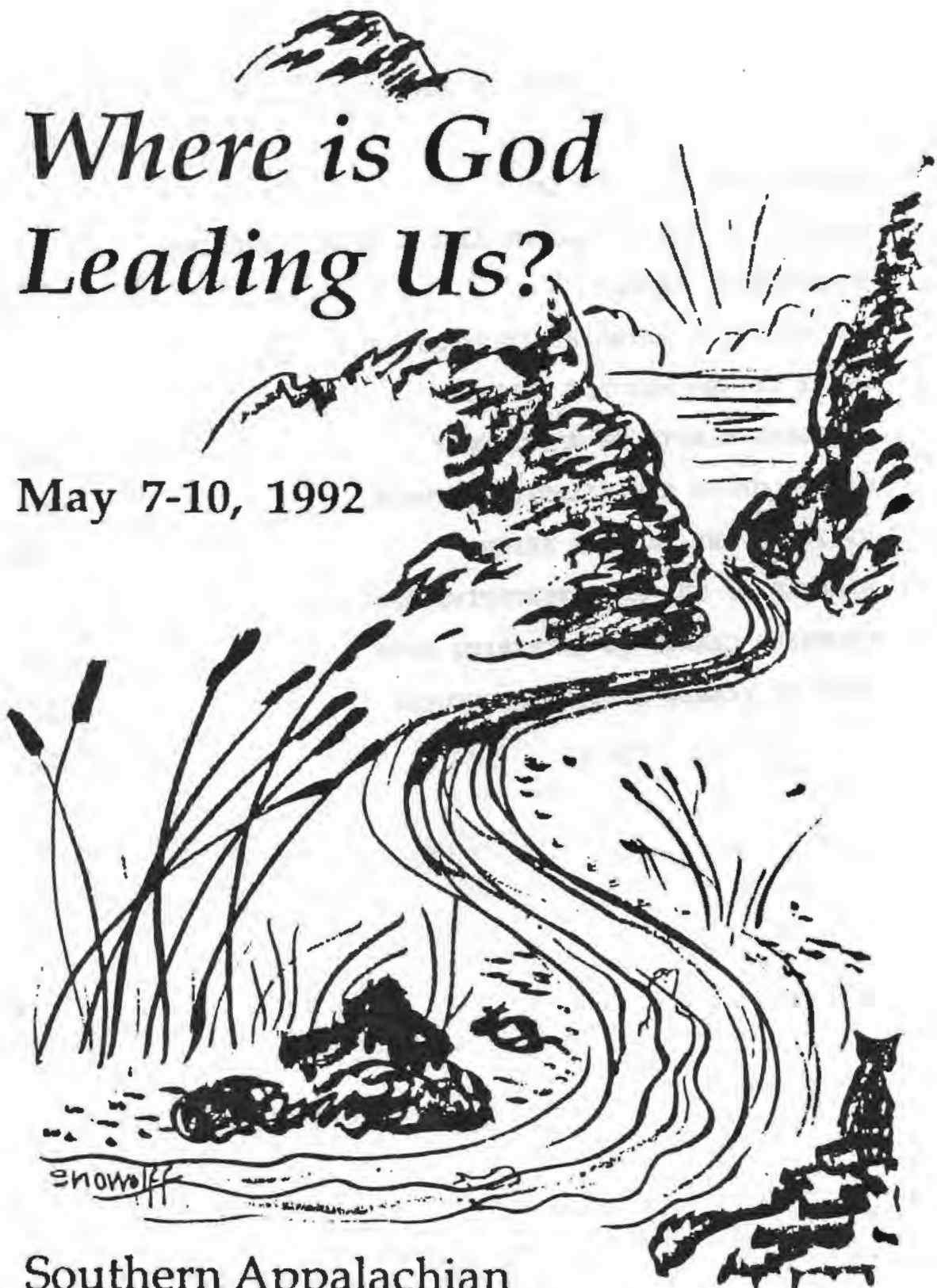


Where is God Leading Us?

May 7-10, 1992

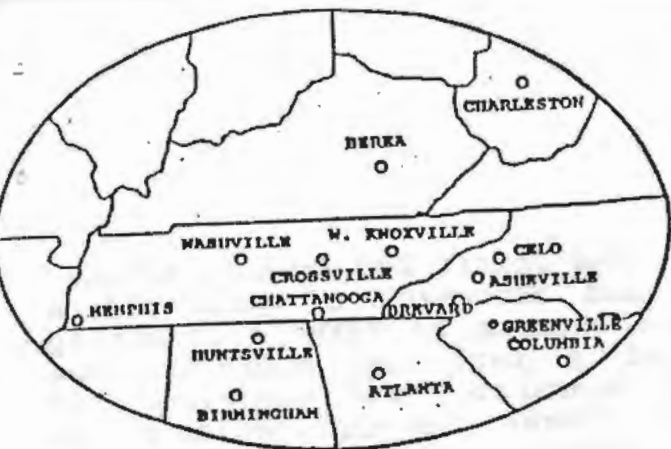


Southern Appalachian
Yearly Meeting Association
Hiwassee College
Madisonville, Tennessee



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

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Peggy Bonnington
 408 West Coy Circle
 Clarksville, TN 37043

MEETING ROSTER: Hiwassee College
 Madisonville, TN

ASHEVILLE
 North Carolina

Dear Friends,

ATLANTA
 Georgia

Seeking guidance from the theme "Where Is God Leading Us?," 205 Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association Friends gathered under the changeable skies of Madisonville, TN, at Hiwassee College. Our Twenty-first Annual Gathering was filled with worship, business, fun, food, adventures and challenges.

Berea
 Kentucky

BIRMINGHAM
 Alabama

We addressed the theme in spontaneous discussions as well as in various scheduled events - worship sharing groups, meeting for business and evening speaker sessions. With our speaker, Marty Walton, General Secretary of Friends General Conference, we spent Friday night listening to the collective voices of our meetings through State of the Meeting reports. Certain common themes were found: that our meetings are caring communities, that the involvement of children in the meeting is a great concern, that size and fluidity present challenges, that the nurture of the spiritual quality of our meetings is reflected in a sense of worship in meetings for business and that meetings need be more mindful of the gifts of vocal ministry and pastoral care.

BREVARD
 North Carolina

Celo (Burnsville)
 North Carolina

CHARLESTON
 West Virginia

CHATTANOOGA
 Tennessee

COLUMBIA
 South Carolina

CROSSVILLE
 Tennessee

On Saturday night, Marty Walton shared with us her personal conception of what it means to be led by God. Marty spoke of God as potential and the explosive possibilities for creative interaction between creator and created. She counseled Friends to seek the commonality in all forms of Friends' worship and strive to live in the Blessed Community where love is the prime mover.

GREENVILLE
 South Carolina

HUNTSVILLE AREA
 Alabama

MEMPHIS
 Tennessee

Annual meeting attenders participated in workshops exploring creative potential and social concerns such as homelessness, patriarchy, intervisitation and our relationship to the earth. Opportunities were presented to hear about Friends in other places such as Kenya, Honduras and the Netherlands through reports from Friends World Committee for Consultation delegates and Palestine from a Ramallah Friends School representative. A panel of representatives from Wider Quaker Organizations presented perspectives on current work and future challenges.

NASHVILLE
 Tennessee

WEST KNOXVILLE
 Tennessee

During meeting for business, the Spirit led Friends through a discussion of the necessity and economics of paid office management. This discussion bore witness to SAYMA's growth by concluding with the approval of a part-time administrative secretary position. After much discussion and many hours of fruitless labor by past and present clerks, the application to the Internal Revenue for 501 (c)(3) federal income tax exemption status was laid down. However, we were led to send a letter to the IRS and Senator Gore of Tennessee expressing our sense of frustration and persecution throughout the years long process.

Again this year Friends labored with the issue of patriarchy. Although Friends value and recognize the equality of all people, unity on a minute on patriarchy was not yet achieved. This concern was referred to monthly meetings and a committee for further work.

The theme of Junior Yearly Meeting was "Spiritual Adventures." Creative adventures included building houses of found materials and rockets for launching. The older children took leaps of faith as they rappelled, hiked and slept overnight in a cave. They also listened to the thought-provoking story of Stephanie Atkinson, an ex-Army reservist who is currently Director of Quaker House in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Younger children worked with wax making candles and hand replicas. They also constructed bird- and play-houses, built an entire mud city, listened to a storyteller and visited the Lost Sea Caverns.

Following an unfriendly incident among the children, Junior Yearly Meeting Co-ordinator Ron McDonald lovingly admonished us that it is not enough to encourage independence in our children. We need to help them be openly honest in their testing of limits and authority rather than be passive aggressively disruptive and disrespectful of that of God in everyone. He asked us adults to be mindful of our roles as trainers of the leadership qualities of our children now.

Throughout the weekend, outbursts of impromptu singing, kiteflying and folkdancing expressed our joy in the Spirit and in each other. As we look at our strengths and weaknesses and the common threads that link our individual meetings, we are again reminded to ask "Where is God leading us?"


Peggy Bonnington, Clerk

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting #22

Hiwassee College, Madisonville, TN

May 7-10, 1992

Note of Clarification: The jump from last year's #20 reflects correction of an inaccuracy caused by numbering both 1984 and 1985 as the 14th annual gathering. SAYMA was formed in 1970 and held its first official yearly meeting in 1971.

After a period of silent worship the meeting was begun by clerk, Peggy Bonnington, with the reading of the epistle from Illinois Yearly Meeting.

The yearly meeting was happy to welcome several visitors. Eugenia Perkins representing FWCC; Sterling Olmstead representing FCNL; Stephanie Atkinson, director of Quaker House, Fayetteville; and Marty Walton of FGC were among those from wider Quaker organizations to join and share with us.

Bob Barrus, Celo, agreed to combine the annual census forms to be sent to the clerk from Monthly Meetings by June 1, 1992, and then on to Bob Barrus.

The clerk inquired if any changes to our Guide to Our Faith and Our Practice were needed; none were suggested.

An epistle committee was formed to include Connie LaMonte, Birmingham; Penny Wright, West Knoxville; and Michael Harless, Chattanooga.

Gary Sandman, Columbia, volunteered to write an article for the Friends Journal describing this yearly meeting, including the process and experience of the focusing through use of the monthly meeting State of the Meeting reports.

YEARLY MEETING GROWTH

Minute #1 Friends welcomed Greenville (South Carolina) Friends Meeting as a monthly meeting. Greenville has been a preparative meeting under the care of Brevard Monthly Meeting.

Three new worship groups exemplify the continued growth of the yearly meeting. The newest mentioned was in Royal, Alabama; and in addition, a University of Tennessee and a Hendersonville, NC, group are now worshipping together. Continued contact was encouraged with unaffiliated and new worship groups which can feel isolated. The address of a contact person for each group is requested by the Ministry and Nurture Committee and for the mailing list. It was also reported that Americus-Plains and Northside Worship Groups, as well as Crossville Friends School, have been laid down.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer reported on the financial activity of the yearly meeting. (See attached sheets.) Some funds not used during a fiscal year are maintained, not added to. It was suggested that we use some of those funds in training and for the spiritual growth of our members at Pendle Hill weekends or the like.

Minute #2 Friends approved the laying down of any further efforts to gain IRS 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status. It was further approved that the clerk, with the assistance of Emily Passino, and the guidance of the oversight committee, draft a letter so stating to the IRS and also notify Senator Gore's office of the decision and the events that led to it.

Minute #3 Friends approved in principle, the hiring of an administrative secretary. (See attached rationale and description as the committee has written it.) Hibbard Thatcher, Nashville, reminded us that there will be other needs of a yearly meeting laboring with growth and maturing as this one is, such as that of a "field" secretary.

Minute #4 Friends approved the formation of an oversight committee to make way for selection of a person to serve in the secretary position, and that a manner of evaluation be formed and carried out by the committee. This committee will consist of the clerk (ex officio), the treasurer, a meeting-site representative, and 2 Friends from 2 other, different monthly meetings.

Friends felt strongly that our continued financial support of wider Quaker organizations should not be undercut in order to finance new paid positions in the yearly meeting. Instead, a feeling of the need to keep strong ties of active and monetary support of these organizations, which all face financially difficult times, prevailed. It was felt that if we live by the Light, we should be ready to generously pay an assessment to meet our yearly meeting needs. (At 485 units and a budget of \$17,400.00, an assessment of \$36/unit will cover the budget.)

Minute #5 Friends approved the raising of contributions to Wider Quaker Organizations to \$700 (by \$50 each).

Minute #6 Friends approved adopting the proposed budget showing increased Wider Quaker Organization contributions and administrative costs, drawing from the General Fund until income from assessments matches the approved budget.

Minute #7 Friends approved a new assessment figure of \$36 per member or regular attender (plus \$3 for the newsletter) effective July 1st, 1992.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Minute #8 Friends approved the proposed slate of positions presented by the nominating committee clerk, Steve Meredith.

CROSSVILLE FRIENDS SCHOOL

Dennis Gregg reported on the laying down of the Crossville Friends School by Crossville Friends Meeting. He spoke of the sense of loss and mourning, and of the celebration of the decade of touching lives as the school operated and was held in the light by many Friends in SAYMA. The school will continue without official affiliation with Crossville Friends Meeting.

MINUTE ON PATRIARCHY

Free Polazzo presented a new Proposed Minute on Patriarchy, introducing it with some history of our yearly meeting's past struggle with clarifying our stand of this issue. A sense of unity over specific wording of the minute was not reached. A committee clerked by Free Polazzo will continue to work on this minute to be presented to the monthly meetings prior to proposal in next year's annual business sessions.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING REPORT

The clerk read the Young Friends Epistle from Northwest Yearly Meeting, Newburg, Oregon.

Ron MacDonald, Memphis, expressed his concern, as Junior Yearly Meeting coordinator, that we train our youth in responsible leadership. He had observed some behavior that he described as passive-aggressive (destruction of other people's property), which led him to ask us all to consider our responsibility as elders. Some children consistently enter an inappropriate age group when they attend yearly meeting, which aggravates the situation. It was felt that we not only need to foster independence, but need to pay attention to discipline for leadership training. Ron asked whether the yearly meeting should adopt behavior guidelines as FGC does, or whether a meeting of parents, children and leaders at the onset of yearly meeting could create a unity in this group. His report was followed by a moment of centering silence and evoked a sense of the challenge which we accept when we rear children in the Quaker tradition.

MINISTRY AND NURTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kathy Johnson, Atlanta, reported that the committee had three meetings throughout the year, well represented by the monthly meetings. A regular representative is requested in addition to the business meeting representative to SAYMA, from each monthly meeting, since the two groups now meet simultaneously. (See attached report.)

WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

FCNL - Sterling Olmsted, who spent 14 years on the general committee and many more active in FCNL affairs, provided a workshop update.

FWCC - Edna Cates brought greetings from Northeast Yearly Meeting and emphasized the need for contact with the wider fellowship of Quakers. She reminds us of the Regional Meeting on October 30-November 1, 1992, at St. Columba Episcopal Center, in Memphis, TN, and to be coordinated by Mina Johnson. The theme will be "Peacemakers, in the Power of the Lord".

QUAKER HOUSE - Stephanie Atkinson, new director of the center, explained what led her to Quaker House and the counter-recruitment work in which she is involved. Corrine Joy recommends that schools and meetings have the staff at Quaker House meet with youth to share the commitment.

FCUN - Eric Joy reported that Friends Committee on Unity with Nature is the youngest of the wider Quaker organizations, demonstrating parallels of Native American with Friends practices and seeking a spiritual relationship with the earth. A conference of FCUN will be held October 23-25, 1992, near Toronto, Canada.

AFSC - Bill Holland represented the national and regional offices in reminding us of the celebration of 75 years of service in AFSC, and of the part that all wider Quaker organizations play in developing a global way of being. The national conference theme is to be "Faith, Risk, and Change".

Free Polazzo reported on the activities of AFSC-SERO. (See attached report.)

Nancy Whitt represents the Nationwide Women's Program.

The epistle was approved with very few corrections. Attending yearly meeting were 148 adults (72 men, 76 women) and 58 youth (0-18 years: 32 boys, 26 girls), which totals 206 Friends. (Attached find the epistle and the attenders list.

Young Friends shared with the adults reports of their experiences at SAYMA. Following their reports, we settled into silence for worship.

Clerk

Peggy Bennington

Recording Clerk

Barbara Esther

SAYMA GENERAL FUND FINAL REPORT

RECEIPTS	Budget July 1990 June 1991	Income/ Dispersed June 30	Budget July 1991 June 1992	Difference (Income less 90-91 Budget)
Assessment	11,250.00	11,883.60	12,050.00	633.60
Newsletter	1,300.00	1,387.00	1,300.00	87.00
Yearly Meeting Receipts	500.00	7,415.19	1,000.00	522.46 (difference from
Book Sales	50.00	2,445.64	50.00	209.17 real costs below)
Contributions	100.00	53.00	100.00	(47.00)
Interest	100.00	196.06	100.00	96.06
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,300.00	23,380.49	14,600.00	1,501.29
DISBURSEMENTS				
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Newsletter	1,300.00	1,296.36	1,600.00	(3.64)
Yearly Meeting				
Adult Program	500.00	204.82	0.00	(295.18)
Housing & Food		6,892.73	nonbudget	
Book Sales		2,236.47	nonbudget	
Young Friends Program				
Coordinator	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
JYM Expenses	1,700.00	1,868.42	1,900.00	168.42
Delegate Expenses				
Representative Meetings	200.00	18.00	100.00	(182.00)
Delegates to WQO's	1,600.00	1,407.30	1,800.00	(192.70)
FWCC Triennial Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Clerk's Enrichment Fund	0.00	0.00		
Ministry & Nurture Fund	0.00	0.00		
Friends World Conference 1991			1,300.00	
Administration	500.00	1,352.90	500.00	852.90
Miscellaneous	50.00	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Spiritual Development Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Released Friend Fund	100.00	100.00	0.00	
Youth Projects Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	
MONTHLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Crossville Friends School	550.00	550.00	550.00	
Rural Southern Voice(Celo)	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Other	450.00	0.00	450.00	(450.00)
WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS				
AFSC	650.00	650.00	650.00	
PCNL	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 1991	100.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,300.00	22,177.00	14,600.00	(252.20)

SAYMA FUNDS AND BALANCE SHEET : July 1, 1991 to May 1, 1992

	Balance July 1	Receipts	Disbursed	Balance May 1, '92
GENERAL FUNDS	6,121.78	11,657.09	11,397.19	6,381.68
SPECIAL SAYMA FUNDS				
Clerks Enrichment (200)	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
FWCC Triennial Rep. (2000)	760.00	0.00	100.00	660.00
Guide to Our Practice	(1,787.12)	501.00	0.00	(1,286.12)
Ministry & Nurture (300)	220.20	0.00	0.00	220.20
Released Friend (1,500)	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00
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
Total Special Funds	3,733.36			4,134.36
ASSETS				
Cash- Checking (NOW acct)	3,855.14			4,516.04
Cash- FCNL Fund	6,000.00			6,000.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00			0.00
Total Assets	9,855.14			10,516.04
EQUITIES				
General Fund	6,121.78			6,381.68
Titled Funds	3,733.36			4,134.36
Total Equities	9,855.14			10,516.04

The next year assesment guide is \$35 per member for the Yearly Meeting Budget. An additional assesment for each family or person receiving the SAYMA Friend news-
Letter is \$3.00.

SAYMA

GENERAL REPORT & PROPOSED BUDGET 1992/1993

	Budget July 1991 June 1992	Income July 1991 May 1992	Difference May 1992	Budget July 1992 June 1993
RECEIPTS				
Assessment	\$12,050.00	\$11,110.33	(\$939.67)	\$17,400.00
Newsletter	\$1,300.00	\$986.50	(\$313.50)	\$1,300.00
Yearly Meeting Receipts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00
Book Sales	\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00
Contributions	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Interest	\$100.00	\$102.26	\$2.26	\$100.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,600.00	\$12,449.09	(\$2,150.91)	\$19,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
		Dispersed		
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Newsletter	\$1,600.00	\$1,538.99	(\$61.01)	\$1,600.00
Yearly Meeting				
Adult Program	\$0.00	\$22.30	\$22.30	\$200.00
Housing & Food	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00
Book Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Young Friends Program				
Coordinator	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	(\$1,200.00)	\$1,200.00
JYM Expenses	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	(\$1,900.00)	\$1,900.00
Delegate Expenses				
Representative Meetings	\$100.00	\$69.40	(\$30.60)	\$100.00
Delegates to WQO's	\$1,800.00	\$1,084.80	(\$715.20)	\$1,500.00
FWCC Triennial Fund	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Clerk's Enrichment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ministry & Nurture Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friends World Conference 1991	\$1,300.00	\$1,400.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Administration	\$500.00	\$948.87	\$448.87	\$7,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$50.00
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Spiritual Development Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Released Friend Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Youth Projects Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MONTHLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Crossville Friends School	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rural Southern Voice(Celo)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Other	\$450.00	\$0.00	(\$450.00)	\$200.00
WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS				
AFSC	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
PCNL	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
FGC	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
FGC Field Secretary	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FWCC	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
FWCC 3rd World Delegates	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Quaker House: Fayetteville	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
RSWR: Interest Savings '92	\$100.00	\$196.06	\$96.06	\$100.00
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Accounts Receivable	0.00			0.00
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EQUITIES				
General Fund	6,121.78			6,381.68
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SAYMA Receipts from Monthly Meetings
1991-1992

NAME	Budget Members	INCOME 5/1/92 Assessment	Newsletter	Subscript
Asheville	93	\$2,317.50	\$202.50	67
Atlanta (Macon Northside, Americus-Plains)	93	\$2,325.00	\$279.00	93
Berea	55	\$1,031.25	\$90.00	30
Birmingham	15	\$375.00	\$0.00	
Brevard				
Celo (Boon)	20 4	\$511.58 \$100.00	\$60.00	20
Charleston	14	\$350.00	\$42.00	14
Chattanooga	25	\$625.00	\$63.00	21
Columbia	32	\$800.00	\$40.00	13
Crossville (Cookeville)	15 6	\$575.00 \$150.00	\$45.00 \$12.00	15 6
Huntsville				
Memphis	15			
Nashville	42	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	
West Knoxville	36	\$900.00	\$120.00	40
Individuals			\$33.00	7
TOTALS	465	\$11,110.33	\$986.50	326

Assesment for 1992-1993 is \$35.00 per member or active attender
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SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
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Yearly Meeting				
Adult Program	\$0.00	\$22.30	\$22.30	\$200.00
Housing & Food	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00
Book Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Young Friends Program				
Coordinator	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	(\$1,200.00)	\$1,200.00
JYM Expenses	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	(\$1,900.00)	\$1,900.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$14,600.00	\$12,310.42	(\$2,289.58)	\$19,000.00

Proposal for a SAYMA Administrative Secretary

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association now includes a growing number of Friends in twenty-four meetings and worship groups scattered over seven southeastern states, with more than 1000 members and regular attenders. Whether living in booming and thriving metropolitan areas such as Atlanta, Columbia, Nashville, or Memphis or in more remote rural areas like Celo or Crossville, Friends have similar concerns and expectations. They seek to lead faithful lives inspired by God's Spirit, and they have affiliated with SAYMA because they seek a richer sense of community among Friends who may be separated by miles but can be united by modern technology. SAYMA, as an organization of such Friends, has the obligation to respond to these concerns and expectations.

The reality is that the paperwork and organizational minutia, always necessary if sometimes seemingly less vital than larger concerns, has simply become too much for volunteers, especially the clerk and recording clerk. Even the yearly meeting's physical location, as defined by its mailing address, is subject to change every two years as new clerks are appointed, causing great confusion and immense effort to keep the large volume of mail flowing smoothly. Our voluntary clerks should not be expected to expend their energies on such details. Employing an administrative secretary can therefore more clearly define a sense of place for SAYMA and will benefit Friends and seekers in the region and others passing through. The same constituents will also gain from a central store of information able to be disseminated across the region from a central location and by one person.

Recently, those concerned with Quakers' well deserved reputation for keeping full and accurate records have pointed out that modern Friends have not been as careful to follow the footsteps of their forebears. SAYMA, we fear, must soon plead guilty to this charge, assuming it now can avoid the accusing finger. A central office will make possible the preservation of our records, linking the present to the immediate past as it becomes our history and thus strengthening our place in Quaker tradition.

Some of our meetings, particularly those in urban areas, are almost literally booming, but, paradoxically, they often feel isolated from the needs of other meetings struggling for survival. If building a community means anything, it means the strong sharing the burdens of the weaker, something that can not be done without the contacts that information makes possible. An administrative secretary and a central office can thus help unite Friends and nurture growth.

As described below, employment of a part time administrative secretary will be costly, but we do not believe it is unreasonable, and we know that the need is pressing. We believe that the time to proceed is now.

II. Proposed Responsibilities of
SAYMA Administrative Secretary

- A. Maintain updated mailing lists of:
1. SAYMA membership
 2. Wider Quaker organizations & contacts
 3. Other yearly meetings & contacts (clerks, etc.)
- B. Correspond / mail YM communications, including:
1. Directory or YM membership lists to wider Quaker organizations (including notices to Friends Journal)
 2. Send SAYMA Epistle to other yearly meetings following annual gathering in May
 3. To membership:
 - a. YM & representative meeting minutes
 - b. Designated correspondence from clerk or other YM officers
 - c. Census forms
- C. Compile and keep current records (YM, MM minutes, newsletters)
- D. Screen and reroute incoming correspondence:
1. Disseminate information from wider Quaker organizations to local meetings.
 2. Send dated press releases or announcements not otherwise sent to meetings.
- E. Accountability: Present annual written report to SAYMA at the yearly meeting, including expenses incurred, general activities & time requirements for different activities
- F. Serve as information base for yearly meeting: response to questions, requests

III. Oversight Committee:

1. Clerk (ex officio)
2. Treasurer
3. Atlanta meeting representative (tie-in with Atlanta oversight)
4. 2 other SAYMA Friends (outside Atlanta Meeting)

IV. Financial / Technical Details:

A. Wages: \$9/ hr for 10 hrs/wk = \$90.00/wk
 FICA: 4% = \$3.60/wk

TOTAL WEEKLY SALARY = \$93.60
 TOTAL YEAR'S SALARY (48 wk) = \$3,492.80

B. Expenses:

1. Equipment \$1,000.00
 2. Phone, postage, supplies \$2,000.00
 3. MISC (travel to YM) \$250.00

Treasurer's Estimated Total Cost: \$7,000.00

C. Options for payment:

1. Increase in assessment of \$14 (to \$39)
2. Use available monies from FCNL fund (\$6000)
3. Reduce YM donations to Wider Quaker Organizations, leaving their responsibility to generosity of monthly meetings and individual Friends
4. Combination of above

D. Committee recommendation:

1. Combination of assessment increase, reducing WQO donations, and portion of FCNL fund (latter for first or transitional year only!)
2. Reliance on assessments and/or decreased WQO donations for subsequent years.

STATE OF THE MEETING - Asheville 1991-2

Query I.C.1. Are peace and unity maintained among you?

Our greatest progress this year was made in the area of community, and the most important event for this was undoubtedly the weekend retreat held in November. 75-80 members of the Meeting spent all or most of the weekend together, sharing responsibility for meals, for discussions, and for entertainment, and discovering each other's special interests and talents. Preparation for this, and the results following it, have led to more active participation of the younger adults in the Meeting. Previously, we had begun to slide toward a "graying" trend, though we hardly realized it. Now, we know the Meeting has renewed vigor.

One area that has benefited by this is the First-Day School. A firmer plan of organization, new ways to involve more members of the Meeting, new ways of discovering and meeting the older children's wishes, are resulting in a better fellowship among the children and increased opportunities for solid learning and the growth of responsibility.

Seven members have been added by application and transfer. It seems that we have more visitors than before, especially from the nearby colleges. Friends from other Meetings often find their way to us when passing through western North Carolina. We have celebrated two new babies, but sorrowed together over six deaths. Memorial Meetings for Worship were not only occasions for ministering in sympathy to the bereaved families, but also gave us opportunity to recall the gifts and special qualities of the departed friends, and to consider our rededication, inspired by their examples.

The increased numbers of those regularly attending Meeting for Worship has led us to study seriously the question of enlarging our Meeting quarters. However, we have temporarily found other means to satisfy our space needs, and have postponed decisions about building additions. The decision to wait is somewhat related to the fact that the Meeting, while well able to meet its current budget, seems not to be in a strong position to undertake expansion. Many active members are either retired persons on fixed incomes, or families with young children and a way of life characterized by simplicity rather than affluence. Feeling that physical expansion puts a heavy drain on Friends' energy, we are at present seeing to devote effort to more immediately rewarding ways of strengthening our fellowship - such as the aforesaid improvement of the First-Day School program.

Query II.A.4. Do you work to extend and equalize human rights?

II.B.2. Do you maintain Friends' testimony against military preparations and all participation in war?

At the beginning of the year, our Peace and Social Concerns committee had been laid down, for want of focused priority in that direction. Many members of the Meeting were certainly occupied with such concerns, but were pursuing them individually, often in conjunction with other like-minded persons in the Asheville area. Recently, we have felt a need for a Meeting focus of this kind, and the Committee has been re-activated, with results that appear to be positive.

Questions of energy and conservation continue to interest us this year, and we carry a burden of distress for a suffering world. A new Peace Studies Initiative, involving non-Friends as well as Friends, is taking positive steps to make a difference in public schools we perceive as being too heavily slanted in favor of military recruitment.

Unfinished Business

We have some continuing perplexities: If we should increase the size of the Meetinghouse, how can the Meeting support more property? But if we do not, how can we handle what appears to be strong continuing growth? Is there an optimum size? Should the Meeting consider seriously the option of dividing, to decrease the amount of travel (and expenditure of energy) required by our present geographically wide-flung extent? For the present, we feel that we should lose too much - Friends whom we have come to love, the personnel needed to maintain a strong First-Day School, ties of action that have been developed. But in the future, the question of how to handle growing size will doubtless need to be resolved.

Although we feel that our community grows strong, there is still much to be done, especially in the area of welcoming and nurturing newcomers. Better provision for adult religious education is needed. We must continue to deepen our commitment to each other, to the Meeting, and to the world beyond.

In Summary

Our greatest strength seems to be caring: We suffer and rejoice with each other. Moreover, the meeting's business gets done - "It does work!"

Our weakness is that there seems to be no issue on which the Meeting comes together dynamically. We have excellent forums, but seldom follow-up on them. Strong enthusiasms often arise, but we need a better mechanism for carrying through on them.

As we look back over the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the joy of this Meeting, for the progress it seems to be making. We look forward with faith, and hope for even greater improvement.

Composed by Friends attending the 4/12 Meeting for Business.

Athens Preparative Meeting has grown this year and wonderful new faces have appeared at our Meeting.

Providing a childcare person has allowed new parents to come and be assured of childcare.

We faced a situation of being judged on our spiritual beliefs by our landlord this year. We rent space from the United Methodist Student Center and the new director of the center was not comfortable having the Quakers meet in the center because we could not state our beliefs were the same as his. Specifically: "One Path to God." So as of this writing we are still waiting to hear back from him if we can continue to meet in the student center or not.

We have been asked to find another meeting place.

Many Friends who attended from the beginnings of this Meeting are no longer attending regularly. There is some feeling that this is a result of "burn-out" from the early years—each attender feeling burdened with many responsibilities of child-care, second-hour scheduling, budget, etc. Newer attenders, while interested in taking initiatives in these matters are often reluctant to take too much initiative, lest any "traditions" of the Meeting be unaddressed.

The Meeting has welcomed outside guests from Atlanta Meeting, Jubilee Partners, and the Ark (local social services clearing house organized by local churches). Representatives from the Ark presented information on their program and the Meeting subsequently decided to make an annual contribution to them, and to send a representative to their Board meetings.

Members of the Meeting were also hosts for the walkers from the 1992 Walk for Peace from Europe. The walk, from St. Marys, GA, to the Nevada nuclear test sites, is focusing on more historically accurate views of Columbus and what has traditionally been called "the founding of America."

A high point in many ways was our second child dedication celebration. More people than have ever been seen before (or since) in this Meeting were present to celebrate the lives of the children in our Meeting, and to dedicate ourselves to their physical and spiritual nurture.

Parents have expressed appreciation for the First Day School, which they feel is nurturing their children's spiritual growth and understanding in an affirming rather than a judging way.

The Meeting is growing and I feel we are, too. It's a wonderful place to belong.

I feel the winds of change blowing through this Meeting as the lives of all of us within the group are changing. With God's help, we can continue to sustain and nurture one another in the Light.

This event has led to many strong emotions from our meeting. Anger at the intolerance of this new director, pulling at a quiet cord in me since I've been a member of several protestant churches most of my life & now being asked to leave our place we have been meeting because our theology isn't Christian. One member asked the meeting - "if we had our own meeting house, would we want a ~~fundamental~~ fundamental group meeting there?" I still honestly feel very bad about this issue.

**Atlanta Friends Meeting
1991 State of the Meeting Report**

After more than two years in temporary quarters, moving into our new Meetinghouse was the focal event of 1991. Since our first meeting for worship on July 29, 1991, the Meetinghouse has served as a beacon attracting seekers from our new community and as a home for members and attenders to nurture our witness and spiritual growth.

While many people in our Meeting community worked many hours to bring to reality our dream of a new meetinghouse, others carried out the ongoing work of the Meeting throughout the year. Some Friends worked to finish the building, create a landscape design, build library shelves, refurbish and buy furniture, sew drapes, and unpack boxes. Others sustained the life of the meeting by greeting worshippers, teaching religious education classes, publishing News/Views, planning our Gathered Meeting and Fall retreats, maintaining the Ferguson cabin and actively speaking out about the violence and injustice in our world. While this work brought us closer together, we continued to find our Center, first in the Horizons School gym and then in our new Meetinghouse, as we gathered for worship.

The Meeting experienced a rapid increase of people attending worship first during the Gulf War and then again when we moved into the new meetinghouse. With these changes the Meeting has worked to meet the resulting challenges of the varied witnesses and spiritual needs.

The Caring Committee focused on helping us to know one another through Friendly 8's groups and greeting worshippers, with special attention to newcomers. The committee itself flourished, growing from 4 to 10 members, sharing the work of caring for those in need through home and hospital visits, preparing food, sending cards, and other ministries.

Throughout 1991, Religious Education sponsored activities for family and community growth, including parenting and curriculum workshops. First Day School opened in the new meetinghouse with a tremendous growth in numbers of children aged 3-7, as well as an increase in size of the junior high and teen groups. Our focus this Fall, begun at the summer Children's Retreat, was one of Fellowship within the Light and was continued through social outings, service projects, and special programs. The year closed with the Christmas party as Friends of all ages gathered in celebration to make Christmas tree ornaments, eat chili potluck, and sing Christmas carols in candlelight.

The new library, with its fireplace and surrounding sofas, given in memory of Jack Kaiser, has become an important "homey" second worship space for the Meeting and has been used almost nightly for Meeting committees and community group meetings. With the move into this space the Library Committee carefully catalogued, organized and

displayed our books, long packed away. As a result, newcomers and members have made frequent use of the periodicals and books.

To further help new attenders learn more about Friends, Ministry and Counsel held four Seekers series with more than 70 people attending. Twenty-five members took part in our annual Gathered Meeting Retreat, led by George and Elizabeth Watson, to seek deeper spirituality and fellowship. In September we began holding a monthly Meeting for Healing as a result of a member's profound experience at the FGC Gathering in Boone, NC.

Much of our growth and seeking took place through numerous meetings for clearness held under guidance of Ministry & Counsel over the last year. We have tried to make Friends more aware of the benefits of the process for clearness for individuals facing important decisions and providing a sense not being alone in difficult leadings. Clearness committees were held for personal concerns as well as for unions and membership.

In 1991 we celebrated two marriages, (Laurel Kearns-Bob McCoy, Jeff Evans-Jill Oglesby) one celebration of commitment (Perry Treadwell-Judith Greenberg), one joining (Bryn Houghton-Vince Brown), and one ceremony of reaffirmation (Lynn Leuszler-Georgia Lord). We rejoice in this wide variety of unions held under the care of our Meeting.

The Meeting welcomed five new members, John and Joan Stabler, Bette Turlington, Cindy Berg, and Diane McElligott. We also joyfully welcomed Gabrielle Maria Lahowitch, adopted daughter of Chris Lahowitch.

We mourned the loss of long time beloved Friend Dwight Ferguson at a memorial service in October. The Ferguson family, joined by 2 members of the meeting, also gathered at the Ferguson Cabin to remember Dwight as his ashes were buried there.

The cabin continues to be in high demand, including for frequent use by Atlanta Friends for retreats. New members of the committee added good spirit and strength to the numerous small and large projects that keep the cabin ready for quiet times and fellowship.

At Horizons School the Oversight Committee struggled with the details of coordinating operational details for potluck, coffee and childcare. One member enthusiastically took responsibility for our newsletter, expanding it into a means of communicating stories of the Spirit in addition to regular notices. With the opening of the Meetinghouse the committee arranged for part-time office staff, a maintenance person, and an on-site resident, and negotiated leases with the Friends School of Atlanta and Congregation Bet Haverim. The numerous community groups using our space have given us ample opportunities to become part of our new community. The Finance Committee's fundraising efforts has resulted in our having \$25,000 less debt than anticipated on our new Meetinghouse. Gifts were numerous and people are paying pledges early. We had one

major bequest to the meeting and Finance Committee is encouraging Friends to become better acquainted with this method of supporting Friends' witness.

A newly formed Landscape Committee worked with a landscape architect to create a plan for our property. The committee also put in many hours planting an extensive collection of donated plants.

While our primary concern has been keeping our Meeting centered during our transition, we have not neglected our witness in the community. We are a member of Decatur Cooperative Ministries which supports a wide variety of social witness programs. We also ministered to community concerns over the Gulf War, not only through Meeting for Worship, but through interfaith demonstrations for peace and a newspaper ad. The Sanctuary Committee continued its work for peace and justice in Central America. The committee resettled Carlos and Ruth Corillo and their two year old daughter Rosawa in Winnipeg, Canada. Carol Cummings, on behalf of concerned Friends, took donations to refugees in El Salvador who were forced to return there from Honduras and other countries. The Committee began a more formal "sister community" relationship with El Sitio in Cuscatlan. The Committee also sponsored several presentations and conferences about Central America pointing out the role our country plays in war repression and hopefully, also in reconstruction.

We are increasingly concerned that our business meetings be conducted in a spirit of worship so that we may be tender with each other as well as faithful in holding up to the Light all leadings. As we move into 1992 we are mindful of Tom Mullen's call to us, made at the Meetinghouse dedication, to follow the Spirit's leadings through work within our meeting and wider communities. We thank God for spiritually and materially blessing us in 1991 and move into 1992 seeking divine guidance for how we can better define our ministries, individually and corporately.

**Berea Friends Meeting
State of the Meeting Report
May 1992**

Meeting for worship is the focus of the life of the Meeting. Worship is silent with occasional vocal ministry. An average of 25-30 youth and adults attend. Most Sundays the seating in the meeting room is filled with overflow into the back of the room. The worship often deeply touches those present; for some it continues to be difficult to feel centered and focused. Two meetings for worship this year have centered on particular events, a marriage, and a death. These two worship experiences were powerful and full of vocal ministry.

Meeting for business has been a forum for many of our outward journeys, with many important and meaningful discussions. The Meeting has adopted two miles of a local highway to express our concern for the social and environmental problems in our own community. Fourteen members of the Meeting were able to attend a Meeting sponsored couples enrichment weekend led by Nelson and Marion Fuson of the Nashville Friends Meeting.

The youth of the Meeting continue to be a vital and challenging focus for many members, both parents and others, in the Meeting. Children participate in the first 15 minutes of Meeting for Worship, then exit to begin their program by singing together. At the children's request, several trips were organized this year, including a visit to Knoxville Friends and a day trip to a local planetarium.

The adults usually have a discussion during the hour following Meeting for Worship. These discussions and presentations have been varied and timely this year addressing conflict resolution, preparation for death, studying A Living Faith by Wilmer Cooper, and many other topics. The Meeting formed a Quaker Women's Group which meets biweekly. Several members are studying The American Journey, 1492-1992: Call to Conversion, which was designed as a response to the Quincentenary.

Ministry and Counsel conducted an all member survey again this year. Members continue to use this opportunity to discuss concerns about the Meeting as well as personal spirituality.

The Meeting enjoys simple suppers together on Friday nights in members' homes as a means of sharing during the week. We have welcomed three new members and quite a few new attenders this year who have brought energy, insights and enrichment to the spiritual experience of the entire meeting.

BIRMINGHAM FRIENDS MEETING
STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

Birmingham Friends Meeting has had a busy and fruitful year. Sometimes we are amazed at the energy and commitment coming from a small number of people. We have been blessed with dedicated Friends and we seem to have attracted a few energetic new attenders. This year we have gained one new member and two associate members. We have also had some difficulties. We are saddened by the loss of several regular attenders and two long time members. We were also challenged to deal with a problem in our investment fund. Still, it was a growing year for Birmingham Friends Meeting.

The Meeting had as a major focus the spiritual education of children and adults. We continued the regular First Day School programs begun last year. Children studied Quaker personalities, learning how Friends have and do relate to the world. As a result of our lesson on Peter Bedford, the children began a Soup Kitchen Jar to collect donations for local soup kitchens. Currently, the First Day School is studying nature and how we can live responsibly in the world. Adult themes have been compatible with First Day School. Second hours focused on our spiritual heritage, asking the question "What is our radical faith and where is it leading us?" We have just finished looking at creation myths and determining how different beliefs affect our treatment of the earth.

Our Quaker Women's Group continues to meet together for support and learning. One member of the group has moved but we continue to read, learn and grow together.

In addition to our educational and spiritual focus, adults and children found time to have fun at our monthly Intergenerational Second Hours and Potlucks. We also began holding monthly potlucks at people's homes to encourage interaction on other days of the week.

Attending to the business of the Meeting has become more productive with work being done in our regular committee meetings. Communication of meeting activities has also been helped by a regular newsletter. We hope this structure will allow us to be more open to the worship of our Meetings for Business.

Our most difficult business discussion centered on finances. We found that the person handling our Merrill Lynch account was trading stocks with high brokerage fees in order to make a profit for himself. Our account had lost over \$600 in fees and interest. This was

BREVARD FRIENDS MEETING

"State of the Meeting report"

April 1992

Brevard Friends Meeting seems in some ways to be coming of age as it faces up to its need to organize its ministry to the concerns of its members, attenders, immediate community and the community of Friends with which it is associated. With reluctance to establish committees and the structures that seem often to characterize churches of our day and to draw heavily on the time and energy of their members, we are trying to identify specific Meeting needs and find appropriate ways to satisfy them. The composition of the Meeting, with its predominantly older retired fellowship, scattered across the miles from our Sunday meeting-place, makes driving to evening activities an obstacle to avoid. In spite of these inconveniences, we are feeling our way into the development of educational resources and programs for occasions when children are brought to our meetings for worship. Also the recent formation of a committee for ministry and nurture by SAYMA has encouraged awareness to the needs for similar attention within our monthly meeting.

The diversity of earlier experiences which our members and attenders have had with Friends meetings and various churches, enriches and occasionally inhibits, religious expressions in our gatherings. However, through the exchanges of our 2nd hour discussions, one feels frequent drawing together in dialogue that enhances our awareness and appreciation of the richness that resides within our fellowship. Out of this has developed a witness in our community to the traditional peace testimony of Friends. As a participating organization of the Transylvania Christian Ministry, most of our members and attenders are involved in its responses to the large variety of needs of the underprivileged residents of our region.

An important opportunity for the Brevard Meeting has been the oversight of the Greenville Preparative Meeting and attempting to be supportive of the eager group that has been gathering there. Remembering with gratitude the oversight role of the Asheville Meeting so few years ago when Brevard sought monthly meeting status, it is a welcomed satisfaction to observe the progress and spirit of these Greenville Friends.

Increasingly, we are aware of the need for more of us to have current exposure to, and association with, the broader agencies of the Religious Society of Friends. We feel the strength of Spirit through which it has traditionally ministered in our world to the physical and spiritual needs of humanity. We recognize our individual aspirations to participate in that ongoing ministry, and we pray that through SAYMA, and other expressions of Quakerly concern, we may become a stronger source of encouragement and preparation for ministering to the conditions of our time and place.

Robert M. Cox. Clerk

State of Meeting Report

Celo Friends Meeting

April 1992

In the beautiful Black Mountains of North Carolina members of Celo Friends Meeting have joined hearts, heads, and hands to worship in truth and love. In this report we give a brief description of our worshipping community. We also share some highlights of our adult education program and of our actions for peace and justice.

The Celo Friends Meeting for Worship has about thirty regular members and attenders. Eight to ten Friends, on an average, attend Monthly Meeting for Business. Our five active committees are Ministry and Care, Peace and Social Concerns, Adult Education, First Day School, and Maintenance. Our First Day School program was well attended this year, especially by a steady group of 3 to 6 year old children.

Transitions are a part of change and growth. This year two attenders became members. Anne and Bob Welsh, two much loved and active members, moved to Swansboro, N.C. We think of them as our long-distance Friends. In November Greg Mickey became resident-caretaker of Margithaus and is carrying on the tradition of friendly hospitality established by his predecessors, Margit Hirschenhauser and Judy Scheckel.

Eight Friends have studied the Journal of John Woolman, meeting weekly to discuss the spiritual journey, the historical context, and the works of Woolman. Friends were inspired by his faithfulness as to truth and his willingness to change his life style in obedience to his leadings.

In our commitment to peace and social justice the meeting has worked hard this year. Three members are helping to establish the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Dave Salstrom continues to teach at the Yancey Prison and Judy Scheckel has led several Alternatives to Violence programs. Several Friends travelled to Logan, West Virginia to the RAP Day March for racial harmony. We have written letters to support the conscientious objectors of the Gulf War, the tax resisters Randy and Betsy Kehler-Corner, the Haitian refugees, and the World Peace Tax Fund.

Our biggest challenge came when the military announced in our local paper their plan to use Apache attack helicopters in training maneuvers in our mountains. After several meetings to discuss this latest war-making intrusion we agreed on: a letter to our local paper, a letter to our congressman, and a request to the Army for a meeting with someone in command. Our letters tried to be clear about Friends' belief and our opposition to war and war-making. Over all the public response was good. Three Friends were interviewed on local radio and a meeting was held with an army public relations officer. As we struggled to express what we believed to our neighbors we learned more about ourselves.

We are happy and proud of our little Friends Meeting in the mountains. Friends and visitors are welcome to join us for worship at 10:45 each First Day.

State of the meeting report

Charleston Friends Meeting

April 14, 1992

Meeting place: Covenant House
1109 Quarrier St.
Charleston, WV

Mailing Address: 1702 Smith Rd.
Charleston, WV
25314

The Charleston Meeting has welcomed several new attenders during the past year. Our average attendance is still around 20, half of which are children and teenagers.

Concerns:

-We have many people who are peripherally involved with meeting, and we often seek ways to involve these people more.

-There is some concern that the core of our meeting has been made up of primarily the same individuals for several years.

Activities:

-We have been using the SAYMA queries regularly as part of worship. Most have found them helpful.

-We have had more outside-of-meeting activities planned by and for our youth, such as, skating, pizza party, walk for the environment, etc.

-Youth have also taken an active role in our serving meals at local homeless shelters.

-We find our monthly newsletter, which includes minutes from meeting for business, to be a good way to help keep people informed and provide cohesiveness.

Our meeting continues to search for ways to deepen our spirituality and increase our commitment to each other. Sometimes we are successful, sometimes we are not.

For the Charleston Meeting

Steve Mininger, Clerk

State of Chattanooga Friends Meeting

Chattanooga Friends Meeting is active and growing in the Light. Although no new members have joined this year, we have had an average attendance of 18-20 at Meeting for Worship, compared to 12-15 last year. Friends rejoiced at the wedding of Sara Klinefelter and Curtis Sharpe held on October 20, 1991. Three members transferred their membership out of town, and several others returned to Chattanooga and our Meeting. Our newsletter communicates with members in and out of town and serves also as a tool for outreach.

We have employed other outreach efforts as well: providing for a visitors' shelf with pamphlets, sending friendly notes to visitors, providing people to speak on Quakerism at other churches, interacting with the local neighborhood association, contributing to wider Quaker groups, assisting the Cambodian family under our sponsorship, and visiting a 102-year old Friend who lives in a nursing home and is unable to attend our Meeting. We have been made more aware of the problems of isolated Friends through one of our members who moved away. We maintain contact with an isolated seeker and the small worship group at Sewanee, which remains under our care.

Our First-Day School for children is much more vital this year, largely due to a renewed commitment by the Meeting and to the efforts of the First-Day School committee. Although the number attending regularly is small, we are experiencing more young visitors, especially for events such as potlucks and kite-flys as well as intergenerational "Fun Days." Young Friends join the adults for the last ten minutes or so of worship and tell their discoveries of the day. Topics selected for First-Day School range from Quaker history and testimonies to environmental concerns. Our newsletter has a regular column now for young Friends.

For adults, Meeting for Worship remains central to our spiritual experience, with second hour discussions providing an opportunity for seeking and learning through such topics as "Growing up Fundamentalist" to SAYMA's Guide to Our Faith and Our Practice. Some second hours are left open for individual concerns, and fifth Sundays are for sharing of individual spiritual journeys.

Our belief that inreach is important in building community has resulted in Ministry and Oversight committee planning frequent social activities. The women's group continues to meet on a monthly basis, and a men's group met. As suggested in Faith and Practice, we supplied forms for individuals to specify their preferences for arrangements at the time of death. We also developed a questionnaire to explore attitudes toward Meeting for Worship, thus determining whether spiritual needs are being met. We are attempting to better organize our library and records.

Some problems have caused us to struggle and therefore grow. One person failed for a time to meet contractual financial obligations to the Meeting, resulting in budgetary problems. A clearness committee made recommendations and led both the individual and Meeting to find a solution. A young couple requested support in dealing with the legal process and confusing criminal charges against them. Some divisiveness emerged about the degree and kind of assistance that the Meeting should provide, but we finally decided our role was to give emotional support.

While the Persian Gulf crisis has officially ended, we continue to share a concern for peace in that region as well as in the rest of the world. One Sunday a Palestinian professor from the local university assisted us toward a better understanding of the Middle East. One member attended an international conference on peacemaking in North Carolina. A major outgrowth of concern about the Gulf War was formation of a Peace and Justice Committee, which has initiated a coalition of various groups and individuals to plan for a Greater Chattanooga Peacemakers Day in the fall. Our newsletter continues a "Peace Page." The Meeting has an FCNL liaison--initiated after the war--and an FCNL report is now included on the Meeting for Business agenda.

All these activities have proved most meaningful for those associated with our increasingly vibrant community. We rejoice in the number of new attenders and in the growth and sharing that takes places between them and older members. Our sense of community has been strengthened, as we bear witness to seeking and living in the Light.

COLUMBIA FRIENDS MEETING
State of the Meeting Report, 1991-1992

For years, Columbia Friends Meeting has been a haven of mutual nurturing for a small group who went out separately to live Quaker testimony in their fields of work and community involvement. Suddenly this past year, we have seen an unlooked-for but abundant blossoming of that testimony. Like-minded people throughout the city and region have recognized each other in one after another ecumenical gathering over common concerns. The result has been growth for Columbia Friends and a new and vital joining of energies across groups.

After sharing in Columbia's anti-Gulf War effort last spring, Columbia Friends published a 4th of July opinion article in The State newspaper, expressing our dismay at the celebrations of "victory" and the attendant disregard for the lives of foreign peoples. An unexpected result was the gathering in of several new families who had been seeking a community of believers. Several Friends from other meetings around the country also joined us. Meeting has thus grown to include upwards of 30 adults and 10 children.

With a larger First Day School of two age groups, we have had to become more thoughtful about structuring and staffing the education of our children. At the same time, we have the joy of watching them, and of watching our older youth become active Friends. They have done this through care for the youngsters and through searching interviews with long-time adult members.

Because of our hunger to learn and share, we are also devoting more attention to Inquirers' Group, to study of SAYMA's Faith and Practice, and to monthly dinner-and-worship-sharing gatherings in different parts of the city. We are asking each other new questions: about ministering to and elderring each other, about spoken ministry, about traditional Christian teachings and scripture, and so on.

To house our expansion, we are seeking a new meeting house. While we search, we have moved temporarily to the PALM Center (Partnership Among Lutherans and Methodists, a joint campus ministry center), where we will have more First Day School space. (The new location is at 728 Pickens Street, just south of Green.) We are grateful to the Presbyterian Student Center for their years of generous hosting of our meeting.

In the larger community, Friends are active with Carolina Peace Resource Center, especially its "Creative Conflict Management Program," which is proving useful to the city police, the public schools and others. Other involvements include: "Partners in Dialogue," an interfaith effort begun at a conference in February; "Imprisoning the SC Economy," a March conference to advocate for shifting the state's focus from incarceration to early intervention and a "children's budget" as a response to crime; and the on-going Christian Action Council. With two members on Executive Committee of AFSC's South East Regional Office, we expect to see more of that ministry here as well.

Finally, in January Palmetto Friends Gathering had its third annual meeting in Columbia. Over 60 people from meetings in the Carolinas and Georgia shared fellowship and explored the tasks of nurturing new and on-going groups across a region that overlaps several yearly meetings. Along with news from FWCC Honduras Gathering and from Penn Center, and lots of contra-dancing, we celebrated the new monthly meeting status of Horry County Friends Meeting.

This year Columbia Friends Meeting has become something new and renewed: an extended and growing family with a more visible face in its community. We look forward, with faith in God's grace, and wish for you the same blessings.

Crossville Monthly Meeting. State of the Meeting report. for 91- 92.

Statistics for the year, active members and attenders.

Losses during the year	over 18 yrs.	5
	under 18 yrs.	7
New during the year	over 18 yrs.	4
	under 18 yrs.	7
Members/attenders 4/92	over 18 yrs.	23 (see ** below)
	under 18 yrs.	9

(adult members and attenders include 7 distant members and 2 in the who from Cookville Worship group who usually only attend on Business Sunday. Attenders at the Cookville Worship group are reporting to SAYMA separately)

Many members of the Meeting express the need for a growth, deepening and centering of our spiritual lives, to help us cope with the difficult and complex issues which we face almost every day. In the discussion it seems as if one central problem for our small, and for this year at least, rapidly changing group, is that the mechanics of carrying out Meeting "business" often seem to crowd out other really more important considerations. No solution is in sight, but we are sure the only way to solve this problem is by continuing to try to simplify our "organization". This may be a common problem for many meetings, both small and large. For us our most recent disagreements seem to come out of the Meeting's involvement in the Community Friends School. Finding it difficult to reconcile our sometimes widely differing aspirations for the school it has often been easier to gloss them over and hope they will fade away. But now that a crisis has arisen we must have frank and open discussion. We are concentrating on having these in a loving and caring way. If we are successful in this we will certainly all benefit.

Our Easter Weekend Retreat has always been a time of gathering, a time when families come together for play and worship. We are looking forward to this gathering next week. Mary Rhodes, whose death left a great void, will be with us especially as this was one of her favorite occasions. Our Celebration of her life, which was held in the Pleasant Hill Community church, was a time for us as a Meeting to join with her many friends in the community in loving remembrance.

During the first half of the year many of our discussions after Meeting for worship centered around the FWCC booklet of "Studies in preparation for the Fifth World Conference of Friends" giving us an enlightening glimpse of how the different interpretations which Friends in various parts of the world see our Quaker beliefs. A monthly consideration of the articles in the current Friends Journal also have helped us to widen, as well as hopefully deepen, our understanding of our faith.

Our involvement in our larger local community is more of an individual than corporate expression. But this wide diversity can hopefully be one of our strengths, since in sharing we can reach out to the real needs in the public schools for loving and caring adult guidance, the pressing problems of Central America, sharing in local government and civic groups, and many other activities. By sharing our experiences during Meeting breakfasts, potlucks and at other times, we interest and "educate" each other in these fields.

Taking part in the SAYMA's Yearly Meeting has always been a source of inspiration and healing for many of us. The theme of this year could have been chosen with us in mind as it speaks directly to the most pressing need of our Meeting.

STATE OF THE MEETING

Greenville Friends Meeting is currently a Preparative Meeting under the care of the Brevard Monthly Meeting. During the past year there have been numerous visits of Greenville Friends to the Brevard Meeting and of Brevard Friends to the Greenville Meeting. One couple routinely attends both meetings since they meet at different times. The lines of communication between the two meetings are constantly open. One joint picnic was held providing opportunity for informal interaction and community building. Another picnic is planned before SAYMA meets.

The efforts of the Greenville Meeting during the past year have been toward consolidating into an authentic Quaker group which expresses the traditional Quaker principles through the specific individuals who participate. SAYMA's "A Guide to Our Faith and Our Practice" has been our reference and authority as we explored the forms and content of being a Quaker Meeting. The Meeting meets each First Day for silent worship, holds a Meeting for Business on the second First Day of each month (which is followed by a covered dish supper), and provides a First Day School for up to a dozen children. A discussion precedes the Meeting for Worship when Meeting for Business is not on the agenda.

Although this has been an introspective year for the Meeting, efforts have been made to respond to the needs of the wider community. A needy family received our attention at Christmas; requests for assistance coming through the telephone listing or by personal contacts have been attended to. The meeting was able to assist in securing the release of the young son of a New York Quaker from imprisonment on a charge of murder. The selection of a meetingplace in a rundown church in a depressed area has placed us in the heart of needs which we hope to learn to address. We attempt to keep an awareness of unmet needs and seek avenues to respond.

Our topics for discussion during Second Hour included: how we would like to use the time provided by a Second Hour, ideas and statements which carried particular significance to individual members of the group, attempting to understand and implement the peace testimony, clarifying our understanding of our readiness to be a Quaker meeting. Through sharing our ideas, experiences and feelings we have begun to develop a trust in one another leading toward the development of an organic community where each is valued and contributes his/her gifts for the good of the whole.

In evaluating our readiness to become a Monthly Meeting, we spent four weeks considering the spiritual readiness of the Meeting and in addressing the Special Queries For Prospective Monthly Meeting in SAYMA's Guide to Faith and Practice. The group brought the subject of each query into awareness, gave careful consideration to applying the query to our own situation, and found this to be a living meeting. A sense of readiness and clearness was reached, but only a sense that we are ready to begin, not that we have established our identity or arrived at our destination.

The following are quotations from the notes made during the process of considering our readiness to become a Monthly Meeting:

"The meeting is not a static entity but a dynamic one. The group must have direction if it is to have power but the direction must come from within and not be imposed externally.

"Spirituality is considered to be something to which we aspire rather than something we have achieved.

"In our meeting, the discussion during the first hour and the silence following are working together. The first hour was seen as a means of working into the silence. Both the silence and speaking from the silence are cherished aspects of the meeting. We cultivate an openness and willingness to accept in all facets of the meeting's activities. By being willing not to be controlling as the meeting evolves, we are nurturing a living meeting. We recognize that needs which we have for community, are being fulfilled by this group.

"There is a need to provide a full feeling of belonging for each person attending our meeting. We are encouraged to enhance participation in the spiritual life of the meeting. Efforts should be made toward expanding readiness and confidence in contributing to defining that spiritual life. The meeting is filling a big need among members already, by providing a place to seek and search freely.

"To this point we know one another only in the context of the activities of the meeting; we have had little opportunity to discuss with one another our experience with seeking and following spiritual guidance on an individual level. We need opportunities to know and support one another in spiritual activities. The sharing of spiritual autobiographies is a means of entering one another's experience and developing empathy.

"An observation was made concerning Quaker practice of individual Quakers engaging in mission or service outside of the context of the meeting rather than through corporate mission. This circumstance requires encouragement and support from the meeting and sensitivity regarding individuals' commitments.

"Quakerism can be described as "applied religion". The practice of Quakerism places one in conflict with the majority culture. A gentle but firm stand may be taken when Quaker principles are in conflict with practices accepted by most. Although confrontation may become necessary it should be done gently without violence to the dignity of others.

"By sharing our experiences with the worldly organizations with which we must deal, we can help one another to make decisions involving value judgements. It can be lonely working for worldly organizations and feeling called upon to counterbalance the influence of the values of the worldly organization. The meeting is a place where we find others who understand our motives and actions, where we have that sense of belonging and rightness which may be lacking elsewhere, and where we may confess our failures (which are inevitable as we confront the worldly forces)."

The Greenville Meeting notified the Brevard Monthly Meeting of its desire to become a Monthly Meeting and has been informed that the Brevard Meeting is ready to recognize its status as a Monthly Meeting. The Greenville Meeting is grateful to the Brevard Meeting for its oversight and guidance and for the ways in which it represents the ties that bind us together into the larger community of Quakers.

MEMPHIS FRIENDS MEETING

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

April 12, 1992

What a year of change!

It began with the decision of Rhodes College to remodel the building where we met for Meeting for Worship. We were once again moved into tight quarters in another building. When we returned, we found the remodeled space was not only inadequate, but also that we were unwanted tenants.

We began to look for our own space, with a strong leading towards making it a step forward to space that we could really grow in. We were, for the first time, really considering making our Meeting easily visible in the community. In many ways this was the more important issue before the Meeting.

When we began our Meeting in 1987 we had established a precedent of choosing new clerks each year, a position that functioned not only in the traditional manner, but also as a training ground for further initiating members into the manner of Friends. Again we sought to nominate new persons for the position, but in the end found unity in the nomination of a former clerk, Ron McDonald, to serve again.

In November we found new worship space in the First Seventh Day Adventist Church. But it also meant a four-fold increase in rent. Wondering where the funds would come from, we decided to take the risk. To our surprise, donations to the Meeting have increase beyond our expectations, and we continue to have no budgetary problems.

In January we had a "First First Day" celebration in the new space, announcing our new presence in the church news section of the newspaper, and drawing in many visitors.

As we calmed down and settled into this space, we found ourselves led to openly face an issue which we had been ignoring. A Minute on Inclusive Marriage was drafted, and after many revisions, was approved at Meeting for Business on April 12. It reads as follows:

"Applications by couples, whether of the same or opposite gender, to be married under the care of the Meeting shall all be given the same tender, careful consideration.

"In Friends' tradition, marriage takes place in a community of faith. Whether the couple calls their relationship a marriage, or a commitment, we affirm the validity of the covenant.

"We look forward to the day when all couples can enjoy the full recognition and entitlements of marriage."

A few Friends, inspired by the work of Shelby County Interfaith, an organization seeking to change the ethics of community political life, began to organize a mediation project that has the potential to help with resolving conflicts between all citizens of the city.

Many of us continue to be involved in SCI organizing and political activities. One cherished benefit of inclusion in the organization is its racially inclusive membership, a dire need in Memphis.

One Friend created a Junior High youth group that began meeting every other Sunday evening at a United Methodist Church. Participating youth report that they enjoy these gatherings, and the adults involved speak of the deep sense of rightness of this ministry.

Children share in Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes of the hour. We have enjoyed the added noise of four new babies. Their spoken ministry adds new life and many smiles.

First Day School continues to be fun and to involve many adults. We have three groups of children who get along well with one another.

A deep sense of optimism is present in our Meeting. The changes this year have been good for us.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT, 1992
NASHVILLE FRIENDS MEETING

This year's report has been prepared with much appreciated contributions from the Ministry and Counsel and Children's Education Committee reports. We depart from the traditional method of answering the Queries as a means of describing the state of our Meeting and instead choose to address the question, "Where is god leading us?" For we believe it has truly been that of god in each of us and within the Meeting that has led us in dramatic directions.

We have struggled to grow beyond where we seemed to have stabilized for some time. This meant a careful and sometimes painful scrutiny of what we were, what we wanted to be and how our conduct reflects our faith and practice as Friends. We have examined our resources; financial, spiritual and personal and concluded that we are well endowed. Further, we have attempted to determine how we might share our wealth within Meeting, in our local community and world wide.

We began our year by choosing a topic for year long discussion and meditation. After laboring over discomfort with the term, "conflict resolution," we selected "creative response to conflict" as our working topic. From this topic selection we realized that we needed to recognize and draw forth the gifts and resources available to us. We were able to use our own strengths in determining our financial resources and how we believed they should be allocated to reflect individual's and Meeting's faith and practice. One of the simplest but most liberating realizations from this effort was the understanding that sometimes carrying out and supporting ministry requires spending money within the Meeting. In response to this understanding we have enthusiastically supported younger Friends in traveling to Atlanta for a weekend activity and plan to provide topical workshops or scholarship opportunities that will enable those newer to Friends to learn more about our processes and organization on Monthly Meeting, Yearly Meeting and wider Quaker levels.

We have continued to see an increase in regular attenders in response to our ongoing efforts at improving the physical environment. Understanding that the ambiance may induce the return of visitors, we have striven to meet the spiritual seeking shown by new attenders by offering "Quakerism 101." The five week series was steadily attended and enjoyed by the leaders as well as those relatively new to Friends. One result of this effort has been the approval of one request for membership and several others are in various stages of the clearness process. Some of those requests have come from the worship group under our care in Bowling Green, KY. The inter-visitation process has been challenging and rewarding. These efforts were greatly facilitated when Daryl Bergquist convened a workshop on discerning and nurturing spiritual and individual resources.

One of our most valuable assests is our Meeting House. We have been happy to share it as we provided hospitality to the Executive Committee of FWCC when they met here in December. A school group from The Meeting School and one from Wabash Friends Church used our floor space as they traveled through Nashville on their way to work projects south of here.

The Meeting as a whole and individuals within the Meeting have continued to support the efforts of Meeting participants as they sought to be involved in community issues such as the Peace and Justice Center, the meal program at Edgehill Methodist Church and other concerns for the homelss. This support was given in both financial and personal affirmation.

As a means of deepening the level of understanding and participation in the corporate life of our Meeting, Ministry and Counsel has used the new SAYMA Guide to Faith and Practice in its labors to develop descriptions of the function and purpose of each of our "positions" and committees. Our schedule of second hour activities has continued to be an excellant source of intergenerational interaction and community building. We are in the process of establishing Friendly 6 discussion groups as oppurtunities for fellowship and worship beyond our First Day activities.

Our children helped us in the process of becoming better acquainted as they spent ten weeks in the fall interviewing adult members and attenders of the Meeting. Questions they asked included, "What made you decide to attend Meeting?" "What do you do during the silence?" and "How does being a Quaker affect your daily life?" As they shared their findings, we all learned more. This spring, we have again learned as they shared their understandings after discussing the queries for young Friends from SAYMA Guide to Faith and Practice. We have been inspired by our children's reaching out to those in need through their efforts at fund raising. Marathon cookie baking and ornament making provided them with a sense of the community beyond the confines of the Meeting house and raised a significant amount of money. This was contributed to the Godfathers program at the Progressive Baptist Church, which has been a focus of our Social Concerns committee this year. We have been deeply moved by the children's dramatic presentations of the Christmas and Easter stories. New babies continue to delight us and have themselves contributed to worship. We cherish the special adults who have generously given their time and talents to enrich the lives of both young and older Friends. Nevertheless, we continue to struggle to identify our educational and human resources as we provide religious education for our children.

One of the biggest challenges to our contemplation of creative response to conflict came when we were asked by SAYMA's western region Ministry and Nurture committee to consider opening our annual fall retreat to the entire western region. Our conflict arose in our desire to be responsive to both our Meeting's needs and those of SAYMA. We sincerely wanted to be responsive to the efforts of Yearly Meeting at community building within regions, but reached clearness that the time our Meeting spends together during retreat is invaluable, both for family interaction and for the powerful community building which occurs then. As we have always done, we delighted in the presence of Friends from other Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups. With this clearness we suggested to SAYMA that an additional retreat be considered. We also expressed our openness and excitement about the possibilities of increased regional interaction.

Growth of any kind can be difficult, a long and sometimes stressful process. But we believe that the increased attendance at worship and consequent involvement in the corporate work and worship that has occurred in the recent years bodes well for the continued life of Nashville Friends Meeting.

Lawrence Lerner, Co-Clerk
Penelope F. Wright, Co-Clerk

WEST KNOXVILLE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

MARCH 1992

The West Knoxville Meeting continues to grow in the Spirit as well as in numbers. In addition to many new attenders, we added three new members to our roll. Our struggles in the recent past seem to have served to solidify our sense of community, of family, and our willingness to deal with conflict.

We were pleased to be featured in the "Neighbors" section of the Knoxville Journal in July 1991. A reporter met with several members to obtain information on who we are and what we're about. She also attended a meeting for worship at our invitation so that she could experience the Religious Society of Friends in the truest sense.

Our meetings for business now include a worship sharing period of about twenty minutes, which we call "Life of the Meeting," in which various concerns pertaining to our functioning as a meeting are addressed. (See addendum for minutes of Life of the Meeting for several months, taken from Meeting minutes.) Sometimes the worship sharing is followed by a discussion in which solutions to problems are ironed out. Topics covered have included pastoral care, care of our children, care of meeting house and grounds, membership, helping with first-day school and child care, eldering/mentoring, and "Do I feel included in this Meeting, or do I feel like an outsider?" We have found that the opportunity to discuss long-standing concerns in a non-decision-making setting enables Friends to listen to one another, opening possibilities for new understanding and insights.

As a result of discussions in and out of meeting for business, several steps forward have been taken relating to young Friends: more Friends have undertaken first-day school responsibilities, a second-hour intergenerational program brought many adult Friends and young Friends together, young Friends now are now included in the entire meeting for worship on the third Sunday of each month, and young Friends as a group are asked directly at the conclusion of meeting for worship each week if they have questions or anything to share. We are pleased that the number of young attenders is on the rise.

We are making steady progress in developing plans for our burial grounds and establishing administrative procedures. The site, which is on current meeting house property, has been approved, as have proposals relating to funding and responsibilities of the burial grounds committee. The committee has led discussions on concerns relating to the burial grounds and death and dying.

An ad hoc committee on sexuality has been meeting since August. The committee arose out of three basic concerns: (1) a desire to discuss a wide range of topics on sexuality, (2) a need to develop skills in dealing with issues that are difficult to discuss, and (3) a desire to generate discussion of same-gender relationships before a specific request for action by the Meeting is tendered by individuals. The committee is leading adult discussions on topics relating to sexuality on a regular basis.

The women's worship sharing group continues to meet twice a month, once with potluck in the evening and once before meeting for worship.

The Tri-Cities Preparatory Meeting, under our care, continues to grow in its understanding of what being a Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends entails. We have enjoyed both intervisitation with them and watching their progress.

We have traditionally had a close relationship with the Oak Ridge community because many of our members and attenders live and/or work in Oak Ridge. In addition, as Friends, we have felt led to protest in various ways against the building of nuclear weapons. The Department of Energy has proposed to consolidate nuclear weapons manufacturing (called Project 21), and Oak Ridge is among the proposed sites for such a "superplant." Hearings were held in August 1991 in Oak Ridge to receive public testimony on the siting in Oak Ridge. We submitted written testimony as a Meeting and as individuals, and oral testimony was presented on behalf of the Meeting as well. In addition, the Meeting drafted a letter to the editor, which ran in the two Knoxville newspapers and in the Oak Ridger.

An increasing number of groups are finding our meeting house space to be hospitable to their activities. We are happy that others find our space useful and hope that their and our loving intention will join to benefit us all.

Lydia S. Corvill, Clerk

Sixth Month 2nd 1991

Life of the MeetingPastoral Care

How do we know when there are those of us in need of care because of illness or other problems? How do we or should we respond when we are aware of needs? Do we need a formal mechanism or do we each simply need to increase our individual efforts? How can we increase the involvement of all of us with the children of the meeting? How do we get to know each other better so that our community is strengthened? Is this a topic that we need to refer to an ad hoc committee or to a fuller discussion by the whole group?

Friends agreed to have a worship sharing on the topic of pastoral care and the care of our children before potluck on June 16th.

Care of Meeting Property

How do we care for the meetinghouse and grounds when so many of us are so busy and so spread out during the week? What do we as individuals see that needs to be done and to which we are willing to commit our efforts? How do we reconcile our different views on what needs to be done for the meetinghouse and grounds. Do we need to pay to have jobs done or can those of us who see a need ask for others to join in with us in doing the work?

Friends who are willing and able to help with work around the meetinghouse are asked to speak with DOn Newton and Lee Hoefer about what needs to be done.

Seventh Month 7th 1991

Worship sharing on membership: Lydia Corrill introduced this topic by readin a letter from Toby Rogers withdrawing his request for membership in the meeting. He has also requested a committee for healing between himself and the members of his clearness committee for membership. What does membership in the Religious Society of Friends mean? What should it mean? How do we care for the feelings of people in the process of exploring possible membership? How is it different to be a member rather than a regular attender? Is membership primarily a question for the individual and her leanings? Does membership move one further along the spiritual path? By making the choice for membership does it further the spiritual process of those with whom one joins in membership?

What should be the role of the individual in the clearness for membership process? What should be the role of the committee members? How do we avoid hurt and yet foster clearness? How do we trust the process of seeking the truth? How do we allow the process the time it may take?

Minute: There will be a worship sharing on trust and the corporate process of discernment including the topic of how the meeting as a whole relates with committees of the meeting. This worship sharing will take place on July 28th following meeting for worship.

Minute: Ministry and Oversight will work with Toby Rogers and his clearness committee to determine how to proceed with his request for a committee for healing.

Eighth Month 4th 1991

Life of the Meeting - Worship-sharing on the care for our children and care for our parents.

How do we structure the children's programs so that more Friends will be involved? Would a planning meeting involving the whole meeting help more to participate? -Do we need some time for sharing because of the differences parents have in their ideas of how religious education should take place? Should the religious education classes take place during the adult discussion period rather than during meeting for worship so that those who are with the children don't miss meeting for worship?

To what extent do we give the impression that meeting for worship is for adults and not for children? How do we best welcome all participants? How do we encourage and deepen the relationships between children in the meeting and adults who are not their parents? Do we need to provide some different kind of care during the time that is now covered by babysitting? How do we nurture relationships among the children themselves?

It was suggested that the clerk might specifically invite children to share their thoughts in the period immediately following meeting for worship. Friends agreed to try this and parents are asked to discuss this possibility with their children. The suggestion that we move first day school classes to the second hour will be deferred to the September meeting for worship for business. The First Day School Committee will meet before then to discuss some proposals. Friends also agreed to explore other ways for children and adults in the meeting to interact.

Eleventh Month 3rd 1991

Life of the Meeting

Queries: When I think of this meeting, do I have a sense of full belonging, or do I feel to some degree like an outsider? What makes me feel this way? What can I do to make all Friends feel that they belong and are valued?

Worship sharing:

Struggling with and acknowledging our differences can make us feel engaged and joined rather than separated. As we change over time, we can sometimes see our past or future selves in each other. Some of us have considered leaving or have left the meeting when we have discovered or felt differences to be too great. If we feel that we are outside the mainstream of thoughts and opinions in the meeting, how does that affect our ability to serve the meeting in committees or other positions? One's sense of belonging can increase over even just a few months.

We feel that we belong when there is a cohesive center to which to belong. An overall sense of commitment to that center increases an individual's sense of commitment. Meeting for Worship knits us together in a way that other activities do not. Participation in meeting for worship can transcend our differences.

Why does the climate of personal acceptance feel different to us at different times? "We are all members of one body." We need our differences because we can each make different contributions to the whole.

Do we sometimes put ourselves on the outside? Do we feel more a part of things when we instead commit ourselves to the life of the meeting?

Twelfth Month 1st 1991

Life of the Meeting:

To What extent is the vocal ministry (of the Meeting) exercised under the leading of Divine Spirit?
Is discourse in Meeting for Business part of the vocal ministry of Friends? PYM Faith and Practice p. 189.

Worship Sharing:

Messages come in many forms, dictating exactly how they should be may block an individual message. If the Spirit leads, the Meeting will feel and hear the message of the Spirit and not just the vocal offering. Speaking out of silence can be difficult - Is the message received a personal one or for the corporate body? How does one know? It isn't worship sharing but comes through you directed by the Spirit. Business meeting is where we interact and work on the secular business of meeting. By listening to the Spirit in the business and giving thoughtful consideration to it a creative spark leads us to a true "sense of the Meeting" not a consensus of like minds. It allows us to avoid hasty decisions. By listening to the Spirit as it is shared, an individual will "know" when it appropriate to step aside on an issue and when to stand firm. The actions of Meeting that lead to a "Minute" can be known through the Spirit. ust

First Month 5th 1992

Life of the Meeting Worship Sharing on Eldering

The clerk receives more eldering now than she did before becoming clerk and it is very helpful to her. We need to be able to express our concerns to each other. Ideally, Friends will guide one another in humility, while being willing to see the other person's point of view. Without this mechanism of passing on our experience we would lose a great deal. Two views of eldering were expressed: eldering as informal expressing of concerns and eldering as an official communication between an individual and a committee appointed by the meeting or a committee of the meeting such as ministry and oversight. Historically, eldering originated when members of a meeting at large were appointed to meet with groups of recorded ministers in their separate meetings.

Eldering can simply come out of one individual's concern for another individual. Eldering may also be in the form of instruction for those who are less familiar with Friend's practices. Friends acknowledged that eldering may be helpful but that it is also extremely difficult to do. It may also be possible to elder without criticizing. Eldering can be something other than "official fussing" at someone.

In the past Friends were elderd over things like divorces or letting apple juice become cider. The view of elders as police may be one reason that eldering seemed to fall out of practice. Eldering can be seen as cultural transmission - a way to enforce rules without admitting you have them.

Life of the Meeting worship sharing: The Meeting for Business

The meeting for business for worship is not something that some look forward to. Maybe we need to emphasize the worship aspect of it more. Some try to avoid it because it is interminable. John Woolman begged Friends at a yearly meeting session to be brief and to speak moderately and only when called by the Spirit to do so. There is a tension between running a tight ship and getting through the agenda quickly versus encouraging everyone to speak including women, younger members, and newer attenders. This is not an easy way to make decisions; Roberts Rules of Order is easier. However, meeting can become an anchor, a point of reference, a defining element of who one is.

Meeting for business is extremely important to all of us in terms of our growth. Meeting for worship allows for more internal growth while meeting for business teaches us how to work together. The skills that it takes to work together are not easy. We need to separate what's important from what is not important. Is my difference of opinion important? These are skills we need at work, in the family, and in the community and we can learn them in the meeting for business.

Others look forward to meeting for business. It can be a real foundation for the community and a real outgrowth of the meeting for worship. In many ways it is the essence of Quakerism. Meeting for business can be a good way of learning more about people in the meeting. If a meeting for business is missed, some are curious about how to read between the lines of the minutes. Some feel a spiritual loss when they cannot attend.

Some feel judgmental when only a few individuals are left at the end of a meeting for business or when someone comes only for their agenda item and then leaves. We need to honor all concerns and look for their spiritual bases.

It may help if people raise their hands when they wish to speak and also recognize that all won't be called upon by the clerk to speak. Everyone does not need to speak on every issue. There are also other ways to hold a meeting for business than ours: around a table while eating lunch, before meeting for worship when there will be a given stopping time, after a potluck, or in the evening. The whole range of human emotions occurs during meeting for business and that makes it both easy and hard.

WILKES COUNTY FRIENDS--1992 STATE OF "MEETING"

ONE OF OUR LONG TERM(15 YR) ATTENDERS DIED DURING THE YEAR-HIS PRESENCE, SUPPORT, AND PARTICIPATION IN MEETING WAS A GREAT HELP TO ALL OF US--HE WILL BE MISSED.

WE CONTINUE TO MEET EACH FIRST DAY AT 4 PM AT THE NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WITH ABOUT ONE HOUR OF DISCUSSION AND WORSHIP--ONCE A MONTH WE HAVE POT LUCK AND BUSINESS MEETING AT ONE OF THE HOMES. WE MAINTAIN A FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR THE TWO CHILDREN ATTENDING, SHARING THE RESPONSIBILITIES WITH BIBLE STORIES AND STORIES OF THE EARLY QUAKERS.

WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO INCREASE OUR CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF MEETING AND HAVE HAD REPRESENTATION AT PFF SPRING RETREAT AND MINISTRY AND NURTURE WORKSHOP, NEW GARDEN MEETING, AND THE COLUMBIA (MO) MEETING. WE HOPE TO DO MORE THIS YEAR.

A REPORTER FROM THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER VISITED OUR MEETING AND WROTE A FEATURE ARTICLE ON OUR BELIEFS, PRACTICES, AND HISTORY. HE ALSO PRESENTED A GOOD SUMMARY OF THE QUAKER PRESENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA. SEVERAL CALLS AND ONE NEW ATTENDER HAVE RESULTED SO FAR. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR PARTICIPATION IN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, CAROLINA INTERFAITH TASK FORCE ON CENTRAL AMERICA, AND OTHER LOCAL GROUPS THAT SHARE OUR CONCERNS FOR PEACE, EQUALITY, AND JUSTICE.

DISCUSSION TIME THIS YEAR HAS BEEN DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO SOCIAL CONCERNS ALTHOUGH WE HAVE COVERED MOST OF THE QUERIES AND STUDIED THE LIVES OF GEORGE FOX AND JOHN WOOLMAN.

SIX OF OUR EIGHT REGULAR ATTENDERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE AMES, IOWA MONTHLY MEETING (IOWA YEARLY MEETING, CONSERVATIVE) AND WE CONTINUE TO SEEK LOCAL AFFILIATION THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR OUR SMALL GROUP.

SAYMA Yearly Meeting
(Proposed) Minute on Patriarchy

Patriarchy is an ancient system of institutionalized oppression based upon sexual distinctions, which deeply affects attitudes about ourselves, each other and the rest of creation. Patriarchy is based on the presumption that men and men's values are more important and that women and women's values are less important.

As Friends, we reaffirm the equal worth of every person. We believe that the Spirit includes and transcends both female and male attributes.

Friends are encouraged to become ever more conscious about how patriarchy continues to affect their lives and the world. Friends are further encouraged to practice behaviors in their daily lives that will lead us out of this patriarchal system.

We will work and pray in our homes, our monthly meetings, and our communities to arrive at a new day when patriarchal oppression has been replaced by justice and equality for all humanity.



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American Friends Service Committee-SouthEastern Regional Office (AFSC-SERO) 1991-1992 Report to SAYMA

The last year has been one of major changes within AFSC-SERO staff and programs.

Elizabeth Enloe, our long-time and well loved executive secretary moved to New York City to assume the Executive Secretary position in the New York AFSC office. The search committee has had a hard time finding someone to fill Elizabeth's shoes, so we welcome Tom Ambrogi as our Interim Executive Secretary. He will be with us from 4 to 6 months. He has had experience with AFSC as Interim Executive Secretary for the Pacific Mountain Region (San Francisco) while they searched for a new Executive Secretary for their region.

Moriba Karamoko, Assistant Executive Secretary has left AFSC-SERO to pursue his own consulting business. His contributions during his two year stay made a major impact on the region. He continues his Anti-Death Penalty work as well as his work with young people.

AFSC's declining revenues resulted in the laying down of 3 program which will be missed:
Tampa Bay's Peace Education Program; staffed by Bob Brister for over a decade.
Southern Regional Disarmament Program, staffed by Fulani Sunni-Ali.
Miami Peace Education, which was not staffed at the time it was layed down.

The National Office is saying goodbye to Asia Bennet as Executive Secretary as she moves over to become Executive Director of the FWCC. Philadelphia staff and all of AFSC's regions look forward to working with their new "Boss", Kara Newell. She arrives at the helm at a time of great change in the world. Please join with me in wishing all God-Speed on their journeys towards a world full of peace with justice.

AFSC-SERO has expanded the scope of the Material Aids Program, to allow them to add an educational component to the highly successful collection and distribution of "Material Aids". Martha McDonanid will continue in her present position as we search for someone to assist in getting the word out about why we need to send our "stuff" to poor folks overseas and at home.

The North Carolina Peace and Justice Center in Greensboro, North Carolina is now focusing on Racial Justice. Terry Ausin will be leading a workshop at Friends General Conference entitled "Friends Facing Racism". Monthly Meetings are invited to contact the Greensboro office (919-275-8414) 1202-A Grove Street, Greensboro, NC 27403 to explore ways for their Meetings to benefit from Terry's expertise.

The Undocumented Workers Program in Miami continues to assist people who are harrassed and peseouted by our government's Immigration and Naturalization Service. As long as our society continues to treat any class of persons as "non-persons" Freinds need to be there to remind all that there is that of the Spirit in EVERYONE! Visit the office in Miami, (305-665-0022; 1205 Sunset Drive, South Miami, FL 33143; next to the Miami Meetinghouse) to see how love and hard work are helping to create the "peaceable world".

The Southern Africa Peace Education Program is seeing many changes in South Afrcia. Tandi Gcabashe spent 3 months in her homeland to see first hand what was happening - behind the headlines. She cautions against premature celebrations over the death of Apartheid (Appartness). As we all see from the Rodney King trial and violent aftermath, bringing people together requires more than passing laws.

The Middle East Program's director, Marina Riadi, also traveled overseas. She went to the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Isreal for 6 weeks and came back with reports of worsening economic conditions (45% unemployment in some areas) and a sense of despair and anger in the hearts of many Arabs. There were many Jewish groups working for peace that she was able to meet with. She has prepared an extensive report on her trip which can be obtained by contacting her at the Atlanta Office: (404-586-0460) 92 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta GA 30303.

We are preparing to celebrate the AFSC's 75th Anniversary with a look at how the use of non-violent action helped to make changes in the areas of civil rights, farmworkers rights, immigration and sanctuary, homophobia, and domestic violence. We will also be looking forward to how we can use non-violence creatively to challenge injustices now and in the future. A Non-Violence Symposium will be held in Atlanta in October.

I welcome questions from all in SAYMA. It has been a privilege to be a part of AFSC-SERO and to represent our yearly meeting.

Free Polazzo
AFSC-SERO representative from SAYMA

Report for Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association

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Quaker House is a non-profit, non-violent testimony to the communities of Fayetteville, Ft. Bragg, and the surrounding area. It is home to the Fayetteville Friends Meeting and Military Counseling Program. As director of Quaker House, my main role is that of military and counter-recruitment counselor. I provide information and referrals to those in the military seeking discharge for reasons such as conscientious objection, medical problems, etc. I also provide pre-enlistment counseling for those considering enlistment and draft information for those concerned about registering for selective service.

I have come to Quaker House out of a desire to continue my personal growth and contribute to something larger than myself. In October of 1990 I became a war resister as a result of my feelings of conscientious objection. My call to "be all that I can be" did not occur in the way the military expected, but rather manifested itself in a moral challenge. After publicly refusing my orders to activation to Saudi Arabia, I was arrested, confined, and subsequently discharged with an "other than honorable discharge." I had never "stood up" for myself or my beliefs in such a way before and the consequences of changes to come were none I had expected.

My "transformation" led me to an exceptional opportunity as an intern at the National Youth and Militarism Program of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I began work at A.F.S.C. the day the bombing began in Iraq and remained for one year. On March 1, I succeeded Greg Sommers as Director of Quaker House.

It has been an eventful first two months here as I familiarize myself with members of the Quaker community and visit various meetings. I have also been to visit a high school and local college to provide counter-recruitment materials to those most likely to enlist. I have done significant outreach in the gay and lesbian community to reach gay/lesbian/bisexual g.i.'s who are subject to harassment and "witch hunts" in the military. The military personnel who call Quaker House for help cover a wide spectrum of race and ethnic lines, economic and class levels and of both sexes. I have had calls on sexual harassment, A.W.O.L., and conscientious objection.

One of my goals while at Quaker House is expanding the concept of the "typical" service member who needs Quaker House help. It is not just the conscientious objector, or concerned young man who is subject to registration for selective service, but young people from all backgrounds that aren't getting enough

information to make intelligent, effective choices about their futures. The likelihood of a young man actually enlisting in the military is more probable than his being conscripted. In these economically trying times, the military spends \$2.3 billion annually on advertising which is primarily aimed at students. Consequently, students are the ideal new recruits that the military spends its money on with promises of funds for education. After young people enlist, the reality of military service often comes too late. I myself am an example of one whose feelings crystallized on the brink of war.

I want to encourage the many concerned draft counselors in the area to refocus on becoming counter-recruitment counselors. I like to compare it to preventive medicine. The more counter-recruitment information that is put out the less military counseling will be needed.

In the lessons of the Gulf War, the military counseling system was not prepared for the high-tech, massive destruction that could occur within 100 hours making traditional warfare concepts obsolete. While most of us were preparing for another Vietnam, a protracted war with an ensuing draft, we were outfoxed by this new brand of warfare. The draft as we knew it is obsolete in practical terms and in the age of the "all-volunteer force." (Which typically finds its economic conscripts in American high schools.) The focus now is to reach those who are most susceptible to militarism and to support those military members whose beliefs and feelings are all too late realized on the brink of the new "Nintendo war".

I would like to encourage Friends in SAYMA and throughout the Southern U.S. to retrain and refocus your draft counselor skills into counter-recruitment. I look to the Society of Friends as continuing in the tradition of non-violent peace testimony to youth in civilian society and in the military.

Sincerely,

Stephanie R. Atkinson
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SAYMA's Ministry & Nurture Committee has held three meetings during the past year attended by the 13 appointed representatives & other Friends from the 16 monthly and preparative meetings, & a few from worship groups. There are currently 30 active meetings & worship groups in total.

On each occasion time was spent sharing news from meetings, new ideas & activities, questions, sometimes problems, & in general gaining support from each other for responding to needs in the meetings. Membership information has been made available, including process for worship groups to grow towards preparative, then monthly meeting status, and support for small meetings, worship groups, and isolated Friends considered.

Three workshops have been sponsored by the Ministry & Nurture Committee - One on "Nurturing Radical Faith in the Meeting Community" at the Fall Representative Mtg. - very well-attended by 20 Friends, one on "Eldering with difficult people & in conflictual situations" at the winter Rep. Mtg. The 3rd is being done at this yearly mtg. on "Intervisitation among Friends" led by Daryl Bergquist & Connie LaMonte. These have all been well-received and helpful as we try to better equip ourselves for filling the gap as Daryl finishes his very supportive work as FGC field rep. throughout SAYMA.

Early last year a brainstorm list of ideas for nurturing meetings & regions, and a survey of skills & needs in meetings were compiled and distributed widely; 1 clearness was arranged for a Friend estranged from his meeting.; redesignation of meetings within the western & southern ministry & nurture regions was worked out.

Regional gatherings are still happening though not as frequently. The annual one-day southern region gathering was held in Atlanta Meeting's new mtghouse. Nashville mtg.'s retreat was opened to western region Friends, and there was a very successful Palmetto Gathering near Augusta, GA, for far-eastern & coastal Friends attended by some SAYMA Friends.

We have been particularly happy to note the growth of new meetings and worship groups - the Greenville, SC group grew very rapidly to preparative mtg. status, Boone Preparative Mtg., NC, Horry Co. Monthly Mtg., though not a SAYMA affiliate encouraged by SAYMA Friends, the South Central Kentucky worship Group in Bowling Green, KY, and most recently, a worship group at the Univ. of TN in Knoxville. *the Royal, AL Worship Group*

In closing we again urge all groups to appoint a regular representative to SAYMA's Ministry & Nurture Committee.

May 1992

Co-Clerks,

Kathy Johnson
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SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN YEARLY MEETING AND ASSOCIATION
Representative Meeting #72
5-7-92

Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tennessee

After a brief silence, an announcement was made that Dennis Gregg of Crossville Meeting is interested in coordinating a SAYMA men's retreat, possibly during this summer. Men who would be interested in attending or assisting with such an event should contact Dennis at Rt. 8, Box 31, Crossville, Tennessee 38555, Tel. 615-484-9037.

Minute #1 Friends approved that we return to Hiwassee College, Madisonville, TN, on May 20-23, 1993.

Columbia Meeting presented a proposal for the yearly meeting to consider that our gathering be held in a summer month. This will be held for later consideration since we have to reserve the space so far in advance for the upcoming gathering. (See attached notes.)

Clerk, Peggy Bonnington will copy Marty Walton's talk to send one copy to each meeting.

Lisa Raymer agreed to convene the SAYMA handbook committee which is working on descriptions of the duties of committees and officers of SAYMA.

Minute #2 Friends wish to express their gratitude to the staff of both adult and junior meeting. In making arrangements for and planning our gathering, many hours are dedicated in hard work from which we all benefit.

Meeting closed with silence to meet again on September 26 in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Peggy Bonnington

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Proposed Change of SAYMA Gathering Date to Summer (June, July or August)

Presented by Columbia Monthly Meeting

Con's

FGC Gathering conflict

Teenage job conflicts (How many age 16+ teenagers attend in early May?)

Hotter

Travel conflicts

Possible increased competition for sites

Pro's

Freeing up of schoolaged children and most teachers

Possible increase of attenders from mountain summerers

Better swimming weather

No snow!

Possible incorporation of Gathering into travel plans

Possible larger # of Friends attending 3-4 days, instead of 2-3.

This request is presented as a proposal to experiment for one year.

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