huntsville Friends Meeting. This fall the two meetings held a joint Seekers Day at Common Ground (home of Daryl Berquist and Sara Rose). Last weekend the two meetings held a spring gathering with the theme "Celebrating our Diversity at Common Ground."

Our meeting is also excited about the addition of four members this year. Two long time attenders transferred their memberships and two other attenders joined BFM. The clearness process offered the meeting an important opportunity to look at what it means to be a Quaker. One of our new members provided the meeting with our first musical letter of intent.

This year has been a positive one for BFM but we still see some important challenges. We have a great deal of enthusiasm but not always the energy to match it. The meeting is still struggling with how to have more effective outreach and how to encourage more informal contact among members of the meeting. We believe these events and changes have strengthened meeting and improved our quality of worship in the past year.

## BREVARD FRIENDS MEETING

### State of the Meeting Report 1990-91

The past year has been an encouraging one for the Brevard Meeting. Although our membership remains at 18, we are blessed with a good number of regular attenders who contribute to a worshipping group that usually varies from 15-28 persons. The administration building of the Brevard Housing Authority's Cedar Crest Manor provides a very adequate space for our Sunday meetings for worship and our frequent post-meeting study groups and sandwich lunches. During this past year, our discussions have focused on Emmet Fox's book THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT and Richard Foster's THE FREEDOM OF SIMPLICITY.

We have felt the loss, through death, of one of our most inspired and cherished members, Erceel Francis. Her deep Quaker faith and frequent contributions to our meetings and community consistently turned us to the Light. Although we are primarily a fellowship of retired persons, the occasional attendance of parents with youngsters has us trying to develop ways to provide significant experience for children who may accompany them. A very fine leaflet introducing newcomers to Quaker worship was recently prepared by a small committee of the Meeting.

Many of our members and attenders witness daily to their concerns for compassion and justice in our world by their regular participation in such community organizations and activities as: Transylvania Christian Ministry (a "sharing house" with food pantry, clothing outlet and energy source), Transylvania Dispute Settlement Center, Community Hospital Auxiliary, Trend Crisis Hotline, Transylvania Peace Fellowship, Habitat for Humanity and other social services. At the outset of the Persian Gulf crisis, considerable discussion of the issues at stake and our Friend's peace testimony led to consensus on a Meeting statement that was placed in our local newspaper. It was also possible to arrange a local meeting with representatives of CCCO and NISBCO for local youth and other residents.

Although many of our members have had long-term association with wider Quaker traditions and organizations, we feel the limitations of our apparent inability to be more deeply involved with our Yearly Meeting, its Representative Meeting and committees. We covet occasions when we can offer more of the values and enrichment of the Religious Society of Friends to those who come to us as attenders and potential members of the Meeting. The idea of a Yearly Meeting co-ordinator would seem to have much merit.

Relationships within the Meeting fellowship have been strengthened, deepened and lightened by occasional social/recreational gatherings in our homes and at local National Forest facilities, where the 3F's (food, fun, and fellowship) comprise our agenda. A recent investment in our community was the addition to our Brevard Public Library, with the consultation of its director, of an assortment of Friendly books which it was felt could be of interest to many of our neighbors.

Robert M. Cox, Clerk

May 8, 1991

## State of Meeting

Chos WVa Friends Mtg.

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- We have several new attendees in our meetings this year. We still, however, seek ways to try to meet the needs of infrequent attendees.
- Average attendance of children and adults - 20
- Older First Day school class (7yrs-14yrs) have studied many different religious groups and visited ~~var~~ various places of worship.
- We re-established a Ministry & Council Committee in the past few months.
- This Fall our meetings is ~~organized~~ organizing the annual WVa statewide gathering.
- Once a month we have inter-generational Sunday. We share planning of this activity for the hour following worship.

Steve Murgu, clerk

## STATE OF THE CHATTANOOGA FRIENDS MEETING

May, 1991

A strong sense of community, seeking and fellowship are good indicators that Chattanooga Friends Meeting is alive and well. We remain a fairly small meeting, averaging 12-15 in our weekly Meeting for Worship. Visitors have numbered 20 during the past year. Since our last report, we have three new members, we have transferred one membership to another meeting, and we have had one member move out of town. We lost one member who chose to withdraw from active involvement, and two of our members have been out of town for extended periods. We use our newsletter for communication and outreach to members in and out of town, to those who have moved away, and to an isolated seeker; we enjoy visits and letters in return.

Last month we celebrated the birthday of our oldest member, Mary Thatcher (102!), at the nursing home where she resides. Earlier in the year, Meeting recognized Marty Simmons as a minister (to meet institutional requirements in order to visit in jails). During the last nine months, Larry Ingle has been on a sabbatical at Pendle Hill, continuing work on a biography of George Fox. Larry presented a paper in March at an international conference in London commemorating the 300th anniversary of the death of Fox.

The Meeting sponsored Greg Bean on a humanitarian trip to Nicaragua, initiated by Toby Rogers of W. Knoxville Meeting. Toby and Greg drove a bus-load of children's clothing, toys, school and medical supplies and left the bus there for local use. Meeting continues to provide assistance to our Cambodian refugee family here in Chattanooga.

Chattanooga Friends have become involved with our neighborhood by attending community meetings. An invitation was extended to join Friends at what has become a traditional New Year's Eve Meeting for Worship and social at the Meeting House.

A support group for people who work with persons with AIDS has met at the Meeting House once a month during the last year.

As were Friends everywhere, Chattanooga Friends have been deeply concerned about the Persian Gulf conflict. In addition to individual actions, outgrowths of our concern have included: a letter to George Bush of 8/26/90 (copy attached), participation in local and national peace rallies and workshops, cooperation with other local groups in preparing for draft counselling, solicitation of contributions from local churches and other groups to be channelled through AFSC to aid war victims, a donation to the Red Cross to assist Chattanooga families in need as a result of the war, the appointment of an FCNL representative (we have not had one for several years), and the formation of a Peace & Justice Committee to address ongoing concerns. One of the goals of this committee is the formation of a coalition to sponsor a "Greater Chattanooga Peacemaking Day" in 1992. And, our newsletter now has a "Peace Page."

STATE OF THE CHATTANOOGA FRIENDS MEETING

May, 1991

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Meeting for Worship remains central to our spiritual experience, with Second-Hour discussions providing opportunity for seeking and learning. Discussion topics have included: use of time, ministry, rituals, building community, Christmas & traditions, the right to die, health, and power-sharing with the Meeting. We have had a satisfying, ongoing study of Encounter with Silence by John Punshon and are now beginning discussion on the new SAYMA Guide to our Faith & Practice. Fifth Sundays are left open for the sharing of individual spiritual journeys.

Chattanooga Friends reaffirmed our commitment to provide a First-Day School program. Being a small meeting with few children, First-Day School has been sporadic in the past, but we now have two children coming regularly, as well as visitors.

Since September, we are experimenting with having Co-Clerks of the Meeting in order to divide the workload and responsibility.

Women Friends have recently begun meeting on a regular basis for mutual support and sharing.

We have dealt with individual and Meeting problems/difficulties through Clearness Committees, committee meetings and regular and called Meetings for Business. We have grown individually and collectively this past year, our faith in Quaker process is strengthened, and we feel lifted up. We are small in number and budget, but we are strong in spirit.

  
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Judy Merchant, Co-Clerk

  
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Becky Ingle, Co-Clerk



## STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT, MAY 1991

### CROSSVILLE MONTHLY MEETING

This past year has been a time of changes, transitions, and renewals for the Crossville Friends Meeting. We welcomed as new members of the Religious Society of Friends, George and Vera Douglas, as well as new members to the planet, Eliza Schaaf and Anna Evans. Judy Shaver of North Knoxville and Marie Draudt have been regular attenders.

A highpoint of the year was the wedding of Don Hyde and Pat Viera in the fall. The meeting's traditional Easter retreat was also well attended with many visitors and relatives from out of town as well.

A change with significance for the Meeting was Bill and Lu Evans' decision to move to a retirement community in Pennsylvania. They have been central to the life of the meeting since its founding. We wish them well with this new phase of their lives. Don and Pat Hyde have also announced their impending move to Kansas City. We will miss all of these fine people. Missy Renuart, a member who has been living in Greensboro, NC for some time, has transferred her membership there. Finally, Melissa Knowles began her freshman year at Earlham.

Meeting discussions have focused on the study guide for the upcoming Triennial. We have found this a challenging perspective on Quakerism. In addition, the meeting has continued to use the Friends Journal as a focus for monthly discussion. The Meeting also continues to distribute over 50 copies of the FCNL alerts on a bi-weekly basis. These are received through a member's computer and are extremely timely.

First Day School continued with the elementary-aged children of meeting. A curriculum focusing on self-esteem was used.

Finally, the Meeting continues to focus on and sponsor the Community Friends School. It continues to develop and evolve with creative problem-solving and a joyous spirit. The meeting also helped sponsor Toby Rogers' individual calling to take support and encouragement to Nicaragua.

## MEMPHIS FRIENDS MEETING

### State of the Meeting Report

May 1991

The year from summer 1990 until summer 1991 began with surprisingly large attendance at Meetings for worship, eliciting much hope and excitement. Although we had a nice meeting room at Rhodes College, there began to be some serious talk about seeking our own Meeting House. Much of our summer involvement included organizing and research work for Shelby County Interfaith (S.C.I.), a community organization committed to just change in the county.

At the annual meeting in September we decided to join S.C.I. after a couple of members vocalized their objections but chose to step aside for the Meeting to act. This action led to a great deal of discussion about the nature of the consensus process. Kristi Estes was chosen as clerk, continuing our tradition of having yearly terms for clerks.

During the fall three activities stood out. One was the heavy involvement of some members in S.C.I. activities, which was growing into a powerful community organization. Another was the well-sustained First Day School, coordinated by Jere Gilley, that kept alive interesting activities for three age groups. A third was the Meeting's monthly newsletter created and produced by two elementary boys, Jonah McDonald and Paul Tolbert. This had been begun during the previous spring as a newsletter for kids, but was clearly adopted by the adults as well.

The winter, in response to the gulf crisis and war, was dominated by peace messages and discussions, including approval of a minute on the peace testimony. The repercussions of the war have continued to impact upon us, particularly in Meeting for Worship, as we seek to discern with clarity the meaning of the peace testimony when world issues are so clouded with gray. This concern was carried directly into our annual retreat, led by Bruce Stanley, our resident expert on the Middle East, on "Peace Within and Without."

Early in the Spring we sponsored the wedding of Mark Beuhl and Susanne Talley. Once again we found such a rite to be of deep significance in our Meeting life, both spiritually and in helping us to learn Quaker process.

We have gained more members than we have lost, although attendance at Meeting for Worship continues to remain at around 25 to 35 persons. Messages at Meeting for Worship are many but not too many and shared by many different persons. The input of new members and attenders continues to be a delight to the Meeting.

This has been a year of continued maturing and some important decisions and insights about Quaker process. Perhaps it points to 1991-92 as a year in which questions about growth and community involvement will be more intentionally dealt with and decided upon.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT, 1990-1991  
NASHVILLE FRIENDS MEETING  
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This year has been one of birth and outreach. Literally, three babies were born: Roger Diehl, Benjamin Passino and Bonnie Hardie. The whole Meeting has rejoiced at their safe arrival and delights in their growth and development. It could be said that the rebirth of our Meeting Room also has been achieved. Once again we meet for worship on the main level. But those who remember past use of this room would hardly recognize the room as it is now. As we had hoped, enhancing the atmosphere for worship has resulted in increased numbers of active newcomers. Consequently we are happy to increase our assessment payments to SAYMA. Neighbors and passersby have commented on the improved appearance on the outside of our Meeting House. At this moment we are relying on the flowering window boxes to offset the unsightliness of the necessary paint scraping.

We have reinstated the practice of beginning Meeting for Business with the reading of advices and queries. Doing so has increased the worshipfulness of our conducting business.

We are in our second year of Second Hour scheduling and all indications point toward continuing Pot Luck on First Sunday, Meeting for Business on Second Sunday, Discussion on Third Sunday and Special Music on Fourth Sunday. A welcome change has been the spontaneous volunteering for topics and leading discussions ranging from the Persian Gulf to Quaker art.

As we began to complete our physical renovations, more energy was freed up for First Day School. It has been wonderful to have the children, most quietly and worshipfully, join us for the last 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship and then share with us their discoveries of the day. Buck wing dancing ("making a joyful noise"), values clarification, conflict resolution and Easter and Christmas pagents have all been a part of their curriculum. The children have exhibited their concerns for outreach by participating in Nashville's Christmas Giving Tree project and gathering together materials to send to Nicaraguan school children. Teens have had exciting and new experiences too. Sarah Passino joined a mission trip to Mexico. Jonathan Sword attended Friends Wilderness Camp and Justin Wright founded an Amnesty International chapter at his school and attended the annual meeting in New Orleans. The teens have also met for fun and discussion on several occasions. Our appreciation for Sita and Tim Diehl and their assistants cannot be measured.

Adult outreach has taken many forms. Making the Meeting House available for stopovers for students from The Meeting School, as well as for use by community groups has extended the use of the building. Offering to take the newly formed Bowling Green Worship Group under the care of NFM, has extended the Friendly reach of Meeting. Nashville Friends have been active in a more global sense too. Participation in SAYMA committees, FGC committees and Pendle Hill are only some of the places our resources are contributed.

As have other Friends, we were and continue to be concerned about events in the Persian Gulf. This concern has been expressed in many ways. In January we had a called meeting to familiarize ourselves with the issues surrounding the conflict. We have hosted training of military draft counselors and the Fusons have travelled widely to work with other Meetings on the same concern. Locally we have had discussions in how to ensure documentation of conscientious objector status for our young Friends.

For years Nashville Friends Meeting has made a contribution to Metro government in lieu of property taxes, believing we were exempt from paying them by virtue of being a religious organization. Imagine our surprise when, wishing to earmark some of our contribution toward feeding and housing the homeless, we were informed that we had never been identified as a religious organization. We are busy completing the paper work to make official our religious exemption. Then we can begin to seek designation of our contribution.

We have continued with three of our traditions, Fall Retreat, Christmas Eve Candlelight and February Love Breakfast. In addition we held and all-day, drop-in silent retreat the day before Easter.

While we, as a Meeting and as individuals, do not always act as perfectly as some would have us, we DO act. Keeping in mind that the actions of one's life are the most visible testament of our faith, we have collectively created a living community of Friends filled with the Spirit of our Creator.

*Penelope F. Wright*  
Penelope F. Wright, Clerk

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STATE OF "MEETING"

WILKES COUNTY: WE CONTINUE MEETING REGULARLY EACH FIRST DAY. WE FEEL THAT WE ARE GROWING MORE COMFORTABLE WITH EACH OTHER WITHIN THE MEETING AND ARE SHARING MORE OPENLY. DURING THE PAST YEAR ONE OF OUR REGULAR ATTENDERS MOVED TO RALEIGH AND TWO OTHERS LEFT THE MEETING TO ATTEND THE UNITARIAN CHURCH AT BOONE. WE DO, HOWEVER, STILL HAVE SIX REGULAR ATTENDERS.

DURING THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE GULF WAR, THE ROOTS OF VIOLENCE USING THE TEXT "THE CHALICE AND THE BLADE", AND HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT COPY OF THE NEW SAYMA FAITH AND PRACTICE. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAVE SHARED THEIR INSIGHT INTO COMMUNITY PROBLEMS. WE CONDUCTED A SUCCESSFUL LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN OPPOSING MILITARY ACTION IN THE MIDEAST.

WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE LACK OF GROWTH OF THE MEETING AND ARE CONSIDERING VARIOUS OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATION.

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WQO Quaker House		TBA	
Young Friends Committee		Sam Morris	Atlanta

\* Approved May 12, 1991, as part of Nominating Committee Slate.

**Middle East Wars:**

The Iraqi war on Kuwait and the United Nations war on Iraq dominated the headlines for a large part of the year since SAYMA last met. National and regional offices of the American Service Committee helped to voice opposition to all wars, for any purpose, by anyone. In the southeast, these offices included Atlanta, GA; Greensboro, NC; Tampa, FL; and Miami, FL. AFSC was one of the few organizations which did not have to decide whether any of the wars being discussed were "just" wars.

**Revenues Decline for AFSC:**

Revenues for AFSC were reduced by 5% for the 1991-1992 Fiscal Year. This will mean a reduction in the number of programs in the region. The Miami Peace Education Program has been laid down. The future of three additional programs is still uncertain. Changes in the tax laws and less income from bequests have been cited as reasons for the reductions. This will be an ongoing concern for AFSC as continuing revenue declines are forecast for the foreseeable future.

**Regional Consultations:**

Disagreements among Friends often surface during discussions about AFSC's work. Regional consultations about some of these disagreements were held with local representatives of the Society of Friends, including SAYMA, last fall in Greensboro. It may not be possible for AFSC to resolve these differences.

**Affirmative Action:**

Concerns from members of some Yearly Meetings about the inclusion of Gay and Lesbian people as part of AFSC's Affirmative Action guidelines, led to a discussion held last summer in Covington, Kentucky. The National Board's Affirmative Action Committee expressed a strong sense of commitment to the Affirmative Action Policy and to AFSC's commitment to inclusiveness. The National Board's discussion reflected a desire to continue to remain in discussion with all, but that the basic commitment to inclusiveness, as a spiritual leading, remains clear.

**Union:**

The National Office has concluded it's first contract with the union elected to represent the Philadelphia office's workers.

**New National Board Clerk Selected:**

Dulaney Bennett has been selected as the Clerk of the AFSC National Board. She is AFSC's first female clerk of the National Board. (about time, I say!)

**Undoing Racism Workshop:**

AFSC-SERO sponsored a weekend workshop on undoing racism which was attended by both Executive Committee members and staff. All those attending were able to examine their own roles in the struggle to end racism and to strategize about ways to undo it.

**Legal Challenge to Employer Sanctions:**

AFSC continues its effort to have the courts set aside the provisions of a law which imposes sanctions on employers who do not comply with reporting "undocumented" workers to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Friends reaffirm that we cannot be asked to help enforce a law which will deny people the right to earn a livelihood. We are appealing a lower court's ruling that we must comply. I recommend that each monthly meeting and worship group in SAYMA review; "In Their Presence; Reflections on the Transforming Power of Undocumented Immigrants". This is a paper, now available from AFSC's Philadelphia office, which reviews how the First Amendment's protection of our faith is at the core of Friends' refusal to comply with their government's wishes.

**Southern Africa Peace Education Program:**

While the news from South African's apartheid government seems encouraging, the Southern Africa Peace Education Program warns that the time for celebration is not yet at hand. Tandi Gcabache, director of the Southeastern Regional office's Southern Africa program says that much work remains to be done before full equality for all races of people in South Africa is achieved.

**Environmental Issues at Tampa Bay Peace Education:**

Bob Brister, the program director of the Tampa Bay Peace Education Program of has been working with the Tampa Bay Greens to link environmental issues to more traditional concerns about peace, justice, and militarism.

**Political Asylum Project exposes border patrol abuses:**

Herman Martinez and Maria Jimenez appeared on national Spanish-Language television to help expose border patrol abuses. Hundreds of persons were helped with legal services required because of detention as undocumented workers.

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SAYMA Representative to the AFSC's Southeastern Regional Executive Committee



FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION  
Section of the Americas

Report to SAYMA, May 1991

The biggest news about FWCC is that we made budget this year. It was accomplished partly by reducing the staff and Friends helped by contributing more to the general fund rather than earmarking contributions.

The second most significant news for the Section of the Americas is the resignation of Alex Morisey, Executive Secretary, probably effective in August. Alex has made a special contribution to FWCC's work with Friends in Latin America.

The Fifth World Conference of Friends will convene at three sites this summer to consider one topic: "In Spirit and in Truth: Faith in Action."

The sites and SAYMA's Representatives are as follows:

- 1) Netherlands - June - Kay Parke, Ashville Monthly Meeting
- 2) Honduras - July - Courtney and Elizabeth Siceloff, Atlanta Mo. Mtg.
- 3) Kenya - August - Betty Hurst - Tri-Cities Worship Group.

The FWCC Annual Meeting was in Houston, Texas, March 14-17. Robert and Patricia Lyon and Maaret Houghton attended from SAYMA. At one of the meetings we considered the results of a questionnaire some SAYMA Friends responded to this year. It attempted to prioritize FWCC's stated goals. The value of the results is not altogether clear and Friends are invited to give FWCC representatives additional input as to what is FWCC's most valuable role to the Society of Friends.

Attendees to the Annual Meeting were able to participate in about 5.5 hrs of workshop on Interpretation and Fundraising, led by Andrea Ayvaian. Last year I refused to participate in a similar workshop but this year I was completely surprised to find that it was one of the most enjoyable and lively parts of the Annual Meeting.

There was one Southeastern Region Committee Meeting during the Annual Meeting. No 1991 Regional Gathering will take place, but we begun to plan for a fall gathering for 1992. I was asked to inquire about the possibility of an invitation from a SAYMA meeting, and I have initiated search for the same.

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting was exciting. Planning is under way for the Youth Pilgrimage in Europe in 1992. It is a great opportunity for high school age youth to grow in understanding and respect of different cultures within our Religious Society of Friends, as well as to learn Quaker history. There are 14 places for North Americans.

The SAYMA Representatives are: Janet Minshall, the new rep.; Betty Hurst, who serves on the Finance Committee; Maaret Houghton, who is serving second term and continuing on the Executive Committee. Maaret expects to be an FWCC Visitor at the Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio in August.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maaret Houghton*  
Maaret Houghton

# Quaker House

223 Hillside Avenue  
Fayetteville, N.C. 28301

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## Quaker House of Fayetteville, Inc. Report to SAYMA, 1991

We are not  
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mercy and  
truth and  
peace and  
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Quaker House of Fayetteville, Inc. is a military counseling ministry of the Religious Society of Friends. We provide free procedural advice and moral support to military personnel who, for reasons of conscience, are seeking separation or transfer to non-combatant service as conscientious objectors. We also assist military personnel who are seeking other discharges and transfers, or who are AWOL and want to return. In addition to our military counseling activities, Quaker House serves as a regional draft counseling and peace center.

In the past 12 months, Quaker House has been contacted by over 170 new clients. This figure reflects world events that led many in the military to reconsider their stance on military service. Quaker House counseled over 102 new clients during calendar year 1990, over twice the number of counselees logged in 1989. These figures do not include cases that carried over from the previous year nor those counseled at various events during the year.

Quaker House has continued its peace education efforts during the last twelve months. The Director has traveled across North Carolina, giving over 30 lectures, training seminars, and retreats on a variety of topics. These topics included conflict resolution for kids, Christian responses to conflict, alternatives to violence and nonviolent communication, draft procedures, and counselor training (in both military and draft procedures). Audiences vary, including high school classes, college students, churches, peace groups, and legal associations.

Friends' generosity allows us to continue this ministry. Our budget for the current year (1990-1991) is less than \$27,000. This covers all our costs, including a full-time staffperson, building maintenance, publication expenses, travel costs, and other basic business needs.

We deeply appreciate the individuals and meetings within SAYMA who have supported Quaker House in this endeavor.

Yours in service,



Greg Sommers, Director  
Quaker House

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Note: Please inform the Recorder of any additions,corrections,etc.Please note the details have been taken from the Registration Forms prepared by those taking part in the 1991 SAYMA Conference.

Children/Youth Groups

Age Group:

0-1 Ava Bollinger

Roger Diehl  
 Zachary Dutton  
 Eliza Evans

2-3 Jesse Addison

Sean Bollinger  
 Anna Marie Raymer  
 Sarah Rogers

4-5 Abigail Hearne

School grades:

1-3 Sara Addison

Christopher Beesley  
 Megan Baker  
 Benjamin Hearne  
 Lydia Hearne  
 Robert Smart-Knowles  
 Jessica Lescoe  
 Allen Morris  
 Toby MacDermott  
 Jesse McDonald  
 Miranda Richmond  
 Ted Salk  
 Daniel Sword  
 Trinity Smith  
 Tyler West  
 Benjamin White  
 Noah White

4-6 Matthew Baker

Nathan Donegan  
 Woody Gregg  
 Hunter Lescoe  
 Bram Luknight  
 Hannah MacDermott  
 Anne Morris  
 Kenny Morris  
 Emily Robbins  
 Molly Sword  
 Alex Viera  
 Abraham White

7-8 Brooke Beesley

Coventry Evans  
 Sonny Gregg  
 Beyond Joy  
 Rachel Knowles  
 John Limehouse  
 Jonah McDonald  
 Justin Polazzo  
 Emily Robbins  
 Carl Salk  
 Jennifer Sword  
 Mark Skellie  
 Devin Schrade

9-12 Andrew McElligott

Casey Donegan  
 Chris Morris  
 Jonathan Sword

Statistical summary: SAYMA 1991 141 adults and 55 youth/children = 196 total

Age 0-1	4	School class 1-3	17
2-3	4	4-6	12
4-5	1	7-8	13
		9-12	4

Attendance by Meeting/Worship Group,etc:

Americus	1	Celo	6	Ohio	32
Atlanta	27	Chattanooga	7	Philadelphia	1
Asheville	29	Crossville/		Quaker House	1
Athens	3	Cookeville	25	Tri City	11
Berea	3	Greenville	1	Washington DC	1
Brevard	3	Huntsville	3	West Knoxville	32
Birmingham	10	Memphis	9		
Boone	3	Nashville	18		

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association  
Representatives Meeting #69  
5-11-91  
Madisonville, Tennessee

The meeting opened with a few minutes of silence to prepare for the business at hand. Attending were: Peggy Bonnington, Clarksville; Ben Cameron, Greenville, TN; Larry Clayton, Brevard; Sallie Mykel, Atlanta; Connie LaMonte, Birmingham; Laura Vines, Birmingham; Marti Salk, West Knoxville; Joyce Underwood, Asheville; Becky Ingle, Chattanooga; Betsey Lescue, Athens; Lisa Raymer, Berea; Bettina Wolff, Asheville; J. Richard Houghton, Crossville; Maaret Houghton, Crossville; Kathy Johnson, Atlanta; Bill Boyd, Hays, NC; Marion Fuson, Nashville; and Barbara Esther, Asheville.

#### YEARLY GATHERING CONCERNS

Treasurer, Dick Houghton, reported that 192 Friends attended the 1991 SAYMA gathering (136 adults and 56 youth). The costs were approximately \$6,000, and the income about \$7,000.

Minute # 1 The return to Hiwassee College for the 1992 SAYMA gathering was approved. Returning means a savings of time and energy in searching and readjusting. In addition, Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends are very much in favor of the return.

Minute #2 The date of May 7-10, 1992 was approved. Effort will be made to alternate the 1st and 2nd week-ends in May to allow for maximum attendance. LeeAnn Swarm of West Knoxville Meeting will continue as arrangements person.

#### LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT

Minute #3 A minute presented by the Huntsville Meeting to the 1990 SAYMA gathering was reread and heartily supported by the representatives. It reads as follows: "The Religious Society of Friends has long had a testimony against war. Low Intensity conflict is a term for a new sort of warfare which is in several respects more objectionable than war itself. By keeping the scale small and distant, it is possible to limit the media coverage, so that the public does not notice. It thus subverts the free press. By avoiding the constitutional requirements for declaring war, it avoids serious public discussion of objectives and means, and thus subverts both the constitution and orderly practice.

We call on the public to condemn low intensity conflict as both illegal and immoral, and we call on the Congress to pass suitable legislation outlawing it."

Monthly meetings are encouraged to examine and discuss low intensity conflict and a reading list to assist in this endeavor will be requested from Huntsville Monthly Meeting. One reading already suggested is *The War Against the Poor: Low Intensity Conflict and Christian Faith*, by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, Orbis Books 1990.

#### MASTER LIST

A list of members of the nominating committee and the ministry and nurture committee will be added to that of the meeting representatives for reference.



#### HANDBOOK FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

A process is already in place for requests made to the yearly meeting for released friend, or monthly meeting project funds or for scholarship aid, but a need is seen to familiarize the meetings, especially those serving as new representatives to SAYMA,, with this procedure. The oversight committee will develop a handbook for monthly meetings describing committees and their functions within SAYMA. Connie Hill, Birmingham, and Lisa Raymer, Berea, will be resource persons of help in compiling the handbook.

#### REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

Wider Quaker organizations not listed on the budget, and requesting funds, will have such requests forwarded to the monthly meetings for consideration.

#### YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE

SAYMA's Young Friends will be represented by Andrew McElligot, Atlanta, on June 19-23, at a William Penn House conference entitled "The War on Drugs: Is it Working?"

#### SAYMA SECRETARY

The ad hoc committee convened by Nelson Fuson discussed the creation of a paid job of part-time secretary for SAYMA. Job description and support committees will be developed. It was recommended that this work be reviewed by the nominating committee and the supervision thereof be done by the oversight committee. Monthly meetings are asked to discuss the creation of a paid secretary position and determine their willingness to increase the present assessment to cover such an expense. Also serving on the ad hoc committee are Sallie Mykel and Dick Houghton.

Minute #4 The representatives wish to thank the many people who have spent hours, energy and love before and during our SAYMA gathering 1991. Among these are Lisa Raymer and John Lewis, for the bookstore; Winnie and Philip Thompforde, for registration; Bettina Wolffe, for adult program; Cheryl Baker and Ron McDonald, for the Youth Program; Mina Johnson, for her work as Recording Clerk; Jay Bollinger, for being workshop coordinator; Jane Goldthwaite and Judy Scheckel for coordination of worship sharing; LeeAnn Swarm for being the liaison with Hiwassee College; Bill Boyd for selecting movies. The success of a yearly meeting gathering is certainly an effort of many people to produce a full and smoothly-run week-end.

The meeting closed with a short silence to meet next at the Asheville Meeting House on October 12, 1991, pending the clearing of the date with Asheville Friends.

Barbara Esther, Recording Clerk

*Barbara Esther*

Peggy Bonnington, Clerk

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