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Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting
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Warren Wilson College
Swannanoa, N.C.

26th Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association

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WARREN WILSON COLLEGE, SWANNANOVA, NC
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Adelman, Richard	500 Mattie-Marion Rd., Waynesville, NC	28786	704/926-9987	Asheville
Adelman, Elizabeth	500 Mattie-Marion Rd., Wanyesville, NC	28786	704/926-9987	Asheville
Ahrens, Chris	31 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC	28711	704/669-6413	Black Mountain WG
Ahrens, Olga	31 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC	28711	704/669-6413	Black Mountain WG
Anderson, Bradley	2906 Burney Dr., Cola, SC	29205	803/252-8900	Columbia
Anderson, Seth* (10)	2906 Burney Dr., Cola, SC	29205	803/252-8900	Columbia
Anderson, Beth	2906 Burney Dr., Cola, SC	29205	803/252-8900	Columbia
Anderson, Carl* (8)	2906 Burney Dr., Cola, SC	29205	803/252-8900	Columbia
Baker, Alice* (14)	1390 Goerins Bridge Rd., Awendaw, SC	29429	803/849-8435	
Baker, Rob* (16)	1390 Goerins Bridge Rd., Awendaw, SC	29429	803/849-8435	
Barns, Bob	11044 Weeping Willow Way, Nevada City, CA	95959	916/273-2664	Grass Valley, Pacific YM
Barrus, Bob	1602 Hannah Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5995	Celo
Barrus, Dot	1602 Hannah Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5995	Celo
Barrus, Ronnie	1602 Hannah Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5995	Celo
Bartlett, Douglas E.	WWC-5195, P.O. Box 9000, Asheville, NC	28815	704/298-0496	Asheville
Baxter, Mary Ludwig	6412 Lake Meadows, Hixson, TN	37343	423/842-1373	Chattanooga
Berg, Chris	49 Arbotos Trail, Greenville, SC	29607	864/235-7304	Greenville
Bergquist, Daryl	442 Red Maple Rd., Blountsville, AL	35031	205/429-3088	Royal WG
Beziat, Pam	2131 Bernard Ave., Nashville, TN	37212	615/292-4079	Nashville
Blais, Greg	99 Rose Hill Rd., Asheville, NC	28803	704/299-8889	Asheville
Boggs, Clay* (13)	114 Elm St., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-9188	Berea
Boling, William* (3)	173 Flora Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/658-1531	Atlanta
Bonnington, Stuart	1451 Zinc Plant Rd., Clarksville, TN	37040	615/647-9284	Nashville
Bonnington, Peggy	1451 Zinc Plant Rd., Clarksville, TN	37040	615/647-9284	Nashville
Boyd, Zora	1757 Haymeadow Rd., Hays, NC	28635	910/696-2872	Celo
Boyd, Bill	1757 Haymeadow Rd., Hays, NC	28635	910/696-2872	Celo
Buck, Peter	309 Portman Villa Rd., Black Mountain, NC	28711	704/254-9123	Asheville
Bunch, Diane	5813 Hilloek, Knoxville, TN	37918	423/689-4288	W. Knoxville
Burke, Kathleen	5140 T E. Ponce de Leon Ave. Stone Mountain, GA 30083		404/296-9841	Atlanta
Burnum, Randy* (3)	P.O. Box 5332, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/377-5962	Atlanta
Burnum, Trip* (5)	P.O. Box 5332, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/377-5962	Atlanta
Bush, Phillip	11711 Laureal Grove Lane, Charlotte, NC	28226	704/541-1808	
Calhoun, Mary	165 Jackson St., Abingdon, VA	24210	540/628-5852	Tri-Cities
Cardwell, Alex*	Rt. 2, Willow Cove Rd., Leicester, NC	28748	704/683-1809	Asheville
Carpentier, John	1220 Conway Rd., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-1425	Atlanta

Carter, Bennett	1568 Upland Rd., Huntington, WV	25701	304/697-4508	Charleston
Carter, Leslie	1568 Upland Rd., Huntington, WV	25701	304/697-4508	Charleston
Ciscel, David H.	1950 Nelson Ave., Memphis, TN	38104	901/272-9229	Memphis
Ciscel, David	1950 Nelson Ave., Memphis, TN	38104	901/272-9229	Memphis
Clark, Nancy	Rt. 5 Box 341C, Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5923	Homewood-Baltimore Clayton
Clark, Herb	Rt. 5 Box 341C, Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5923	Homewood-Baltimore
Clayton, Ellie	160 Jocassee lake Rd., Salem, SC	29676	864/944-0660	Brevard
Clayton, Larry	160 Jocassee Lake Rd., Salem, SC	29676	864/944-0660	Brevard
Cline, R. Charlotte	116 Rogers St., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-0388	Berea
Coker, Jessica* (15)	2310 Roland St., Charlotte, NC	28205	704/342-2656	Charlotte
Coleman, Diane	2511 Fairfax Ave., Nashville, TN	37212	615/269-5559	Nashville
Collins, David	504 Carl Dr., Chapel Hill, NC	27516	919/967-1402	Chapel Hill
Cooney, Ellen	121 Bucher Dr., Decatur, GA	30030	404/371-1108	Atlanta
Cox, Robert M. (Bob)	615 Laurel Lake Dr., Apt. A-320, Columbus, NC	28722	704/894-5322	Brevard
Cox, Eleanor M. (Ellie)	615 Laurel Lake Dr., Apt. A-320, Columbus, NC	28722	704/894-5322	Brevard
Dean-Carpentier, Matthias* (7)	1220 Conway Rd., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-1425	Atlanta
Dempsey, Sam	105 Second St., Black Mountain, NC	28711	704/669-9198	Asheville
Dowd, Ruth	2617 Briers North Dr., Dunwoody, GA	30360	770/986-9536	Atlanta
Downey, Mary Ann	860 Berkshire Rd., Atlanta, GA	30324	404/892-2358	Atlanta
Duffield, Ann	63 Deer Run, Hendersonville, NC	28739	704/692-4336	Brevard
Duffield, Bob	63 Deer Run, Hendersonville, NC	28739	704/692-4336	Brevard
Edenfield, Lindsay* (4)	411C S. Candler St., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-5801	Atlanta
Edenfield, Paul	411C S. Candler St., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-5801	Atlanta
Edenfield, Tim* (7)	411C S. Candler St., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-5801	Atlanta
Edenfield, Jay* (9)	411C S. Candler St., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-5801	Atlanta
Edgemeyer, Lucy* (9)	432 Shady Lane, Wilkesboro, NC	28697	910/667-4354	Boone
Edgemeyer, Marion* (11)	432 Shady Lane, Wilkesboro, NC	28697	910/667-4354	Boone
Edgerton, Ted	432 Shady Lane, Wilkesboro, NC	28697	910/667-4354	Boone
Edleman, Dee	105 Second St., Black Mountain, NC	28711	704/669-9198	Asheville
Elliott, David	Rt. 2, Box 856, Unicoi, TN	37692	423/743-2251	Tri-Cities
Elliott, Joan	Rt. 2, Box 856, Unicoi, TN	37692	423/743-2251	Tri-Cities
Endry, Paul	99 Rose Hill Rd., Asheville, NC	28803	704/299-8889	Asheville
Ensign, Beth	173 Flora Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/658-1531	Atlanta
Estes, Kristi	1793 Forrest Ave., Memphis, TN	38112	901/274-0833	Memphis
Esther, Barbara	255 Willow Cove Rd., Leicester, NC	28748	704/683-2764	Asheville
Evans, Eowyn* (15)	5702 Loyal Ave., Durham, NC	27713	919/544-8096	Durham
Ewen, Priscilla* (15)	2198 Street De Ville, Atlanta, GA	30345	404/636-3086	Atlanta
Ewen, Julia	2198 Street De Ville, Atlanta, GA	30345	404/636-3086	Atlanta
Farr, Katy	556 A Cresthill Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA	30306	404/892-9384	Atlanta
Flege, Jim	1828 Cedarwood Rd., Vestavia Hills, AL	35216	205/934-3644	Birmingham
Foster, Drew	709 Harding Pl., Nashville, TN	37211	615/832-0989	Nashville
Fourspring, Pat	P.O. Box 19432, Asheville, NC	28815	704/298-9844	Brevard

Fradenburgh, Shari	1033 Pine Grove Dr., Alpharetta, GA	30201	770/667-1732	Atlanta
Fuson, Nelson	1803 Morena St., Nashville, TN	37208	615/329-0832	Nashville
Fuson, Marian	1803 Morena St., Nashville, TN	37208	615/329-0832	Nashville
Gaines, Susan	1519 Wayne Drive, Nashville, TN	37206	615/227-2099	Nashville
Geary, John	171 Edgewood Dr., Boone, NC	28607	704/264-5812	Boone
Gerbitz, Leslie	1117B Liberty St., Chattanooga, TN	37405	423/265-8445	Chattanooga
Gold, Karen	769 Delmar Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA	30312	404/622-3328	Atlanta
Gold-Hopton, Daniel* (6)	769 Delmar Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA	30312	404/622-3328	Atlanta
Gold-Hopton, Joseph* (3)	769 Delmar Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA	30312	404/622-3328	Atlanta
Gold-Hopton, Jeremiah	769 Delmar Ave., SE, Atlanta, GA	30312	404/622-3328	Atlanta
Goldthwait, Jane	344 White Oak Creek Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5620	Celo
Gregg, Dennis	206 Lonas Dr., Maryville, TN	37803	423/681-6152	Crossville
Gregg, Elizabeth* (16)	206 Lonas Dr., Maryville, TN	37803	423/681-6152	Crossville
Gregg, Forest* (14)	206 Lonas Dr., Maryville, TN	37803	423/681-6152	Crossville
Haddad, Emily Millay* (15)				
Hearne, Lydia* (13)	255 Willow Cove Rd., Leicester, NC	28748	704/683-2764	Asheville
Hearne, Ellen	Rt. 2, Willow Cove Rd., Leicester, NC	28748	704/683-1809	Asheville
Hearne, Abby* (10)	255 Willow Cove Rd., Leicester, NC	28748	704/683-2764	Asheville
Hearne, Ariel*	Rt. 2, Willow Cove Rd., Leicester, NC	28748	704/683-1809	Asheville
Hearne, Benjamin* (13)	255 Willow Cove Rd., Leicester, NC	28748	704/683-2764	Asheville
Helfmeyer, Devon* (11)	Rte. 1 Box 182, Arnoldsville, GA	30619	706/742-8873	Athens
Helfmeyer, Malia* (14)	Rte. 1 Box 182, Arnoldsville, GA	30619	706/742-8873	Athens
Hennessey, Eleanor* (17)	219 Claremont St., Fayetteville, NC	28305	910/485-8692	Fayetteville
Hensley, David* (11)	1343 Shore Road, Gilbert, SC	29054	803/892-6389	Columbia
Hensley, Toni	1343 Shore Road, Gilbert, SC	29054	803/892-6389	Columbia
Herr, Roger	1809 Brockett Rd., Tucker, GA	30084	770/938-1908	Atlanta
Herr, Collin* (11)	1809 Brockett Rd., Tucker, GA	30084	770/938-1908	Atlanta
Herr, Tully* (8)	1809 Brockett Rd., Tucker, GA	30084	770/938-1908	Atlanta
Herr, Zora	1809 Brockett Rd., Tucker, GA	30084	770/938-1908	Atlanta
Hess, Errol	245 McDowell St., Bristol, TN	37620	423/764-1625	Tri-Cities
Hoefler, Lee	12018 Couch Mill Rd., Knoxville, TN	37932	423/693-1529	W. Knoxville
Holland, Bill	860 Berkshire Rd., Atlanta, GA	30324	404/892-2358	Atlanta
Hooson, Sven	1455 Ridgeway Rd., Covington, GA	30209	770/786-8096	Atlanta
Horne, Mary Ann	121 Heatherdown Rd., Decatur, GA	30030	404/377-9633	Atlanta
Houghton, Richard	1070 McGregor Lane, Cookeville, TN	38501	615/528-7287	Cookeville
Huggins, Martha	Rt. 1, Box 302 A, Hendersonville, NC	28792	704/685-8105	Asheville
Huggins, Charlie* (15)	Rt. 1, Box 302 A, Hendersonville, NC	28792	704/685-8105	Asheville
Huggins, Rachel* (4)	Rt. 1, Box 302 A, Hendersonville, NC	28792	704/685-8105	Asheville
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Ingle, Larry	1106 Collins Circle, Chattanooga, TN	37411	423/629-5914	Chattanooga
Ingle, Becky	1106 Collins Circle, Chattanooga, TN	37411	423/629-5914	Chattanooga
Ivie, Fiona* (15)	113 Cooper Circle, Oak Ridge, TN	37830	423/482-8077	W. Knoxville

Ivie, Missy	113 Cooper Circle, Oak Ridge, TN	37830	423/482-8077	W. Knoxville
Johnson, Joyce	99 Hannah Branch Rd. Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-4555	Celo
Johnson, Kathy	1425 Miller Ave. NE Atlanta, GA	30307	404/577-1498	Atlanta
Kedl, Mary	123 Indian Lane, Oak Ridge, TN	37830	423/482-1555	W. Knoxville
Kehres, Dave	P.O. Box 2256, Decatur, GA	30031	404/982-9634	Atlanta
Keiter, Robert	181 E. Highland Rd., Johnson City, TN	37601	423/928-7951	Tri-Cities
Keiter, Beth	181 E. Highland Rd., Johnson City, TN	37601	423/928-7951	Tri-Cities
Kilpatrick, Rita	215 Hurt St., NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/525-7874	Atlanta
King, Frances	600 Carolina Village Rd. #262, Hendersonville, NC			Brevard
Lamm, Tim	902 Slate Lick Rd., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-9256	Berea
Lamm, Carol	902 Slate Lick Rd., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-9256	Berea
Lamm, Rooney* (11)	902 Slate Lick Rd., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-9256	Berea
Lamme, Rob	223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC	28301	910/323-3912	Fayetteville
Lee-Riffe, Nancy M.	406 Jackson St., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-2088	Berea
Lewis, John	417 Center St., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-1968	Berea
Liggett, Samuel Estes	1793 Forrest Ave., Memphis, TN	38112	901/274-0833	Memphis
Liggett, Marjean	1793 Forrest Ave., Memphis, TN	38112	901/274-0833	Memphis
Luersseu, Cherrlum	1831 Pendleton St., Columbia, SC	29201	803/771-9023	Columbia
Lyon,	11 Lady Slipper, Weaverville, NC	28787	704/645-9209	Weaverville
Martin, Frederick	1901 Hannah Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5855	Celo
Marvin, Robert	919 N. Idlewild, Memphis, TN	38107	904/272-9850	Memphis
Marvin, Anna Lou	919 N. Idlewild, Memphis, TN	38107	904/272-9850	Memphis
Master, Karen* (17)	25 Sharon Br., Fairview, NC	28730		
Mavournin, Kathleen	344 Seven Oaks Dr., Knoxville, TN	37922	423/691-9506	W. Knoxville
Maynard, Rusty	12 Lookout E., Asheville, NC	28805		Asheville
McDonald, Jesse* (11)	919 N. Idlewild, Memphis, TN	38107	901/272-9850	Memphis
McDonald, Jonah* (17)	919 N. Idlewild, Memphis, TN	38107	901/272-9850	Memphis
McDonald, Ron	919 N. Idlewild, Memphis, TN	38107	901/272-9850	Memphis
McGuigan, Eva	3615 Jones Ferry Lane, Alpharetta, GA	30202	770/442-5775	Atlanta
McGuigan, Tom	3615 Jones Ferry Lane, Alpharetta, GA	30202	770/442-5775	Atlanta
McGuigan, Maura* (16)	3615 Jones Ferry Lane, Alpharetta, GA	30202	770/442-5775	Atlanta
Meyer, Judy	Rte. 1 Box 182, Arnoldsville, GA	30619	706/742-8873	Athens
Meyer, Melissa	432 Shady Lane, Wilkesboro, NC	28697	910/667-4354	Boone
Miller-White, Ruth	204 Long Branch Rd., Swannanoa, NC	28778	704/299-3360	Asheville/ Blk. Mtn.
Miller-White, Brett	204 Long Branch Rd., Swannanoa, NC	28778	704/299-3360	Asheville/ Blk. Mtn.
Minshall, Janet	354 Arizona Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/377-6381	Atlanta
Mitchell, Lauren* (14)	1151 Olivette Rd., Asheville, NC	28804	704/258-9794	Asheville
Mitchell, Aaron* (13)	37 Keasler Rd., Asheville, NC	28805	704/298-6525	Asheville
Mixson, Joanna* (16)	1343 Shore Road, Gilbert, SC	29054	803/892-6389	Columbia
Mock, Jesse	48 Skyland Dr., Pisgah Forest, NC	28768	704/884-7000	Brevard
Mock, Dorothy	48 Skyland Dr., Pisgah Forest, NC	28768	704/884-7000	Brevard
Morris, Anne* (15)	343 Adams St., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-0595	Atlanta

Morris, Karen	343 Adams St., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-0595	Atlanta
Morris, Caroline	1330 Faraday Place, Decatur, GA	30033	404/633-4054	Atlanta
Morris, Wesley* (13)	1330 Faraday Place, Decatur, GA	30033	404/633-4054	Atlanta
Mykel, Sallie	1220 Conway Rd., Decatur, GA	30030	404/378-1425	Atlanta
Neal, J. Philip (Phil)	38 Willowbrook Rd., Asheville, NC	28805	704/298-0944	Asheville
Neale, Elizabeth S. (Betty)	54 1/2 Franklin St., Brevard, NC	28712	704/884-6861	Brevard
Owczarek, Sarah* (13)	556 A Cresthill Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA	30306	404/892-9384	Atlanta
Parke, Kathryn	39 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC	28711	704/669-5914	Asheville
Passino, Anne* (15)	2512 Westwood Ave., Asheville, NC	37212	615/292-3712	Nashville
Passino, Ben* (5)	2512 Westwood Ave., Asheville, NC	37212	615/292-3712	Nashville
Passino, Enily	2512 Westwood Ave., Asheville, NC	37212	615/292-3712	Nashville
Patrick, Edie	709 Judith Drive, Johnson City, TN	37604	423/283-4392	Tri-Cities
Pearson, Bruce	6248 Yorkshire Dr., Columbia, SC	29209	803/776-7471	Columbia
Pearson, Julia	6248 Yorkshire Dr., Columbia, SC	29209	803/776-7471	Columbia
Penn, Susan	919 N. Idlewild, Memphis, TN	38107	901/272-9850	Memphis
Polazzo, Free	354 Arizona Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/377-7155	Atlanta
Potter, Valerie* (15)	848 Clematis Dr., Nashville, TN	37205	615/356-6356	Nashville
Potter, Kit	848 Clematis Dr., Nashville, TN	37205	615/356-6356	Nashville
Potter, Megan Ruth* (8)	848 Clematis Dr., Nashville, TN	37205	615/356-6356	Nashville
Purvis, Jess* (17)	2479 Foxwood Dr., Chapel Hill, NC	27514	919/942-7834	Chapel Hill
Raymer, Lisa Lewis	417 Center St., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-1968	Berea
Raymer, Anna Marie Lewis*	417 Center St., Berea, KY	40403	606/986-1968	Berea
Reynolds, Bill	3529 Dell Trail, Chattanooga, TN	37411	423/624-6821	Chattanooga
Richardson, Marjie	2035 Happy Creek Rd., Seymour, TN	37865	423/453-0130	W. Knoxville
Richardson, Amy* (13)	2035 Happy Creek Rd., Seymour, TN	37865	423/453-0130	W. Knoxville
Richardson, John	2035 Happy Creek Rd., Seymour, TN	37865	423/453-0130	W. Knoxville
Richmond, Bob	344 Seven Oaks Dr., Knoxville, TN	37922	423/691-9506	W. Knoxville
Ringwalt, Stuart* (16)	2612 Dairyland Rd., Hillsborough, NC	27278	919/942-0596	Chapel Hill
Roache, Jay	357 Ivy Place, NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/377-1022	Atlanta
Rogers, Rebecca	305 South Saluda Ave., Columbia, SC	29205	803/252-2221	Columbia
Rogers, Harry	305 South Saluda Ave., Columbia, SC	29205	803/252-2221	Columbia
Rouse, Marilyn	P.O. Box 2256, Decatur, GA	30031	404/982-9634	Atlanta
Schmitt, Georgi	432 Little Switzerland, Knoxville, TN	37920	423/579-6662	W. Knoxville
Sharpe, Sara	304 Laurel Ave., South Pittsburg, TN	37380	423/837-0772	Chattanooga
Sharpe, Robert	1117B Liberty St., Chattanooga, TN	37405	423/265-8445	Chattanooga
Sharpe, Trenna* (6)	304 Laurel Ave., South Pittsburg, TN	37380	423/837-0772	Chattanooga
Sharpe, Jacob* (4)	304 Laurel Ave., South Pittsburg, TN	37380	423/837-0772	Chattanooga
Siceloff, Courtney	934 Waverly Way, NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/223-6003	Atlanta
Siceloff, Elizabeth	934 Waverly Way, NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/223-6003	Atlanta
Snider, Susan	450 New Stock Rd., Asheville, NC	28804	704/645-4983	Celo
Spraker, Stan	701 Northview Dr., NW, Cleveland, TN	37312	423/479-4877	Chattanooga
Spraker, Carol	701 Northview Dr., NW, Cleveland, TN	37312	423/479-4877	Chattanooga

Steele, Abbie	822 Arlington Mill Dr., #104, Arlington, VA	22204	703/824-0831	Langley Hill
Stewart, Jacob* (10)	3230 Seven Springs Rd., Hillsborough, NC	27278	919/732-9630	Durham, NC
Stewart, David	3239 Seven Springs Rd., Hillsborough, NC	27278	919/732-9630	Durham, NC
Stewart, Emily* (14)	3249 Seven Springs Rd., Hillsborough, NC	27278	919/732-9630	Durham, NC
Stewart, Karen	3239 Seven Springs Rd., Hillsborough, NC	27278	919/732-9630	Durham, NC
Swarm, Lee Ann	432 Little Switzerland, Knoxville, TN	37920	423/579-6662	W. Knoxville
Sweitzer, Sandy	223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC	28301	910/323-3912	Fayetteville
Sweitzer-Lanime Jon William*(4)	223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC	28301	910/323-3912	Fayetteville
Sweitzer-Lanime Madeline* (1)	223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC	28301	910/323-3912	Fayetteville
Sword, Molly* (15)	2511 Fairfax Ave., Nashville, TN	37212	615/269-5559	Nashville
Taylor, Joe	1033 Pine Grove Rd., Alpharetta, GA	30201	770/667-1732	Atlanta
Thatcher, Hibbard	1012 Battery Lane, Nashville, TN	37220	615/298-3747	Nashville
Thomforde, Winifred	P.O. Box 541, Pleasant Hill, TN	38578	615/277-5003	Crossville
Thomforde, Philip	P.O. Box 541, Pleasant Hill, TN	38578	615/277-5003	Crossville
Thompson, Curt	6563 Devonshire Ct., Norcross, GA	30093	770/708-2773	Atlanta
Tipton, Kelly* (11)	with Lamm family			Berea
Treadwell, Perry	2442 Shadydale Lane, Decatur, GA	30033	404/325-1504	Atlanta
Vaughan, Willard	2729 Garrett Dr., Bowling Green, KY	42104	502/782-7588	Nashville
Vaughan, Nathan* (10)	2729 Garrett Dr., Bowling Green, KY	42104	502/782-7588	Nashville
Vaughan, Benjamin* (14)	2729 Garrett Dr., Bowling Green, KY	42104	502/782-7588	Nashville
Vaughan, Margaret	2729 Garrett Dr., Bowling Green, KY	42104	502/782-7588	Nashville
Vinson, Duncan	3648 Rockhill Road, Birmingham, AL	35223	205/967-6805	Chattanooga
von Beck, Marion	9121 Jenny Cook, Knoxville, TN	37923	423/691-3332	W. Knoxville
Waterman, Lauren* (15)	2220 E. 7th St. #C, Charlotte, NC	28204	704/334-9276	Charlotte
Waters, David	4736 7th Ave. S., Birmingham, AL	35222	205/591-0835	Birmingham
Watson, Sarah M.	266 Merrimon, Asheville, NC	28801	709/254-1186	Asheville
Wattles, Astin	1425 Miller Ave. NE Atlanta, GA	30307	404/577-1498	Atlanta
Weir, Dawn	1362 Hannah Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5620	Celo
Weir, Rachel	1362 Hannah Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-5620	Celo
Wellborn, Jane	482 Seminole Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA	30307	404/688-9603	Atlanta
Wells, Dylan* (1)	116 Hillside St., Asheville, NC	28801	704/251-1168	Asheville
Wells, Robin	116 Hillside St., Asheville, NC	28801	704/251-1168	Asheville
Wexler, Lydia	1877 Seven Mile Ridge Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-4361	Celo
Wexler, Elias "Eli"*(7)	1877 Seven Mile Ridge Rd., Burnsville, NC	28714	704/675-4361	Celo
White, Rose	4805 Penn Wyne, Greenboro, NC	27410	910/294-6156	New Garden
Wiegcl, Helen	1171 Warren Dr. Wilmington, OH	45177	513/382-0019	Springfield (Wilmington)
Wiegel, Bill	1171 Warren Dr. Wilmington, OH	45177	513/382-0019	Springfield (Wilmington)
Williams, Joan	120 Maple St., Brevard, NC	28712	704/883-3270	Brevard
Wolff, Bettina	RR 1 Box 77, Lake Lure, NC	28746	704/625-4901	Asheville
Wright, Penny	1106 Caldwell Lane, Nashville, TN	37204	615/298-1385	Nashville

1996 SAYMA Yearly Meeting
Meetings for Worship for Business
Revised (6/13/96) Agendas

The agendas below are more recent than those in the printed program. Two experiments are offered this year in hopes of aiding our meetings for worship for business: orientation periods just prior to meetings for business, and opportunities to continue discussions in informal follow-up sessions, Friday and Saturday at 6:00.

(Explanation of "*" and "+")

• *Yearly Meeting reps to Wider Quaker Organizations intending to make oral reports during meeting for worship for business—*

If you have not already confirmed with the clerk, please use the WQO sign-up sheet in Cannon/Gladfeltner to specify which day you wish to report. If you do not have a preference, please indicate that.

+ *Regarding reports on monthly meeting discussions of AFSC & SAYMA during the year past—*

Representatives of monthly meetings wishing to share a minute or a summary of your meeting's consideration of concerns pertaining to AFSC, please use the AFSC/SAYMA sign-up sheet in Cannon/Gladfeltner to specify which day you wish to report. If you do not have a preference, please indicate that.

Friday, June 14

9:25 a.m. **Orientation for Business** (5 minutes prior to start of meeting)

Overview

Questions & clarifications regarding process & practice

9:30 a.m. **Meeting for Worship for Business**

Centering (

Recognize visitors and welcome newcomers

Agenda review

Approve minutes of Yearly Meeting 1995

Faith and Practice: new suggestions of changes for new examining cmte.

Epistle Committee

H. Thatcher Site Selection for 1997

B. Boyd Treasurer's report and budget presentation

B. Wolff Handbook presentation

Break

N. Lee-Riffe Faith and Practice: examining committee presentation

E. Hess Nominations presentation

E. Hess Suggestion from Tri-Cities re: service opportunities

• Wider Quaker Organization/effort reports:

+ Reports on monthly meeting discussions of AFSC & SAYMA:

6:00-6:30 p.m., Cannon/Gladfeltner. Friday evening: optional 30 minute discussion time in follow-up to that day's business, preview of next day's.

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Saturday, June 15

9:25 a.m. **Orientation for Business** (5 minutes prior to start of meeting)
Preview
Questions & clarifications regarding process & practice

9:30 a.m. Meeting for Worship for Business

Centering
Recognize visitors and welcome newcomers
Agenda review

E. Hess Nominations decision
B. Boyd Budget decision
B. Ensign Administrative Assistant report
B. Wolff Archivist report
+ Reports on monthly meeting discussions of AFSC & SAYMA

Break

D. Gann **Featured Wider Quaker Organization: AFSC**
N. Lee-Riffe Faith and Practice Examining Committee recommendations decision
S. Sweitzer Quaker House report
Faith and Practice Examining Committee for 96-97, if needed
Kathy Burke • Wider Quaker Organization/effort reports: FWCC

6:00-6:30 p.m., Cannon/Gladfeltner. Saturday evening: optional 30 minute discussion time in follow-up to that day's business, preview of next day's.

Sunday, June 16

11:15 a.m. Meeting for Worship for Business

Centering
Agenda review

J. Gold- • Wider Quaker Organization/effort reports: YouthQuake
Hopton Report from SAYF committee
D. Bergquist Ministry & Nurture
Epistle report
R. Herr Yearly Meeting Planning Committee report
Youth SAYF report from youth
Children Junior Yearly Meeting report from children

1:15 p.m. Representatives Meeting

Winter rep. meeting minutes: approval
D. Bergquist Logistics for Fall & Winter rep meetings
D. Bergquist Whether or not to explore creating a way for making money decisions between meetings
Question of whether or not SAYMA wants a policy of supporting individuals' spiritual development with financial assistance, when needed, for attending FGC
E. Hess Request regarding Quaker publications conference
C. LaMonte Concern from Birmingham regarding destruction of churches

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Fourteenth Day, Sixth Month, 1996 First Session (Attendance List Attached [96/1] - 79 signed in)

Clerk Lisa Lewis Raymer offered a brief orientation to the process and practice of a meeting for business prior to the beginning of the first business session for the 25th Yearly Meeting of SAYMA.

Out of the centering silence we were asked to hold Sandy Mershon, SAYMA Administrative Assistant in the Light as she was receiving chemotherapy and testing for cancer. She was unable to be with us because of the state of her immune system at this time.

After they were introduced, we welcomed the following visitors:

Bob Barns of Grass Valley, CA (Pacific Yearly Meeting) as a spokesperson for Right Sharing of World Resources with a minute of introduction from Grass Valley Friends Meeting.

Allen Oliver of Louisville, KY as the Nurture Coordinator of FGC with a minute of introduction

Helen Wiegel of Wilmington Yearly Meeting as FWCC visitor to SAYMA

Marian Fuson speaking for Pendle Hill

SERO (Southeast Regional Office) of AFSC is also holding a meeting here and will be available for discussion

A special welcome was extended to those who were attending Yearly Meeting for the first time.

Greetings from FWCC were read (Attached 96/2).

Agenda

It was noted that some of the topics on today's agenda are only being introduced to allow for seasoning before action is considered. One mechanism for this is the 30 minute discussion time after dinner to allow follow-up of this day's business and preview tomorrow's.

- Approve minutes of 1995 Yearly Meeting
- Call for items for examination by Faith and Practice Examining Committee
 - Site Selection for 1997 report
- Handbook presentation
- Faith and Practice Examining Committee presentation
- Epistle Committee
- Nominating Committee presentation
- Monthly Meeting Responses to Concern About Relationship of SAYMA and AFSC

Prior to addressing agenda items we heard a concern from Joe Taylor about agenda items for the Representatives Meeting to follow Yearly Meeting. He felt that several warranted consideration of the full business session. It was explained that most of these items were received at the very last minute thus precluded from inclusion in the full agenda.

Minutes of 1995 Yearly Meeting

Minute 96-1: Minutes from Yearly Meeting 1995 did not need any corrections.

Call for Items to be Examined by Faith and Practice Examining Committee

Phil Neal offered a concern about the use and consumption of alcohol and other substances for the Faith and Practice examining committee to reconsider the wording of the present advice to reflect that the use of same would never be considered as socially acceptable. On examination of the current Guide to Faith and Practice, it was found that no advice exists, rather there are queries about this issue. Since it was

an individual concern that had not yet been seasoned through a Monthly Meeting it was suggested by the committee that this concern be subjected to that process and our minutes reflect the concern.

Epistle Committee

Duncan Vinson and Mary Baxter both of Chattanooga volunteered to form the Epistle Committee.

Site Selection Committee

Hibbard Thatcher reported for the Site Selection for 1997 Committee. (Attachment 96/3)
Maryville College for either 1997 or 1998 is unavailable due to prior commitments to previous groups.
Otherwise it is deemed to be a likely, suitable spot.

Choices for 1997: Southern College in Collegedale, TN
Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens, TN
Hiwassee College in Madisonville, TN

Collegedale - Seventh Day Adventist restrictions as to diet and behavior impinge on our usual program of activities because they close all recreational activities from Friday 6 PM to Sunday morning. Other factors of site and accommodations are favorable.

Hiwassee - Non-restrictive as to activities, less desirable as to accommodations and meals.

Tennessee Wesleyan - probably too small for our needs, also more urban, which may present problems with safety for the children.

Minute 96-2 Approved Hiwassee College, Madisonville, TN as site for 1997 and 1998, second weekend in June as site for Yearly Meetings #27 and #28.

Minute 96-3 Approved Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC as site for 1999 and 2000, second weekend in June if available as site for Yearly Meetings #29 and #30.

Minute 96-4 We wholeheartedly approved the following minute of appreciation offered by Bettina Wolff:

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association, gathered in annual session June 14, 1996, minutes with grateful appreciation and love our thanks to Nelson Fuson for his years of devoted service to keeping our records: to their preparation, maintenance and preservation. His care and his concern, more than that of any other person, have kept the record of our first 20 years available to us and to the wider Quaker community, a legacy that will keep him alive for us as long and as often as these records are used.

Handbook (Attachment 96/4)

Bettina Wolff's report of the work of the Handbook Committee is attached. She recommended the appointment of an ad hoc group to review the Handbook draft specifically charged to meet before Fall Representatives Meeting to:

produce or solicit information needed to complete the Handbook
outline future action required including to draft Faith and Practice revisions called for in Part Two
anything else required to complete the project.

She also proposed that a retention policy of Yearly Meeting records be formalized to conform to what has been suggested by the Religious Society of Friends. Action was deferred to the next day. The report was accepted with the change of the wording of item two from draft to submit proposed revisions to the Faith and Practice Examining Committee.

Minute 96-5 Approved the formation of an ad hoc group of those interested in participating in tasks related to the Handbook to meet at a time and place to be arranged to be convened by Bettina Wolff and Peggy Bonnington.

Faith and Practice Examining Committee (Attachment 96/5)

Kristi Estes presented the attached report of the Faith and Practice examining committee. In particular were the three starred items. Other items will not be presented this year as the committee has not yet considered the responses from Monthly Meetings. Those present were asked to read the report before business session tomorrow in preparation for approval. The proposed changes that will be presented include:

Charge #1: Homosexuality and whether or not gay and lesbian attenders and members are welcomed and given equal treatment in SAYMA.

Charge #5: The procedures to be followed in future examination and revisions of the Guide.

1995 Charge #2: Corporate nature of inspiration

1995 Charge #3: Corporate nature of Quaker worship and decision making

The later two charges were deemed to be sufficiently addressed in the current Guide to Faith and Practice and the committee asks that these two charges be excused.

Committee members were identified as available for further discussion this evening.

Monthly Meeting Responses to Concern About Relationship of SAYMA and AFSC

The following presented Monthly Meeting responses/minutes to the request from SAYMA to explore the relationship of SAYMA and AFSC pursuant to the concern offered by Larry Ingle at last year's Yearly Meeting:

Sue Snider of Celo (Attachment 96/6)

Charlotte Cline of Berea (Attachment 96/7)

Mary Baxter of Chattanooga (Attachment 96/8)

Kristi Estes of Memphis (Attachment 96/9)

Mary Ann Downey of Atlanta (Attachment 96/10)

Harry Rogers of Columbia reported that they had invited Bill Holland of Atlanta AFSC to meet with them to explore ways of working together in their community. During a potluck meal they reviewed ongoing and past AFSC/Columbia relations. They concluded that Columbia Meeting was not convinced that they shared the current concern within SAYMA and were concerned that others had a problem with the situation.

This day's business concluded with general announcements concerning registration, committee meetings, special interest presentations and workshops planned for the afternoon. Of special emphasis was an inter-generational activity of adults joining Junior Yearly Meeting in a visit to the farm followed by a Meeting for Sharing. An invitation to be part of the Nominating Committee's deliberations at 4 PM was issued.

Centered silence ended with Friendly handshakes.

ATTENDANCE 26th Yearly Meeting of SAYMA
Saturday, June 15, 1996

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETING AFFILIATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETING AFFILIATION</u>
Karen Stewart	FGC Central Comm. Rep	Bob Lyons	Asheville
Tom Hensly	Columbia	Martha Huggins	Atlanta
Beth Anderson	Columbia	Ton McGuigan	Atlanta
Ellie Clayton	Brevard	Crystal Gaines	Atlanta
Larry Clayton	Greenville/Brevard	Terry Austin	Greensboro
Nancy Gideon Clark	Baltimore, Homewood/Celo	Ilise Cohen	Atlanta
Gail Gann	Stony Run, Baltimore	John Rogers	Burlington, VT/Hiami
Carol Ciscel	Memphis	James Johnson	Greensboro
David Ciscel	Memphis	Ron McDonald	Memphis
Bill Cadwallader	South Carolina	Penny Wright	Nashville
Harry Rogers	Columbia	Lisa Lewis Raymer	Berea
Paul Edenfield	Atlanta	Beth Ensign	Atlanta
Kathy Harth	Atlanta	Richard Adelman	Asheville
Abbie Steele	Langley Hill, VA		
Pam Beziat	Nashville		
Sam Dempsey	Asheville		
David Waters	Birmingham		
Daryl Bergquist	Royal		
Bob Duffield	Brevard		
Ann Duffield	Brevard		
Judy Meyer	Athens		
Allen Oliver	FGC/Louisville		
Rachel Weir	Celo		
Kathleen Burke	Atlanta/FWCC		
Rita Kilpatrick	Atlanta		
Karen Morris	Atlanta		
Stan Spraker	Cleveland, TN		
Bob Keiter	Tri-Cities		
Beth Keiter	Tri-Cities		
Lee Hoefer	Knoxville		
Marion vonBeck	Knoxville		
Binford Farlow	Jamestown, NCYM(FUM)		
Kathryn Parke	Asheville		
George Oldham	Asheville		
Mary Ann Downey	Atlanta		
Ellen Cooney	Atlanta		
Susan Snider	Celo		
Jim Flege	Birmingham		
Nancy Lee-Riffe	Berea		
Bill Reynolds	Chattanooga		
Beth Parrish	FGC Religious Education Comm.		
Lee Ann Swann	W. Knoxville		
Missy Ivie	W. Knoxville		
Phil Thomforde	Crossville		
Winnie Thomforde	Crossville		
Kathy Johnson	Atlanta		
Austin Wattles	Atlanta		
Bettina Wolff	Asheville		
Kristi Estes	Memphis		
Drew Foster	Nashville		
Pat Lyons	Asheville		

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Fifteenth Day, Sixth Month, 1996 Second Session (Attendance List attached [96/11]- 47 signed in)

Out of the silence following a brief orientation period several Friends spoke to our purpose:

As stated by our Clerk:

"Our goal is not to get through the agenda, but rather to share the Spirit and cooperate with the revelation, the unfolding of God's workings in our midst"

And from Barry Morley's Beyond Consensus: Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting:

'Consensus is the product of willfulness. We will ourselves to a decision. Sense of the Meeting is a product of willingness in which we allow ourselves to be led. It is the difference between reason and faith.'

The second session was opened with more introductions of visitors:

Allen Oliver was more completely introduced as Nurture Coordinator of FGC

Karen Stewart as representative from FGC Central Committee

Shari Fradenburgh introduced Don Gann of Stony Run Meeting, Baltimore as clerk of AFSC's National Board and Corporation

Beth Parrish from Louisville as representative from FGC Religious Education Committee

Agenda

- Site Selection Completion
- Nominating Committee Presentation
- Treasurer's Report
- Administrative Assistant's Report
- Tri-Cities Concern
- Featured Wider Quaker Organization
- Faith and Practice Examining Committee recommendations
- Quaker House Report
- Archivist Report
- Reports from other Wider Quaker reports

Site Selection

Hibbard Thatcher confirmed that we will meet June 12 -15, 1997 at Hiwassee with assurances of cooperation with us on dietary matters.

We are also confirmed for June 10 - 13, 1999 at Warren Wilson College.

Nominating Committee (Attachment 96/12)

Errol Hess presented, in Bert Skellie's stead, the slate for the upcoming year, as it was formed prior to Yearly Meeting. Attached is the slate as approved at the end of Yearly Meeting with a few confirmed additions made after the close of Yearly Meeting. Errol spoke to the growth in the number of positions in the last 10 years (from 17 to 58), with questions as to the wisdom/necessity of so many positions.

Lee Ann Swarm will replace Lisa Lewis Raymer as Clerk

Faith and Practice Examining Committee will find a clerk from within its' members

A replacement for Bill Boyd as Treasurer is needed.

Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinators have people willing to be "behind the scenes", but no one led to take responsibility as coordinators

Lisa Lewis Raymer volunteered to be Workshop Coordinator

Need representative for FLGC

AFSC positions are as yet unfilled, pending the outcome of Yearly Meetings decision in filling these positions

Discussion about the last item included a sense of positive support from monthly meetings to continue our level of involvement with AFSC, questions about the financial cost and budget implications of filling the positions and a statement that to fill the positions would provide an increased Quaker presence at AFSC and open way to share the Spirit's leadings.

MINUTE 96-6 The slate presented by the Nominating Committee was approved with the exception of AFSC Corporation position #3 and AFSC SERO representative #2, with the understanding that the Nominating Committee continue working to fill needed positions.

Unity was not reached about the AFSC/SERO positions with the suggestion made that perhaps Representative's Meeting could thresh further. Strong feeling was expressed that this was a matter for the whole of Yearly Meeting to deliberate. It was placed on tomorrow's agenda to allow for more seasoning after additional reports and discussion.

Treasurer's Report (Attachment 96/13)

A proposal for dividing the current duties of SAYMA Treasurer was made. This topic came up as Bill Boyd asked to be released from Treasurer responsibilities. Instead of the Treasurer being responsible for bookkeeping, check signing and budget preparation, it was suggested that the Administrative Assistant take on the bookkeeping tasks. It was determined that Sandy Mershon felt that she would be able to manage the change in duties within her current allotted hours. This matter was deferred to the Finance Committee for further deliberation toward making a recommendation to Yearly Meeting.

Bill Boyd presented a report of the past year's finances. It was accepted with a few clarifications as to Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinator and Bookstore items.

The 1996-1997 Budget was presented with notation of increasing the annual assessment from \$35.00 to \$42.00 and the newsletter fee increased from \$4.00 to \$6.00; increasing SAYF budget. Clarification of budget items and the proposal to transfer reserve funds to prevent running on a deficit budget used the allotted time for this business session. Friends spoke to budgeting to expected revenue and not spending beyond that amount. Affirmation of the value and need for the newsletter was offered. E-mail delivery was suggested as a means of reducing cost of mailing.

MINUTE 96-7 The increase from \$4.00 to \$6.00 for the newsletter was approved.

Further action was delayed to the evening session.

Wider Quaker Organization Presentation

Don Gann, Clerk of the Service Committee of the National AFSC Board spoke to us about the history of AFSC: how it has shifted emphasis from relief in its early days; to reconciliation based on the foundation of living by a Power that takes away the occasion for war; to development, ultimately seeing itself as an agent for social change. He concluded with the statement that AFSC is special not because of its work but because of its base, i.e. Friends and Spirit, living the principle that God is in every human being.

During the afternoon a Meeting for Worship for Memorial was held for:

Martha "Teeny" Cheesman Oldham of Asheville (Attachment 96/14)

Margaret Ruth Calbeck Neal of Asheville (Attachment 96/15)

Ruth Humphey of Asheville

Susanna "Susy" Jestine Riffe of Berea (Attachment 96/16)

Others mentioned out of the silence included Fred Minshall, Christine Kellogg and Willis Weatherford.

EVENING SESSION (Attendance was not recorded)

Quaker House Annual Report

At 6 PM we reconvened to hear Sandy Switzer give the annual report of Quaker House, Fayetteville, NC. They are celebrating 25 years of military counseling and training for conscientious objector counseling. They send out a regular newsletter and actively advertise their 1-800 telephone number on and near military installations.

Clerk Lisa Lewis Raymer opened business by sharing the following from Thomas Kelley's Simplification of Life:

"And I find He never guides us into an intolerable scramble of panting feverishness. The Cosmic Patience becomes, in part, our patience, for after all God is at work in the world. It is not we alone who are at work in the world, frantically finishing a work to be offered to God.

Life from the Center is a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It is amazing. It is triumphant. It is radiant. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time. And it makes our life programs new and overcoming. We need not get frantic. He is at the helm. And when our little day is done we lie down quietly in peace, for all is well."

Budget (Attachment 96/17)

MINUTE 96-8 The budget was approved as presented.

Both Larry Ingle and Dennis Gregg addressed the need access reserve funds as dictated by cash flow crunches when assessment payments are delayed to the end of the fiscal year. Another discussion about the funding of SAYMA representatives to Wider Quaker Organizations resulted in our being reminded by the Archivist that we had reached unity several years ago that we would fund these representatives a set amount for travel to meetings.

Monthly Meeting Responses to Concerns About Relationship of SAYMA and AFSC

Bob Duffield of Brevard submitted the attached minute. (Attachment 96/18)

Greenville Friends submitted proposed queries about the relationship between SAYMA and AFSC. (Attachment 96/19)

Nominating Committee

We were asked to respond to the consideration of whether to fill the remaining AFSC/SERO positions. Daryl Bergquist spoke to his reasons for volunteering to fill the second SERO position. When he received the mission statement he was so disturbed by the violence of language and purpose he was moved to initiate a correspondence that resulted in his clearness that he was led to be part of helping to set the direction of AFSC and that it would be an experience through which he could learn.

MINUTE 96-9 We approved the appointment of Daryl Bergquist to the SERO #2 position for 2 years.

Administrative Assistant Report and 1996 SAYMA Census (Attachment 96/20)

Beth Ensign reported in Sandy Mershon's absence. She really appreciates the faithful contact from those who did so, but many of her tasks are made more difficult to complete when requests of Representatives and others for information or materials are not honored in a timely manner.

Additional Attachments

Due to time constraints the following reports were submitted in writing without an oral presentation.

Kathy Burke for FWCC (Attachment 96/21)

Bettina Wolff for Records/Archivist (Attachment 96/22)

Minutes of the Coordinating Council of the Friends Peace Team Project (Attachment 96/23)

After the closing silence we dispersed to participate in Meeting for Fun, the Junior Yearly Meeting's demonstration of their achievements during the weekend.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETING AFFILIATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETING AFFILIATION</u>
Ted Edgerton	Boone	Ruth Miller-White	Asheville
Melissa Meyer	Boone	Brett Miller-White	Asheville
Bruce Pearson	Columbia	Bob Lyon	Asheville
Julie Pearson	Columbia	Pat Lyon	Asheville
Julia Ewen	Atlanta	Errol Hess	Tri-Cities
Olga Ahrens	Asheville/Swannanoa	Bill Cadwallader	Pendleton, SC
Chris Ahrens	Asheville/Swannanoa	Abbie Steele	Langley Hill, VA
Caroline Morris	Atlanta	Bill Holland	Atlanta/AFSC
Elizabeth Siceloff	Atlanta	Bill Reynolds	Chattanooga
Courtney Siceloff	Atlanta	George Oldhan	Asheville
Bob Cox	Brevard	Winston Borge	AFSC-SERO
Ellie Cox	Brevard	Enrique Gonzalez	AFSC-SERO-Miami
Jane Wellborn	Atlanta	Anada Orendain	AFSC-SERO-Miami
Phil Neal	Asheville	Emily Passino	Nashville
Dorothy Mock	Brevard	Bill Boyd	Boone
Mary Ann Downey	Atlanta	Frederick Martin	Celo
Jim Scott	Asheville	Bettina Wolff	Asheville
Lee Scott	Asheville	Lee Hoefer	Knoxville
Richard Houghton	Cookeville	Tom McGuigan	Atlanta
Sallie Mykel	Atlanta	Pat Fourspring	Brevard
Stuart Bonnington	Nashville	Penny Wright	Nashville
Peggy Bonnington	Nashville/Clarksville	Lisa Lewis Rayner	Berea
Bob Barrus	Celo		
Judy Meyer	Athens		
Binford Farlow	Janestown, NCYM (FUM)		
Larry Ingle	Chattanooga		
Becky Ingle	Chattanooga		
Rusty Maynard	Asheville		
Kit Potter	Nashville		
Susan Gaines	Nashville		
Pam Beziat	Nashville		
Toni Hensly	Columbia		
Jesse Mock	Brevard		
John Carpenter	Atlanta		
Marjie Richardson	W. Knoxville		
John Richardson	W. Knoxville		
Robert Keiter	Tri-Cities		
Duncan Vinson	Chattanooga/Sewanee/B'ham		
Mary Baxter	Chattanooga		
John Geary	Boone		
Peter Buck	Asheville		
Paul Edenfield	Atlanta		
Eibbard Thatcher	Nashville		
John Lewis	Berea		
Cherriyn Luerssen	Columbia		
David Waters	Birmingham		
Kathleen Burke	Atlanta		
Nancy Lee-Riffe	Berea		
Richard Adelman	Asheville		
Elizabeth Adelman	Asheville		

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Sixteenth Day, Sixth Month, 1996 Third Session (Attendance List attached [96/24]-72 signed in)

Clerk Lisa Lewis Raymer led us in centering followed by a brief agenda review.

Agenda

- Letter of greetings from Religious Society of Friends in Britain
- Additional Nominating committee recommendation
- Tri Cities response to AFSC concern
- Faith and Practice Examining recommendations
- Yearly Meeting Planning Committee report
- SAYF Committee report
- YouthQuake representative report
- Epistle
- SAYF Report
- Junior Yearly Meeting Report

The clerk read aloud a letter of greetings from British Friends (Attachment 96/25).

Nominating committee recommendations

MINUTE 96/10 David Cisel of Memphis was approved as Treasurer for a term of 3 years.

Sue Snider was approved as a member of the Faith and Practice Examining Committee.

Tri Cities response to AFSC concern (Attachment 96/26)

Errol Hess reported that Tri Cities does not wish to take a position regarding SAYMA support of AFSC, rather, their process of study and reflection led to an awareness of and unmet need for Quaker service opportunities. Melissa Meyer shared experiences and lessons learned from Illinois Yearly Meetings attempts to run work camps.

A further concern rose from this discussion: Business meetings and Representatives meetings allow sufficient time for thoughtful discussion of controversial agenda items so that decisions can be made at those sessions not deferred to future meetings for decisions. Several suggestions were made for facilitating discussions; threshing meetings, quarterly meetings, including specified time for dialogue in Yearly Meeting programming.

MINUTE 96/11 Fall Representatives Meeting is charged with including this concern on the agenda for discussion.

The second item in the attachment was deferred to Representatives Meeting.

Faith and Practice Examining committee recommendations

MINUTE 96/12 We approved the committee's suggestion that charges #2 & 3 from 1995 (See Attachment 96/5) having been considered in a general fashion, now be laid down.

MINUTE 96/13 Deferred back to the committee for editorial clarification, charge # 5 from 1994

(time frame and nature of feedback from Monthly Meetings for proposed changes.
The committee wishes to stand down from presenting charge #1 from 1994.

Yearly Meeting Planning Committee report

Roger Herr thanked all those who had participated in making this year's Yearly Meeting so enjoyable and successful. There were 300 participants, 40 Junior Yearly participants and 45 SAYF participants. He recommended that the Treasurer be an active participant in the planning process and stressed the importance of meeting registration deadlines to ensure adequate planning for facilities, programs and budgeting.

SAYF Committee Report

Daryl Berquist reported that the members of this committee request that SAYMA appoint an oversight committee to help plan and facilitate a retreat for the committee. At that retreat the committee will seek discernment on a variety of issues facing the Young Friends community among which are the formalizing the committee's structure and its description, discussion of the size of the committee, its responsibilities, how decisions are made and what decisions will be asked of the committee. Additionally, it is desired that retreat guidelines and adult guidelines will be developed. How will SAYF respond when the guidelines are not met. The emphasized focus will be how we can best nurture the SAYF community. Further, the committee requests the SAYF itemize all disbursements of monies from the SAYF budget, which should also be approved by the SAYF committee.

MINUTE 96/14 We approved Karen Morris of Atlanta, Daryl Bergquist of Mt. Royal, Free Polazzo of Atlanta and Peggy Bonnington of Clarksville to constitute the requested oversight committee.

Karen Stewart spoke to the very positive relationship between SAYF and PFF youth that has been fostered by the SAYF activities.

YouthQuake representative report (Attachment 96/27)

Jeremiah Gold-Hopton summarized his attached report.

Epistle

The 26th Yearly Meeting of the Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association was unable to complete an epistle due to technical malfunctions. Instead we proudly submit the epistles from the Junior Yearly Meeting and Southern Appalachian Young Friends. They are presented below as they were given to the Recording Clerk.

From the 7 - 8 -9 Year Olds

Dear friend, this is what we did at SAYMA.

Friday morning we made a banner.

It was colorful and we put all our effort into it.

Friday afternoon we took a tour of the farm and saw cows and pigs.

Friday night we saw injured animals.

Saturday morning we made braed (bread) in shapes and it was fun.

Saturday afternoon we went swimming and it was warm.

Saturday night we came up to the stage and showed our banner and told what we made.

Sunday we went swimming and wrote this letter to you.

From Junior Yearly Meeting

June 96

Dear friends:

This weekend we had lots of fun. We did a lot of stuff. Some of things we did were: played softball, played table hockey, danced, played bumper cars in our chairs, went swimming & went on a hike. We talked about the theme "Whole Earth, Whole People" and watched movies about the theme. We practiced & put on a play called, "A Whale of a Tale." We went on a farm tour. We also visited the pond and sat on a tree together. We played basketball, pool, and ping-pong. We played in a swing. We watched an animal rehabilitator presentation. We heard stories and sang.

We hope you have fun at your Yearly Meeting.

Sincerely,
Junior Yearly Meeting

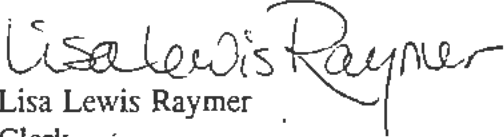
SAYF Report presented by Maura McGuigan of Atlanta Monthly Meeting


The Young Friends retreat at SAYMA included spiritual, business and recreational activities. We grew together spiritually in our prayer circle, "Truly, Madly, Deeply" viewing and discussion, fire circle, sweat lodge, and long group epistle. A workshop and business meeting led us to name a tentative group of 14 nominees to serve on a clerking committee to contribute to the SAYMA SAYF committee. This committee will meet in August to consider a variety of issues. We had fun with a ropes course, organized games, movies, and spontaneous "hanging out." We love you, SAYMA!

The Pre-Schoolers presented a poem with coordinated movements based on the song Circle of Friends. They also shared an exhibit of their art and photographs of their activities.

We were unable to reach unity about filling the #3 AFSC position thus it will be carried over to next year's business.

Worshipful silence concluded with handshakes and hugs all around.


Lisa Lewis Raymer
Clerk


Penelope Wright
Recording Clerk

ATTENDANCE 26th Yearly Meeting of SAYMA
Friday, June 14, 1996

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Dear Friends

(Warm Greetings to all Friends gathered at Swannanoe for your Yearly Meeting.) It was good that Roger Sturge was able to travel, albeit briefly, among SAYMA Friends in August 1995.

As we pass the 50th anniversary of the end of the second world war and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, we are reminded of paradox. Encouraging signs of growing communication and understanding between nations and peoples are accompanied by continuing fear and hatred. Violence breaks out and at the same time we hear of the repeated miracle of love and forgiveness, as people see other people as fellow human beings. Amidst violence and strife, love persists in breaking through. The spirit of love and truth continues to work in the hearts of human beings, giving hope for the future.

We are thankful for the work of Quakers in many organisations and as individuals who help to carry that message to the world.

George Fox wrote of his experience in the year 1647, when his country was coming out of a period of civil war:

I saw.. that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness. And in that also I saw the infinite love of God...

George Fox Journal 1647

May you feel the power of the Holy Spirit in your life as a yearly meeting as you gather and in the year ahead.

In Peace and Friendship

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SAYMA SITE SELECTION REPORT, 6-14-96

To : Lisa Lewis Raymer, Clerk, SAYMA
417 Center Street, Berea, KY. 40403

At long last, a progress report to you and friends on the search for a fitting site for SAYMA 1997 and following years.

For 1997 the present likely prospects are all in Tennessee :

Southern College, Collegedale

Tennessee Wesleyan, Athens

Hiwassee, Madisonville.

Some brief notes on each :

Southern College, our site 1984 thru '87, near Chattanooga & 6 mi. off I-75; Adventist, vegetarian cafeteria style meals; large campus, lots of indoor spaces, large group space is auditorium-style fixed seating; double beds, 2/room, ea. 2 rms. with connecting bath; on-campus camping area w/ r-v hookups, etc. Has swim pool ; Being Adventist, all recr. facilities close tight about 6 Fri. pm. to reopen Sun. a.m.; no folk-dancing allowed on campus. Dick Houghton & I visited there, 5-21.

Tenn. Wesleyan College: Small compact campus, in center of small town, 5 mi. off I-75 between Chatta. & Knoxville. Quite modest rates, do not feature rental of campus but offer it. Similar room arrang't. in women's dorm to Collegedale except 2 single beds, men's dorm rm. has 2 singles & washbasin, bathrm. down the hall; Spacious diningrm. trayline service, on ARAMARK contract, will adapt hours & menu to suit us, including vegetarians; no swim pool on campus, public pool 6 or more blocks away. A main-travelled street runs between dorms and day area of campus. has a hand-button-operated stoplight for foot-crossing. Limited dorm space was shown me on site-visit, 5-21st - unclear if they would open other dorms for us. Dorm rooms small, but college allows children to share rms. on floor bedrolls. No camping on campus; a KOA at the I-75 exit. Close to Ocoee whitewater rafting, other mtn. adventure sites.

Hiwassee was our site, '90 thru '94, wellknown to most of us - 13 mi. off I-75, closeknit but spacious hilly campus; moderate costs; indoor swim pool; pleasant space for children but have to remove from it Sat. night; dorms are modest; baths down the hall ; sometimes noisy if doors are let bang. Meals acceptable but unimaginative menu. some tent camping but no special facilities. Near some outdoor & cave sites.

It is hard to compare costs because of differing ways each campus charges. See separate memo for comparative costs.

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SAYMA SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE
report to Yearly Meeting, 6-14-96

COMPARATIVE COSTS of proposed sites for Yrly. Mtg. 1997 & following
[all = 1996 costs, may rise a bit, & exclude SAYMA registration]

Hiwassee College, Madisonville : (room with 2 single beds)
room and meals, adults \$21./day
children under 12, \$15./day
children under 2, no charge
facility charge, day users, \$3.00/day
camping, - ?

*Central
Expensive
BYF*

Maryville College, Maryville :
room (2 single beds) \$18. /adult/ per night
as many as 2 children may bedroll on floor, no added cost
meals, \$11.50/person/day {single meals est. @ \$4.00}
program space costs, per bldg. - exa. Wilson Auditorium, \$150./day
camping - ? day users, - ?

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Southern College, Collegedale :
room (2 single beds) \$28./ night + tax @ 8% = \$30.24
as many as 3 children may bedroll on floor , no added cost
meals - pay as you go, cafeteria style; \$4. - \$4.50 usually ample for adult
camping, r-v area, \$10.78/ per space per night, includes tax

*roomier
more attractive*

Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens :
room (small, 2 single beds) \$6. per person per night
meals , + or - \$11.00 per day per person, a bit lower if we have large
number taking meals; single meals, \$3.00 to \$4.00
no camping on campus; KOA at I-75 exit

Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N. CAR.
room (2 single beds) \$24./ night
one child may bedroll on floor , no added cost
meals, \$12.50/ day, per adult; children under 6, \$6.25; under 2, no charge
camping, \$7.00 per site per night
facility fee, \$3.00 per person

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SUMMARY : for 2 adults, full weekend = 3 nights, 9 meals :
Hiwassee, \$126.00, inclusive
Maryville, \$123.00 plus program space - ?? (guess: \$5. - \$15./person ?)
Southern College, \$162.72, inclusive , @ \$4.00/person/per meal
Tennessee Wesleyan, about \$102.00, inclusive
Warren Wilson, \$153.00, inclusive

Committee : Dennis Gregg, Dick Houghton, Curt Thompson, Hibbard Thatcher

Other possible sites : Larry Ingle found that Lee Coll., Cleveland, TN. is unready to say they could take us in '97. **Maryville College**, Maryville, site of SAYMA 1976, is lovely spacious campus that Dennis Gregg & I visited 5-20th, not available for '97 but attractive and needs be further considered as possible '98 site, already booking for then. Am sending this to some MARYVILLE FRIENDS, ask for your input about this as possible '98 site. Some handicapped access; mostly level campus, in town but quiet.

Marian & Nelson Fuson and I have checked on a Nazarene church Camp/ Conference center, **Camp Garner Creek**, 45 mi. west of Nashv. & 6 or 7 mi. off I-40, with 72 motel-type rooms w/ 2 double beds; & lots of dorm room, swim pool & other recreation facilities, shaded camping/r-v hook-up area; large roofed open-air 'tabernacle' doubles as basketball court. Meals from tray line, attractive dininghall. Haven't received costs data yet. Already booked for June 6-8th and June 13-15th weekends '97, available June 19-22. Some handicapped access

My thinking at this point is to ask for Hiwassee in '97 and push for Maryville in '98; Hiwassee is tentatively holding June 5-8, 1997 for us, and I think Collegedate is also holding one or two weekends tentatively.

Hibbard Thatcher, convenor
Site Selection Committee

see also :Comparative Costs memo
site criteria, < John Geary, revised
pictures and map, Southern College; folders, Tenn. Wesleyan; etc.

ADDENDUM, 6-11-96 :

Nelson Fuson called last week to advise that it was **MARYVILLE COLLEGE**, not Tenn. Wesleyan, where SAYMA met in 1976.

Site Visit made on 6/6th to **Camp Garner Creek** with Ruby Thatcher & Nelson Fuson. Spacious camp w/ mix of motel rooms and spartan bunk-houses with double deckers. Indoor swim pool, other features; but not available in '97 until June 19-22nd, and no information yet as to rates. In view of that and its location away from SAYMA center, I will not further pursue that for '97, but will keep in mind for another year. H. T.

Site Selection Committee : Dennis Gregg, Dick Houghton, Curt Thompson, Hibbard Thatcher with assists by David Elliott, Errol Hess, Larry Ingle, Judy Rogers

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Covenant College
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HANDBOOK REPORT: SAYMA Yearly Meeting, 6/96
Bettina Wolff, ad hoc convener

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Bettina Wolff

Progress to Date:

The present draft of the Handbook was made available for distribution to Monthly Meetings at Fall 1995 Representative Meeting. It included the identification of new material as requested by 1996 Yearly Meeting, and incorporated suggestions made at the Handbook workshop held that year. There has been no official response from any meeting; a few individuals have responded in writing and many have commented informally.

Background:

The need for a handbook first appears in SAYMA records in the 5/12/91 Representative Meeting minutes as the responsibility of "the oversight committee." The handbook committee is referred to regularly during the next 2 years, with persons appointed to work on it. Janet Minshall convened the first working group 10/3/93 and reports have been made at all representative and annual meetings since then.

Brief Description:

The Handbook has developed as more of a process than a document. It provides retention and distribution of four groups of SAYMA materials, identified in the draft as:

- A) Administration,
- B) Structure: descriptions and functions of officers, committees, representatives,
- C) Policies and Procedures,
- D) Concerns and Action.

Its source is largely our Faith and Practice or yearly meeting action. However, it is a flexible, evolving, changing body of information, parts of which may develop and disappear between printings of F&P.

Pages will be 3-hole punched for easy insertion in a notebook. Section B is developed to meet the needs of the SAYMA Nominating Committee; descriptions are by past and present officers and committees, are constantly evolving, and are presented as guides not regulations. This will also be available to meetings on request. Section C is developed to meet the needs of meetings and is the repository for yearly meeting approved policies, which will be distributed to all meetings, as well as other materials to be available on request which may come from other yearly meetings or SAYMA monthly meetings. Section D will retain statements of current concern, (like the Peace Team Project, Recognition of Friends' Witness [Suffering], definition of Released Friend) which may be of interest to meetings or to future business sessions.

Section A) Administration, needs more careful attention in terms of the relationship of our administrative office and administrative assistant to our process: what activities can be most effectively assumed by that office and what activities are most effectively done by our members and officers? Having an office has already affected descriptions of officers and committees as they appear in this draft. Only the Recorder/Historian/Archivist position has been revised to reflect this change.

To be Done:

It is recommended an ad hoc group be appointed to review the Handbook draft to:

- Produce or solicit information needed to complete it,
- Outline future action required including to
- Draft E&P revisions called for, i.e. Part Two
- Do anything else required to complete the project.



Charge #1: Homosexuality and whether or not gay and lesbian attenders and members are welcomed and given equal treatment in SAYMA.

Committee comment: The committee believes that the intent in this charge was to focus on inclusion, tolerance, and love, rather than on sexual preference per se. We examined the sections on THE MEETING COMMUNITY and MEMBERSHIP and think that these sections as presently printed in the GUIDE deal appropriately with acceptance. We do, however, suggest changes in the EQUALITY section. This section also relates to the patriarchy, but will not be repeated under #4. In addition, the committee suggests refocusing some of the queries, related to this charge.

EQUALITY

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There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath different names. It is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become [brothers and sisters] in the best sense.

John Woolman, "Considerations on Keeping Negroes," Works (1774)

Friends believe that all people have the capacity to bear and respond to the Light, and that all forms of human relations should reflect this spiritual truth. *Each of us has God-given gifts that express themselves in different ways. Friends do not believe that God intended us to be the same, even though we are equally beloved by God. Our differences provide prophetic openings that allow God's grace to shine through us in the unique ways it can.*

Friends believe that the way in which God's gifts are realized may be shaped by the world in which we live. Our ability to bear and respond to the Light can be affected by social prejudices such as those embodied in a class system, patriarchy, and homophobia. Such prejudice is a barrier that dims awareness of God's leadings. Deeply concerned that every individual be respected as a child of God, Friends work to remove such barriers, both inward and outward.

A commitment to equality, the first of Friends' social testimonies, led early Friends to affirm that no person is superior to another because of birth, wealth, or formal education. They rejected the use of honorific titles, provided an expanded role for women in their communities, and eschewed "hat honor," removing one's hat as a sign of deference. They retained the traditional "thee" and "thou" to avoid the emerging seventeenth century usage of granting an undue distinction to a single person with a plural "you." Modern Friends continue to uphold the principle of equality, though in different ways.

In seeking to apply this testimony, Friends have often been in the forefront of social change. Recognition of inherent worth of all people despite individual or group differences has often caused Friends to live and act contrary to accepted societal norms, rejecting stereotyping, discrimination, and artificial barriers that separate people from one another. Equality has been the foundation of Friends' approach to each other and the world.

We believe all are empowered by God and encourage all to speak for themselves, expressing their own experiences and goals. We must speak the truth to others as it is revealed to us, and we must listen for the truth that is in them, lest we miss it. Understanding others' perspectives can change us and inform the actions we take to work toward equality. In our continuing spiritual search, we are open to revising our approach to social change as new insights arise.

We seek a world *free of oppression*, where the laws and customs foster human dignity. We encourage all people to realize their full potential as human beings bearing the light of God.

Queries

Page 40, I.C.2

Do you *welcome* diversity in an understanding and reconciling spirit, and make use of it for the enrichment of the meeting?

Page 40, I.C.3

Do you seek ways to explore the roots of your unspoken assumptions *about individuals or groups of people* that may be the source of hurt and pain to others?

Page 40, I.D.3

When members or attenders engage in actions or words which seem inconsistent with the *testimonies* of the Religious Society of Friends, do you *examine your reaction to be sure it doesn't come from lack of understanding or unrecognized prejudice?* Do you accept your responsibility to encourage them to examine their *motives* in the Light? In this eldering, do you share your own understanding of Friends practices and testimonies?

Page 42, II.A.3

How have you sought, under the claims of divine love and grace, to *understand and overcome the discomfort that often accompanies the perception of differences?* What differences do you have difficulty in accepting? Do you seek in others their *God-given gifts?* Do you seek to nurture them?

Page 42, II.A.7

Do you foster reverence for life, finding ways to understand and remove the causes of misery and suffering? Do you, in loving concern, stand with the abused and persecuted *without fanning the flames of hatred and division?* Do you offer support, refuge, and comfort to the oppressed and ostracized while extending a loving hand to those who engage in oppression, calling them into loving unity?

Charge #2: Marriage

Marriage

A person's spiritual development can be strengthened in a loving committed relationship. Friends have long recognized that some couples are called into such a relationship, a ministry of caring, which with Divine assistance may open the way to deep and unreserved love, to forgiveness, to trust, and to the nurture of each other's gifts. Early Friends recognized that the joining of two people in this covenant relationship "is the work of the Lord only, and not the priests', or magistrates'; for it is God's ordinance and not man's; and therefore Friends cannot consent that they should join them together: for we marry none; it is the Lord's work, and we are but witnesses" (George Fox, 1669).

In the marriage of Friends, a *couple* commit themselves to a shared life, bringing into being a new family. During a meeting for worship, usually one especially called for the purpose of the marriage, they stand in the presence of God and of friends gathered and declare their commitment, with divine assistance, to remain loving and faithful for life.

In Friends' tradition, marriage takes place in a community of faith. It is not only the act of two individuals, but the act of a community. The corporate signing of the marriage certificate testifies to this fact. The meeting's involvement with the couple begins with the appointment of a clearness committee, which meets with the couple in a spirit of worship and concern for the proposed marriage. This committee helps the couple affirm their clearness for marriage by examining, with them, not only their clearness from prior obligations of any kind but many other aspects of their relationship, including their strengths and potential differences. This process of clarifying, the task of the entire group together, may in itself deepen their relationship and understanding of each other, or it may reveal problems that should preclude the marriage. The clearness process is complete only when the decision is clear to all.

A monthly meeting remains concerned for all the marriages within it. Recognizing that in a marriage people go through many changes and that difficulties can arise in any relationship, members of the meeting should be in touch with the couple, expressing their love and concern. A member of the ministry and oversight committee or the clearness committee for the marriage may take the initiative in offering to help the couple attain clearness when problems arise. A couple is encouraged to call on the meeting or a specially appointed clearness committee to help resolve difficulties. Friends also have found that marriage enrichment retreats and similar supports help foster strong and growing relationships.

We live in a time when, for some people, individual fulfillment and growth in marriage seem mutually exclusive. The experience and faith of Friends is that, undertaken in faith, marriage can be both stable and creative, and that such a marriage may form the best environment for the nurture and fulfillment of each individual and any children they may have.

Some monthly meetings within SAYMA, in their wrestling with the Truth, have reached unity in taking gay and lesbian marriages under their care. Meetings should approach each request in the spirit of tenderness and openness to God's leadings.

Procedure for Marriage

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Meeting approval

To secure meeting approval, the couple writes a letter to the meeting stating their intention to marry and their desire to marry under the care of the meeting.

If only one, or neither, is a Friend, the meeting will want to take time to develop a communal bond with the couple before deciding to take the marriage under its care. If the *couple maintains membership in* different meetings, their letter should be sent to both meetings and approval obtained from each.

[No changes are proposed for the remaining paragraphs.]

Charge #3: Christianity, especially clarification of the relationship between Christianity and Quakerism within SAYMA.

Quakerism began as a part of the Puritan revolution that convulsed England in the seventeenth century. Like others of their day, the first Friends set out to rebuild the church and to recapture the spirit of primitive Christianity. But these Friends of the Truth went far beyond contemporary sects to insist that true religion should be based, not on forms and ceremony, ritual and creeds, but on a living experience of the divine. The experience these early Friends affirmed was a shared experience of the living Seed of God who was present and active in their midst and empowered them to lead lives of obedient discipleship. "The gospel," George Fox wrote, "is a living way, which is revealed within."

This emphasis on the primacy of the inward experience led to widening differences between Friends and other Christians and ultimately even among Friends. *Friends believed that Christ's embodiment in Jesus testified to a new beginning in all of humanity's relationship with God.* The old order based on law and ceremonial observance was done away with, replaced by the direct rulership of God's spirit, the Light of Christ within. Friends believed that professing Christians had forsaken this fundamental reality and slipped back into an old order based on the "shadows" of form. Thus, for Friends, baptism and communion were inward, spiritual experiences unmediated by any person or ritual.

These early Friends recognized God's coming among us in the historical person of Jesus. They also recognized the universal nature of that which they named Christ and believed that each human being, regardless of when and where she or he lived, is touched by the Christ Within. John Woolman called this a universal principle which is "pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any..." ("Considerations on Keeping Negroes," Works, 1774).

Since Friends believe that the Spirit is actively present among them as teacher, they have always trusted in it to reveal the Truth to individuals insofar as they are prepared to receive it. And while Friends do uphold certain principles and beliefs as a corporate body, they do not require adoption or adherence to these as a condition of membership; they do expect that each person be true to his or her own spiritual experience. Friends' beliefs, traditions, and teachings are meant to be testimonies to help individuals discern the leadings of the Inward Teacher among all the other voices and worldly teachers that vie for allegiance.

Friends have used religious experience rather than doctrines to express their encounters with divine reality. These experiences have led Friends to use traditional language in fresh ways. "Christ," then, may refer to the historical Jesus or to the teacher who enters their lives to lead them toward oneness with God; "the Spirit" may become the loving activity of God within each person's life and the life of the meeting; "the Word of God" is both the Bible and the expression of the Spirit. Friends strive to listen to the Spirit that prompts us to speak, without trying to impose our own wordings upon others.

The same emphasis is evident in Quaker attitudes toward scripture, religious authority, and ministry. Early Friends confronted Christians of their day, charging them with replacing the direct rulership of God's spirit with these human aids and institutions. For Friends, scripture is not the Word of God but an essential testimony to the true Word of God which continues to be revealed. Scripture and other inspirational writings become a help or hindrance, depending on whether or not they are understood in the same spirit in which they were written. Likewise, for Friends, religious authority is not in outward uniformity of religious practice, but is found, individually and carparately, through relationship to the Spirit, which many Friends name the living Christ. Ministry is not meant to be a divinely instituted mediation between God and the individual, but a help in guiding people from worldly influences to the true spirit of God.

Friends speak often of the "Inner Light" and "that of God in every person" to identify the Spirit that leads them and is experienced directly by them. Their beliefs have attracted to Friends seekers from varying religious and cultural traditions, who have identified, in these universal teachings, parts of their own backgrounds. Friends from whatever tradition have found that they can travel together in similar spiritual paths.

Although Friends today vary widely in the language they use to express their religious experience, many still find deep meaning in traditional Christian terms. Other Friends find inspiration in a universal concept of God encompassing beliefs and values from other world religions. Recognizing times when, as individuals, they thought they could control their own destinies but found themselves feeling cut off from the power and healing of God's love, they may understand "salvation" as the gift which opens them to *the Spirit*, so that they may act more and more in tune with its leading.

[No changes are proposed for the remaining paragraphs.]

Nurturing the Life of the Spirit

Worship in the tradition of Friends involves *silent waiting*, listening for the divine voice, and being obedient to the demands of discipleship. Utterly and severely simple, a meeting for worship convenes in silent expectancy at a previously appointed time and place to await the advent of that Spirit that has power to unite a diverse group of seekers. Such services are always marked by a sense of awe and mystery, for worshipers never know beforehand how the *Seed* each shares will become manifest. *Anyone who feels led from an experience of the Inward Teacher may express the deep and unspoken needs of those gathered together.*

Normally, the early portion of a meeting for worship is a period of "centering down." During this time, the hurry and cumber of the world beyond may slowly become less and less important, and the seekers' attention turns inward in listening for the divine Word. The deepening silence can then take on a living quality, making distractions evident only on the surface of the unity that has been created. The meeting may proceed to its conclusion in this state of silent worship, but more commonly one or more worshipers will sense a leading to share a message with the others present; although it is usually coherent, this sharing represents much more than a product of the merely rational mind. The words uttered develop naturally out of the common experience of the meeting at that special time, yet reflect the experience, personality, and background of the one who gives them voice. Under a leading to speak, a Friend should remember that the most fertilizing messages are often brief, even incomplete; one should not necessarily hesitate from fear of an inadequate insight. One may speak from deep suffering as well as deep joy, from questioning as well as clarity. *In whatever form, words from the silence may be profound and concrete evidence of the presence of the Spirit of Christ.*

Charge #4: The nature and role of queries in the Guide, and specifically whether or not queries on Patriarchy should be developed and included.

Committee comment: The committee thinks that the introductory comment on the nature and role of queries on page 39 is adequate. The committee recommends that Yearly Meeting always be open to adding new queries whenever a need is perceived, and recommends that, at the end of the present Queries, this new section be added:

Queries Related to Patriarchy, Gender, and Culture

1. *In our families and in our own Monthly Meetings, do boys and girls, women and men, have different experiences? In what ways might males and females have different opportunities for service? Is God's voice heard and listened to in your Meeting without regard to who voices it, female or male?*
2. *Do you tend to envision the Spirit as limited to feminine or masculine? Does that change the way you view men and women in your life? The way you view yourself? Does your use of religious imagery and language express your experience of God's presence without imposing your notions on others?*
3. *Are you able to listen and hear the ways that people use different religious language to express their encounter with the Divine as God? As Goddess? As Mother? As Father? As Spirit? As Christ? Can we "come together in that which is eternal" without letting personal preferences in language divide us?*
4. *Do the expectations society places upon us as men and women prevent us from realizing our God-given gifts and leadings?*
5. *Do privileges that have accrued to us tempt us to exploit what appear to be the "natural" disadvantages in others?*
6. *Do you respect the work of women and see its worth in whatever roles they may feel led to fill? Of men? Do you refrain from taking economic advantage of those whose "worth" is devalued in the eyes of the world?*



Charge #5: The procedures to be followed in future examinations and revisions of the Guide.

Revision of the Guide

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Friends have committed themselves to remaining open to continuing revelation by new leadings of the Spirit. They recognize that guides like this one tend to freeze today's unique experience into tomorrow's rigid formula. As a directory, the *Guide to Faith and Our Practice* naturally reflects the way SAYMA Friends have organized their spiritual strivings at the time of its composition (1975-1990). To enable the Spirit to blow freely where it will and lead Friends and their meetings is a more fundamental principle than any temporary guide.

To encourage openings to divine leadings and to promote the corporate nature of Friends' decision making, the clerk of SAYMA shall inquire each year at the beginning of the first yearly meeting session for business if concerns have arisen among Friends regarding this Guide. Specific minuted proposed alterations, seasoned in a monthly meeting, may then be presented and referred to an examining committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting.

In addition, at the end of nine years after approval of the completed Guide (presumably 1999), and at the end of each decade thereafter, yearly meeting shall consider the appointment of a revision committee to review the entire Guide. This committee, in light of examining committee reports, shall determine if continuing corporate revelation requires revision of the testimonies and queries.

Each examining and revision committee's membership shall consist of at least five members, two or more of whom shall have served on a previous examining committee. When vacancies occur, the committee, in co-operation with the clerk of the yearly meeting and the nominating committee, shall select replacements from the monthly meetings. In the event an examining committee and yearly meeting are unable to conclude work on a particular concern, that committee shall continue and may review additional minuted concerns until its work is laid down.

The revision committee, in contrast, shall continue to serve until yearly meeting has approved its discontinuance.

At least three months prior to yearly meetings, both the examining and revision committees shall distribute their recommendations to monthly meetings to allow for their full consideration and discussion, and shall present a report at the yearly meeting. Any committee recommendations for changing the Guide that are approved by yearly meetings shall become immediately a part of the Guide, even before reprinting.

1995 Charge #1: SAYMA Ministry and Nurture Committee's job description

Committee Comment: The committee recommends that the list of changes submitted by Bettina Wolf (1995 Business Meeting Attachment 95-1) be dealt with simultaneously with this charge, since both involve revision to the section The Yearly Meeting (pages 15-18). The revision excludes the kinds of particular details that belong in the handbook, as well as to include reference to Ministry and Nurture among SAYMA'S standing committees. The committee thinks that the handbook, which is readily updated, is the appropriate place for detailing the procedures followed in SAYMA'S operations, whereas the GUIDE covers matters of faith and of general practices about which someone who asks "What does it mean to be a Quaker?" should be told.

The Yearly Meeting

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Delete the last sentence which states: The Yearly meeting usually convenes on a Thursday afternoon and runs through Sunday noon, usually in May.

Officers, Staff, and their functions

page 16

The following officers will be appointed by the yearly meeting for one year renewable terms:

- (1) clerk,
- (2) assistant clerk,
- (3) recording clerk,
- (4) treasurer,
- (5) newsletter editor,
- (6) recorder-archivist,
- (7) and other officers *and staff* as needed for administration and *for* program at the

annual session.

To encourage broad participation, the clerk, assistant clerk, and recording clerk usually serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms. Term of office starts at the close of the annual gathering at which they are appointed, but outgoing officers assist in carrying out the immediate

mandates authorized by the yearly meeting. The yearly meeting also appoints clerks of yearly meeting committees and delegates to wider Quaker organizations to serve on their policy-making bodies, *and hires such staff as deemed appropriate*. Explicit job descriptions for all positions are available in the handbook.

Committee comment: The sections on Clerk, assistant clerk, recording clerk, and treasurer should be unchanged, except for (;) instead of (.) after (4) under treasurer. Under Newsletter Editor, we recommend that "at least six issues annually" be changed to "periodically." We also recommend adding a section on staff. This would be inserted immediately after "Recorder-archivist" (page 17).

Staff:

- (1) *maintains an office for the Yearly Meeting;*
- (2) *assists the officers in the execution of clerical responsibilities;*
- (3) *serves as contact and information resource for the Yearly Meeting;*
- (4) *maintains a handbook for the Yearly Meeting.*

Committees and Staff of the yearly meeting and representative meeting

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The nature and function of standing and any additional committees will change in relationship to Friends' perception and need. These committees and their function are described in a handbook and are constituted through the minutes of the yearly meeting.

SAYMA has standing committees for *Administrative Oversight; Annual Meeting Planning; Finance; and Ministry and Nurture*. Clerks of all standing committees are appointed by the yearly meeting, or when necessary by the representative meeting. Ad Hoc committee clerks and committee members are appointed by the yearly meeting clerk. All committees make annual reports to the yearly meeting and such special reports to representative meeting as may be necessary.

The clerk of SAYMA provides supervision and direction to the administrative assistant between business sessions in co-operation with the staff oversight committee, and prioritizes work to be done in the Yearly Meeting office. The office budget for any special projects assigned to the administrative assistant is developed by the SAYMA treasurer and finance committee in full consultation with the staff oversight committee and the administrative assistant. These responsibilities shall normally include the office budget, any special projects, administrative procedures manual and the handbook. Development, implementation, and revision of these duties shall be accomplished by the staff in co-operation with the appropriate officers and oversight committees so as to reflect practices and current minutes of the yearly meeting.

Representation of wider Quaker organization governing bodies

page 18

Contact with broader Quaker groups allows members of SAYMA to remain abreast of happenings and concerns and to develop ties with Friends beyond the region. Hence the yearly meeting has official representatives to Friends General Conference; American Friends Service Committee; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Friends World Committee for Consultation, America Section, and a variety of other organizations focusing on such contemporary issues as peace, native American issues, race, the environment, and lesbian and gay concerns.



- 1995 Charge #2: Corporate nature of inspiration
- 1995 Charge #3: Corporate nature of Quaker worship and decision making

Committee Comment: Following careful review and consideration of the newly presented charges relating to "Corporate nature of inspiration" and "Corporate nature of Quaker worship and decision making," the committee concluded that the corporate aspect of Friends' inspiration, worship, and decision-making is adequately covered in the present GUIDE, for example in "Meeting for Worship" (pp.8-9); in "Meeting for Business" (pp.8-10); and in "The Meeting Community" (p.31).

Celo Friends Meeting
Fifth Month 1996

Members of Celo Friends Meeting met to discuss issues regarding AFSC as presented and discussed at last Yearly Meeting and in the SAYMA newsletter. A minute was drafted and approved at the following business meeting.

Celo Friends Meeting supports AFSC's efforts to become a more diverse Quaker organization. We recognize that many Friends have come to Quakerism through involvement with AFSC, which has been enriched by the participation of people of many backgrounds and beliefs.

Celo Friends Meeting affirms that the best way for Friends to influence and interact with AFSC is by increasing, rather than withdrawing, our involvement and support.

We call upon AFSC to continue to meet with and respond to concerns of Friends in various Yearly Meetings, and to work creatively and cooperatively with Friends Meetings to increase the availability of service opportunities for young and adult Friends.

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Minute on AFSC
Approved by Berea Friends Meeting
Nineteenth Day of Fifth Month, 1996

Berea Friends Meeting wishes to express its appreciation for Friends' love and concern for AFSC as our yearly meeting discusses the relationship between AFSC and the wider Religious Society of Friends. Although Berea Meeting has not found unity on what that relationship should be, we wish to express our ongoing support for the work of AFSC. We also urge that SAYMA continue its participation in the discussion through the sending of representatives to the national corporation and the regional executive committee.

4/7/96

Chattanooga Monthly Meeting
State of the Meeting Report, 1996

This year has been one of progress for our meeting, progress in coming to grips with who we are if not completely in regard to our role in the larger community.

The most obvious achievement has been our First Day School, which, under the able leadership of a Friend who went to Pendle Hill for a workshop last spring, has strengthened. We have had a well-thought out and consistent program, it has been available every Sunday when children were present, and it seems to have put down roots that will allow it to survive its transition to new leadership. As a meeting, we are grateful for the influence it has had and, as our children grow toward maturity, will have in the future. In this connection, also, we had the second of our community fun days during the summer, an event that brought two teen-agers into the meeting, our first in years. Two members gave us a piano, which could only help our monthly singing.

We have had a number of new attenders, three of whom have become members, and there continues a small worship group in nearby Cleveland under our care. One member has returned after a too long an absence. We experimented with Friendly Eights groups but have since laid them aside, using them as long as they seemed necessary. We struggle to regularize our newsletter. The women's group still finds its meetings to be useful. We also hosted the young Friends of the yearly meeting at the New Year. A monthly meeting for healing is engaging seekers of God's care. The meetinghouse resident, for the first time in some years an active Friend, has added to the meeting's sense of security, even as we pondered two small but traumatic break-ins within two days.

Of course, we struggle with matters, too, that come to our attention in a more Quakerly way, including our post-closing "rituals." A visitor forced us to consider the connection between discipline and order, something not anticipated but valuable; we are still looking for the way forward in this regard. The only marriage under our care this year raised fundamental questions about how we continue to care for couples who may need our help, as well as right ordering of these occasions. We recognize that we grow by learning and learn by growing, but we have to admit that the process is not always easy. Walking in the Light will, we know, get us there and help us find our way in the dark night around us.

—Approved, 10 May 1996

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On the same occasion, Chattanooga Meeting also approved the following mintue: Our concern for AFSC and its relationship with Friends has led us to consider deeply where God's Spirit is leading SAYMA as it discusses this matter. We ask ourselves and others to seek God's Truth as the discussion goes on. We want to affirm our support for SAYMA sending a representative to the National Quaker Service, Training, and Witness Conference in April 1997, as we also affirm our support for the traditional mission of AFSC.

6/9/96

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MEMPHIS FRIENDS MEETING MINUTE ON AFSC
June 9, 1996

Over several weeks members and attenders of this Meeting have discussed the extent of non-Quaker involvement in the staff and committee work of the AFSC and whether this leads to any significant influence on the organization away from Quaker values or diminishes the importance of AFSC as an expression of the American Quaker community. Friends voiced serious concerns that the dilution of direct involvement of Quakers in AFSC programmatic work has changed its perception amongst Friends as a common readily available opportunity for Quaker service.

All of the above notwithstanding, Memphis Friends value, in general, the current programs and stated mission of the AFSC and find clearness that SAYMA should continue participation in and support of the AFSC. Only in this way can we insure a responsible role for SAYMA Friends in guiding the critical work that will engage AFSC on the behalf of Friends in the future. We also urge the Board of Directors of the AFSC to institute diligent efforts to enhance grass roots participation of Friends in the Committee's work and we task ourselves to attend more closely to the issues in which AFSC is involved.

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Minutes of Balance Monthly Meeting
Approved First Day, Fourth Month 20, 1996

We have appreciated the opportunity to consider the relationship of SAYMA with the American Friends Service Committee.

We have listened to concerns and perspectives related to the decision of the AFSC Corporation to allow a few non-Friends to serve on the Board of Directors. We trust the Spirit and Friends discernment process to maintain AFSC's integrity and Quaker witness. Our monthly and yearly meetings are enriched by the contributions of those who are not members as well as those who are.

We urge SAYMA to continue its connection with the American Friends Service Committee and to appoint all the representatives to various AFSC bodies to which it is entitled.

We pray that our representatives will be constructive and prophetic participants on our behalf in the AFSC's work.

We encourage greater Quaker involvement in the AFSC, but our deepest concern is that the work of the American Friends Service Committee be led by and grounded in the Spirit.

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ATTENDANCE 25th Yearly Meeting of SAYMA
Saturday, June 15, 1996

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETING AFFILIATION</u>
Beth Ensign	Atlanta
Bill Boyd	Boone
Robert Sharpe	Chattanooga
Julia Ewen	Atlanta
Roger Herr	Atlanta
Zora Ugolini Herr	Atlanta
Susan Penn	Memphis
Lee Scott	Asheville
Jim Scott	Asheville
Dennis Gregg	Crossville
Mary Baxter	Chattanooga
Mary Calhoun	Tri-Cities
John Geary	Boone
Ted Edgerton	Boone
Melissa Meyer	Boone
Charlotte Cline	Berea
Courtney Siceloff	Atlanta
Elizabeth Siceloff	Atlanta
Kathleen Mavournin	W. Knoxville
Willard Vaughan	S. Cent. KY WG
Olga Ahrens	Asheville/Black Mountain
Richard Houghton	Cookeville
Phil Neal	Asheville
Dorothy Mock	Brevard
Susan Gaines	Nashville
Helen Wiegel	Springfield(Wilmington YM)
Frederick Martin	Celo
Betty Neale	Brevard
Joan Williams	Brevard
Pat Fourspring	Brevard
Duncan Vinson	Chattanooga/Sewanee/B'ham
Becky Ingle	Chattanooga
Larry Ingle	Chattanooga
Donald Gann	Celo
Bob Barrus	Celo
Bob Cox	Brevard
Ellie Cox	Brevard
Dawn Weir	Celo
Leslie Carter	Charleston, WVA
Perry Treadwell	Atlanta
Hibbard Thatcher	Nashville
Stuart Bonnington	Clarksville(Nashville)
Peggy Bonnington	Clarksville(Nashville)
Penny Wright	Nashville
Lisa Lewis Raymer	Berea
Richard Adelman	Asheville
Errol Hess	Tri-Cities

DRAFT SAYMA NOMINEES, 96-97 & 97-98

Position	Term (yrs)	From	To	Serving Now	Meeting	Proposed for '97-98	Meeting
OFFICERS & OTHER POSITIONS							
Clerk	2	6/96	6/98	Lee Ann Swarm	W. Knoxville		
Assistant Clerk	2	6/95	6/97	Free Polazzo	Atlanta	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Recording Clerk	2	6/95	6/97	Penny Wright	Nashville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Treasurer	2	6/96	6/98	David Ciscel	Memphis		
Hist Recorder / Archivist	2	6/95	6/97	Bettina Wolff	Asheville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
SAF Editor				Errol Hess	Tri-Cities	?	
Handbook Coord				Bettina Wolff	Asheville	?	
Min & Nurture Co-Clerk 1	2	6/95	6/97	Peggy Bonnington	Nashville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Min & Nurture Co-Clerk 2	3	6/96	6/00	Jane Goldthwait	Celo		
FAITH & PRACTICE EXAMINING COMMITTEE (AT LEAST 5 MEMBERS)							
Clerk	?	?	?	?			
Member #1	?	?	?	Sam Dempsey	Asheville	?	
Member #2	?	?	?	Kristi Estes	Memphis	?	
Member #3	?	?	?	Diane Coleman	Nashville	?	
Member #4	?	?	?	Larry Ingle	Chattanooga	?	
Member #5	?	?	?	Melissa Meyer	Boone	?	
Member #6			?	Sue Snyder	Celo	?	
NOMINATING COMMITTEE (FULL COMMITTEE IS ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MEETING)							
Clerk	2	6/95	6/97	Bert Skellie	Atlanta	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Ongoing Member #1	1	6/95	6/97	Errol Hess	Tri-Cities	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Ongoing Member #2	2	6/95	6/97	John Geary	Boone	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Ongoing Member #3	1	6/96	6/98	Penny Wright	Nashville		
ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (+ CLERK & TREASURER)							
Past Clerk / Host Site	2	6/95	6/97	Bert Skellie	Atlanta	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Member-at Large	3	6/94	6/97	Penny Wright	Nashville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Member-at Large	3	6/96	6/99	Janet Minshall	Atlanta		
FINANCE COMMITTEE (+ TREASURER)							
Clerk (Past Treasurer)	3	6/95	6/98	Dennis Gregg	Crossville		
Member	3	6/95	6/98	George Oldham	Asheville		
Member	3	6/96	6/00	Bill Boyd	Celo		
ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE (INCLUDES SAYF CO-CLERKS & SITE SELECTION CLERK)							
Planning Com Clerk	2	6/96	6/98	Kathleen Mavournin	W. Knoxville		
Adult Program- co clerk	2	6/96	6/98	Free Polazzo	Atlanta		
Adult Program #2	2	6/95	6/97	Drew Foster	Nashville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Co-Registrar #1	2	6/95	6/97	Carol Lamm	Berea	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Co-Registrar #2	2	6/95	6/97	Susan Penn	Memphis	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Bookstore #1	2	6/96	6/98	Pete Houghton	Atlanta		
Bookstore #2	2	6/95	6/97	Bruce Pearson	Columbia	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
JYM Coordinator	2	6/96	6/98	Georgi Schmitt	W. Knoxville		
Assistant JYM Coordinator	2	6/96	6/98	Nickitie Jayne	Asheville		
Workshop Coordinator	2	6/96	6/98	Lisa Lewis Raymer	Berea		
Worship Sharing Coord	2	6/96	6/98	Pam Beziat	Nashville		

DRAFT SAYMA NOMINEES, 96-97 & 97-98

Position	Term (yrs)	From	To	Serving Now	Meeting	Proposed for '97-98	Meeting
Site Liaison / Arrangements	1	6/96	6/97	Bill Reynolds, Becky Ingle	Chattanooga	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE							
Site Selection Clerk	1	6/96	6/97	Hibbard Thatcher	Nashville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Site Selection Member #1	1	6/96	6/97	Larry Ingle	Chattanooga	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Site Selection Member #2	1	6/96	6/97	Curt Thompson	Atlanta	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
SAYF COMMITTEE							
Co-Clerk #1	2	6/96	6/98	Ellen Hearne	Asheville		
Co-Clerk #2	2	6/95	6/97	Curt Thompson	Atlanta	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Adult Member #1	2	1/96	6/97	Robin Wells	Asheville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Adult Member #2	2	6/96	6/98	Cheryl Baker	W. Knoxville		
Adult Member #3	2	6/96	6/98	Jeremiah Gold-Hopton	Atlanta		
Adult Member #4 (proposed)	2	6/96	6/98			<i>Katy Farr (start 10/96?)</i>	Atlanta
Youth Members	2	6/95	6/97	16 Youth were nominated	Several	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
REPRESENTATIVES							
AFSC Corp #1	2	6/95	6/97	Free Polazzo	Atlanta	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
AFSC Corp #2	2	6/96	6/98	Shari Fradenburgh	Atlanta		
AFSC SE Region Exec Com	2	6/95	6/97	John Lewis	Berea	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
AFSC SERO rep #2	2	6/96	6/98	Daryl Bergquist	Royal		
FCNL #1	3	6/95	6/98	Bettina Wolff	Asheville		
FCNL #2	3	6/94	6/97	Carol Nickle	W Knoxville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
FCNL #3	3	6/96	6/99	Nancy Lee-Riffe	Berea		
FCUN	2	6/96	6/98	Kit Potter	Nashville		
FGC #1	3	6/96	6/99	John Geary	Boone		
FGC #2	3	6/95	6/98	Perry Treadwell	Atlanta		
FGC #3 (proposed)	3	6/96	6/99			<i>Mary Ann Downey (10/96+?)</i>	Atlanta
FLGC	2	6/96	6/98			<i>Need one?</i>	
Friends Peace Team				Harry Rogers	Columbia	?	
FWCC #1	3	6/95	6/98	Ted Edgerton	Boone		
FWCC #2	3	6/95	6/98	Kathy Burke	Atlanta		
FWCC #3	3	6/94	6/97	Barbara Esther	Asheville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
FWCC #4	3	6/94	6/97	Bob Lyons	Asheville	<i>Need nominee by 5/97</i>	
Quaker House				Harry Rogers	Columbia	?	
Youthquake '97	3	6/95	6/98	Jeremiah Gold-Hopton	Atlanta		

PLEASE HELP US FIND PEOPLE TO FILL THESE SLOTS. ALSO, PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY ERRORS RIGHT AWAY.
 THANKS - BERT SKELLIE, 416 PAGE AVE, NE, ATLANTA 30307, (404) 378-5883; FAX 373-6100; EMAIL 103016,2066
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09/16/96

SAYMA Financial Report

7/1/95 through 6/13/96

	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS	1995	7/1/95- 6/13/96
Assessment	19,500.00	17,934.33
Newsletter	1,800.00	998.00
Yearly Meeting Receipts		13,445.39
Book Sales		-
Annual Bookstore		24.56
Faith and Practice/Directory		356.50
Scholarship		470.00
Contributions	250.00	64.93
Interest	100.00	66.97
Total Receipts	21,650.00	33,427.65

Total Receipts (LESS YM Receipts) 19,915.29

DISBURSEMENTS

SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Newsletter	2,000.00	2,858.94
Yearly Meeting		-
Adult Program		470.67
Housing & Food		-
Book Sales		-
** Young Friends Program	2,850.00	6.19
SAYF	1,315.00	1,120.86
Delegate Expenses		-
Representative Meetings	175.00	-
Delegates to WQOs	2,200.00	1,982.17
FWCC Triennial Fund	650.00	650.00
Ministry & Nurture Fund	300.00	-
Administration (Put into Office Exp	100.00	-
Administrative Assistant(Incl.WH	5,459.00	5,258.16
Office Expenses	1,600.00	1,727.58
SAYMA Directory	300.00	335.74
YM Minutes	320.00	-
SAYMA Handbook	320.00	130.82
Miscellaneous	50.00	150.00

YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS

Spiritual Development Fund	450.00	300.00
Released Friend Fund		

MONTHLY MEETING PROJECTS

Rural Southern Voice for Peace (750.00	750.00
Other	100.00	-

** WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZAT	4,700.00	4,700.00
RSWR:Interest Savings	140.00	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 23,779.00 20,441.13

NET RECEIPTS(DISBURSEMENTS) (2,129) 12,925.74

Less YM Receipts (1996) 13,445.39

NET RECEIPTS - excluding YM Receipts (520)

** DETAILS OF EXPENSES IN 2 GROUPINGS ABOVE			
<i>JYM</i>			
<u>YOUNG FRIENDS PROGRAM</u>			
Coordinator	1,200.00	-	
Asst Coordinator	600.00	-	
JYM Expenses	1,050.00	6.19	
<u>WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS</u>			
AFSC	750.00	750.00	
FCNL	750.00	750.00	
FGC	750.00	750.00	
FWCC	750.00	750.00	
FWCC 3rd World Delegates	650.00	650.00	
Quaker House:Fayetteville	750.00	750.00	
FLGC	150.00	150.00	
FCUN	150.00	150.00	

	A	B	C	D	F	H
1	SAYMA GENERAL FUND BUDGET	7/1/96 through 6/30/97				
2		Budget	Proposed	Budget		
3		1995	Changes	1996-7	Inc.	Per Person
4	RECEIPTS					
5	Assessment	19,500.00	3,900.00	23,400.00	20%	42.00
6	Newsletter	1,800.00	900.00	2,700.00	50%	6.00
12	Contributions	250.00		250.00		
13	Interest	100.00		100.00		
14	Total Receipts	21,650.00		26,450.00		
16	DISBURSEMENTS					
17	SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
18	Newsletter	2,000.00	695.00	2,695.00		
19	Yearly Meeting					
20	Printing/mailling Registration		350.	350.00		
23	Young Friends Program			2,850.00		
24	Coordinator	1,200.00			1,200.00	
25	Asst Coordinator	600.00			600.00	
26	JYM Expenses	1,050.00			1,050.00	
27	Scholarship for visiting WQO Reps		150.00	150.00		
28	SAYF	1,065.00	1,200.00	2,265.00		
29	YouthQuake Scholarship			-		
30	Delegate Expenses			3,175.00		
31	Representative Meetings	175.00			175.00	
32	Delegates to WQOs	2,200.00	800.00		3,000.00	
33	FWCC Triennial Fund	650.00		650.00		
34	Ministry & Nurture Fund	300.00		300.00		
35	Administrative Assistant (Incl. WH Taxes, matched Taxes)	5,571.00	278.55	5,849.55		
36	Administration	100.00	150.00	250.00		
37	Office Expenses	1,600.00	160	1,760.00		
38	Mailing, Postage, Misc. for Publications			940.00		
39	SAYMA Directory	300.00			300.00	
40	YM Minutes	320.00			320.00	
41	SAYMA Handbook	320.00			320.00	
42	Miscellaneous	50.00		50.00		
44	YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS					
45	Spiritual Development Fund	450.00	(350.00)	100.00		
46	Released Friend Fund			=		
48	MONTHLY MEETING PROJECTS					
49	Rural Southern Voice for Peace (Celo)	750.00		750.00		
50	Other	100.00		100.00		
51						
52	WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS	4,840.00		4,840.00		
62	CORRECTIONS					
63	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,641.00		27,074.55		
64						
65	NET RECEIPTS(DISBURSEMENTS)	\$ (1,991.00)		\$ (624.55)		

Spec. Funds bal. approx 4,500
 FQNL (reserve) 6,000
 chkr acct. approx 4,000

NOTES

5C - increase ->	42.00
6C- Increase in newsletter rated ->	6.00
5C, 6C - Total increase	48.00

20C - 1/2 cost of Spring issue

27C - (for registration, room, board) Request from M&N for unpaid Nurture Secretary of FGC
Should we pay for other WQO reps?

28C - \$ 600 for newsletter, \$600 Phone

29 - Fund for SAYMA Friends to contribute to scholarships to Youthquake conference in 1998

This will start with a \$180 balance contributed by an interested member of SAYMA

32 - Travel for FCUN, FLGC, Curt Thompson - FGC Planning Cmte

35 - Proposed increase includes retroactive 2.5% increase for 1996 + 2.5% increase for 1997

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MEMORIAL MINUTES ASHEVILLE FRIENDS MEETING JUNE 1996

Martha "Teeny" Cheesman Oldham

Martha "Teeny" Cheeseman Oldham died on Sunday, March 10, 1996. A memorial Meeting under the care of Asheville Friends Meeting was held on Saturday, March 16, at Shepherd's Church Street Chapel

Teeny was a birthright Friend from Haddonfield, New Jersey. She had been an active member of Asheville Friends Meeting since moving to Hendersonville in 1975, and she served as a co-clerk along with her husband in 1976. Although in her later years Parkinson's Disease made it more and more difficult for her to get around, she was still able to attend Meeting regularly, and the Meeting was always strengthened by her presence.

Margaret "Peg" Calbeck Neal

Margaret "Peg" Calbeck Neal died on Tuesday, April 2, 1996. A memorial Meeting under the care of Asheville Friends Meeting was held at the Unitarian Church on Saturday, April 13, 1996.

Peg joined Asheville Friends Meeting in 1985, and served as co-clerk, along with her husband Phil Neal in 1986. Her ministry as a community worker and teacher of women's studies made her a role model for the youth in our Meeting, particularly for the young women of the Meeting. Her active committee work with the Meeting, especially her work with the Long Range Planning Committee, will continue to be a positive and thoughtful influence on the Meeting.

Ernest Kellog

Ernest Kellog departed this life on Tuesday, September 5, 1995 at St. Luke's Hospital in Landrum, SC.

He was born on a cattle ranch in 1903 near Russell, Kansas. He graduated from the Lincoln School of Teachers College, Columbia University and the University of Wisconsin. Most of his business life was with the Milk Foundation in Chicago and then in Washington, D.C. In 1951 he and Helen bought a farm near Gowansville, SC and they attended the Tryon Meeting and the Asheville Meeting of Friends.

A memorial Service was held Friday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Gowansville SC Community Club in which Ernest was active.

MARGARET RUTH CALBECK NEAL 1917 - 1996

The family of Margaret (Peg) Calbeck Neal reports, with sadness, that she died on April 2, 1996 after contending with cancer for 10 months.

She passed away suddenly and peacefully, surprising both Hospice and her family, who believed she would still be with us for awhile. In the last months of her life, she had corresponded with many of you about her autobiography, Unlikely Rebel, and we are thankful to report that it was nearly complete at the time of her death.

Those who attended her memorial service will recognize the account of her life which follows. However, we include it here for the benefit of distant friends and relatives and others who could not attend.



Margaret Ruth Calbeck was born in 1917 in Blackwell, OK. Her early years were spent in Joplin, MO. She graduated from Joplin High School, where she was active in various school drama and literary clubs. The family then moved to Columbus, OH, where she majored in Mathematics at Ohio State University, served as vice-president of the campus YWCA, and was elected to the honorary Mortar Board society. Following graduation, she attended Chicago Theological Seminary and held positions with the YWCA and the Methodist Church in Minnesota and Ohio. In 1947, she was instrumental in integrating the Y-Teen Clubs in Columbus, OH.



In 1948 she moved to Celo Community in the mountains of North Carolina and in 1951 she began work in Yancey County as a rural church and community worker with the Methodist Church. She left that position in 1953 to marry Phil Neal; Edna Grace and Emily arrived in 1954 and 1956. The family moved to Spruce Pine in 1959 and to Asheville in 1964.



In the years that followed, Peg was at various times a full-time homemaker, piano teacher, Methodist church and community worker, Women's Studies instructor at Warren Wilson College, president of AAUW, and co-clerk of Asheville Friends Meeting. She revelled in planning family parties and celebrations; an interest which was probably handed down from her father's mother, who was known for meticulously planned social events and pageants. She was also expert at making creative use of the bounty from Phil's garden and wasting nothing; no doubt these skills were learned from her mother, who grew up on a farm and managed a growing family during the Depression years.

But the issue that sustained her greatest interest over 30 years was the role and status of women in society. She worked hard to raise awareness about this issue in the Methodist Church, the Society of Friends, and the community at large through letters to the editor, guest editorials, speeches and study groups. As a graduate student at Western Carolina University, she also educated her professors about women's issues by means of the papers she wrote to fulfill course requirements. She will be remembered especially as a mentor to other women (including her daughters!) as they sought to clarify their own roles and find their own voices.

In her autobiography, she sought to answer the question of how a daughter of relatively conservative and traditional parents came to be an "Unlikely Rebel" who stepped outside traditional roles and advocated for liberal, sometimes unpopular causes. A single answer to this question cannot be seen in the book, but a number of factors helped to make Peg the person she was.

For example, in her mother's family, all of the women "did something" like teaching school or working as missionaries in India or Alaska, even if they eventually settled down to become wives and mothers. She also remembered that her father, a scientist, encouraged his children to think beyond the obvious and figure out why things were the way they were. Both of her parents and their families placed a high value not only on religious faith but also on living a life of integrity, consistent with one's faith. With these building blocks, and the influence of particular individuals and ideas that



spoke to her at critical points in her life, Peg constructed a world view and a way of life that seemed contradictory at times to that of her forebears. Yet the underlying rhythms of her life may have been more in harmony with theirs than they often seemed to her.

In 1973, Peg gave a devotional talk at a meeting of the Methodist Church's Western North Carolina Conference on the Status and Role of Women. It reflected her emphasis on living out one's faith and on listening to the voices of those who are "on the fringes", including women. Some excerpts are offered here.

"As we try to comprehend how Christ can be present in the weak and discredited, we may think first of His words recorded in Matthew: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto me." For the Church, Christ has always been hidden in the outcast as an opportunity for service, and a large part of our ministry has been to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and befriend the prisoner, not just for Brownie points against a Last Judgement, but with genuine compassion and a desire that these people be returned to a normal role in the mainstream of society.

"...But if, year after year, no matter how much we help and how hard they try, some of them still do not belong, then we may begin to wonder whether there is, quite literally, no room for them in the social, economic and political systems that make up our world. At this point we may find Christ present in the weak, not just as an occasion for us to practice charity, but as carriers of an urgent message about how the regular functioning of our society must be changed. And our best response may then be not service, but listening....[M]ight we not expect new concepts in human relationships and social organization to come more easily to the minds of newcomers to leadership and decision-making roles -- the young, the poor, ethnic minorities, and now women?

Turning her focus to the role of women in the church, she quoted the Reverend Kathleen Nicol, who was at that time a newly ordained Methodist minister:

"Without the witness of the whole people of God, the Word is not complete...The human race has interpreted its experience only through men for too long...My mother and my grandmother had a Word from God, too, and that's why I'm here...Without the message of what women know of the sacred and fragile and perfect humanity of every child the message is incomplete....[B]ecause I have children and a husband I know things that they do not know, and those words must be part of the church's ministry, or it is not whole."

Near the close of her talk, Peg asked those gathered to pray with her the following prayer:

"O Christ, as you come uninvited into a world which has no room for you, and as you make your place with those others who do not belong, help us to see that because you dwell with the discredited, it is they who have a special message for the church and for the world. To the extent that we are the powerful, let us make it possible for the weak to speak; and to the extent that we are the weak, give us courage to share our experience and our insights for the good of all: In Thy Spirit, Amen."

Peg conveyed a sense of buoyancy, cheerful assurance, and warmth which reached out to people. At her memorial service these attributes were often mentioned by those who spoke about her. Her Light remains to inspire all who knew her: family, friends, and working associates. We wish to express deep gratitude for the support and help received from many quarters. If you would like more information, we will do our best to provide it.



In the Light,

J. Philip Neal

Edna Neal Collins

Emily Neal

--and family

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SUSY



In Memoriam:

Susanna Jestine Riffe

March 22, 1969-April 1, 1996

SUSY WAS BORN IN THE BEREA HOSPITAL

and lived all of her life in Berea, except for eight years in Richmond and time spent traveling with family. She was very proud of being a "Berea native," and would often tell people, "This is my town." She died here too, in that same hospital, where she had enjoyed doing volunteer work.

When she was born, services for people with mental retardation in Madison County were not available but have slowly developed in her lifetime. Susy attended the School of Hope, operated by a volunteer board, until in 1974 the legislature passed a bill requiring that schools provide for children with disabilities. Susy sat in Governor Wendell Ford's lap as he signed that bill into law. She then attended Head Start and eventually the public schools, and graduated with a special education certificate when she was 21, in 1990.

Susy was extremely fortunate in having for six years a part-time position as Food Service Associate with Marriott at Berea College, within walking distance of home. There she had supportive supervisors and co-workers, and she developed and flourished from her interactions with them.

She was a good folk dancer—going to the Country Dances and Oh Contraire was probably her biggest joy. She was improving her swimming and reading and dulcimer-playing skills with lessons and tutoring. She might be called an "overachiever"—she certainly opened many eyes to recognize how very much can be done with an IQ of 50.

How clearly Susy understood about her mental

disabilities it is hard to say. She probably counted her biggest handicap being so very short, only 4'6". She seemed to take her heart problem and shortness of breath for granted and simply did what she could.

Susy was a "people-person"—her open, loving nature won her friendships wherever she went. She had many supportive friends: Berea Friends Meeting, Community Dancers, Festival Dancers, the coffee gang at Cardinal, Hospital Auxiliary, as well as many, many individuals who were "there for her." Susy-hugs will be missed—her greetings were always whole-hearted. She lived very simply and very wholly each moment as it came, so her affections were never entangled in grievances, though she could pout with the best of 'em on occasion, briefly.

Her heart in its capacity to love was very, very big.

But her heart was also a very bad one, and its condition was inoperable. This condition had worsened gradually in the last few years. On Monday, April 1, after a happy day at work, she suddenly experienced some pain and a few minutes later had a massive heart attack. Apparently she was gone instantly, though strenuous efforts were made to keep her here. There wasn't even a moment in which good-byes could be said.

Susy's ashes are in a box made out of native walnut by her very dear f/Friend Bob Mills. Some will be scattered in some of her favorite places; most will be placed in a family plot in Danville. Susy's body with its bad heart has left us, but her real heart, her valiant spirit, can remain with us as long as we will let it.

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	A	B	C	D	F	H
1	SAYMA GENERAL FUND BUDGET	7/1/96 through 6/30/97				
2		Budget	Proposed	Budget		
3		1995	Changes	1996-7	Inc.	Per Person
4	RECEIPTS					
5	Assessment	19,500.00	3,900.00	23,400.00	20%	42.00
6	Newsletter	1,800.00	900.00	2,700.00	50%	6.00
12	Contributions	250.00		250.00		
13	Interest	100.00		100.00		
14	Total Receipts	21,650.00		26,450.00		
16	DISBURSEMENTS					
17	SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
18	Newsletter	2,000.00	695.00	2,695.00		
19	Yearly Meeting					
20	Printing/mailling Registration		350	350.00		
23	Young Friends Program JYM			2,850.00		
24	Coordinator	1,200.00			1,200.00	
25	Asst Coordinator	600.00			600.00	
26	JYM Expenses	1,050.00			1,050.00	
27	Scholarship for visiting WQO Reps		150.00	150.00		
28	SAYF	1,065.00	1,200.00	2,265.00		
29	YouthQuake Scholarship			-		
30	Delegate Expenses			3,175.00		
31	Representative Meetings	175.00			175.00	
32	Delegates to WQOs	2,200.00	800.00		3,000.00	
33	FWCC Triennial Fund	650.00		650.00		
34	Ministry & Nurture Fund	300.00		300.00		
	Administrative Assistant					
35	(Incl.WH Taxes, matched Taxes)	5,571.00	278.55	5,849.55		
36	Administration	100.00	150.00	250.00		
37	Office Expenses	1,600.00	160	1,760.00		
	Mailing, Postage, Misc. for Publications					
38				940.00		
39	SAYMA Directory	300.00			300.00	
40	YM Minutes	320.00			320.00	
41	SAYMA Handbook	320.00			320.00	
42	Miscellaneous	50.00		50.00		
44	YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS					
45	Spiritual Development Fund	450.00	(350.00)	100.00		
46	Released Friend Fund			-		
48	MONTHLY MEETING PROJECTS					
49	Rural Southern Voice for Peace (Celo)	750.00		750.00		
50	Other	100.00		100.00		
51				-		
52	WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS				4,840.00	
62	CORRECTIONS					
63	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	23,641.00		27,074.55		
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65	NET RECEIPTS(DISBURSEMENTS)	\$ (1,991.00)		\$ (624.55)		

NOTES

5C - increase ->	42.00
6C- Increase in newsletter rate ->	6.00
5C, 6C - Total increase	48.00

20C - 1/2 cost of Spring issue

27C - (for registration, room, board) Request from M&N for unpaid Nurture Secretary of FGC
Should we pay for other WQO reps?

28C - \$ 600 for newsletter, \$600 Phone

29 - Fund for SAYMA Friends to contribute to scholarships to Youthquake conference in 1998
This will start with a \$180 balance contributed by an interested member of SAYMA

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Realizing the value of AFSC to the world community and to the Quaker Meetings, the Brevard Meeting endorses SAYMA's continued representation on the AFSC Corporation and SAYMA's continued financial support of AFSC.

As to allowing non-Quaker full membership on the AFSC Board of Directors, the meeting did not reach consensus on changing membership requirements.

*Agreed upon at the April, 1996 business meeting
of Brevard Monthly Meeting regarding changes to the
Bylaws of the AFSC Corporation.*

*Bob Suffield for Brevard
Friends Meeting
April 29, 1996*

Minutes of Atlanta Monthly Meeting
Approved First Day, Fourth Month 20, 1996

We have appreciated the opportunity to consider the relationship of SAYMA with the American Friends Service Committee.

We have listened to concerns and perspectives related to the decision of the AFSC Corporation to allow a few non-Friends to serve on the Board of Directors. We trust the Spirit and Friends discernment process to maintain AFSC's integrity and Quaker witness. Our monthly and yearly meetings are enriched by the contributions of those who are not members as well as those who are.

We urge SAYMA to continue its connection with the American Friends Service Committee and to appoint all the representatives to various AFSC bodies to which it is entitled.

We pray that our representatives will be constructive and prophetic participants on our behalf in the AFSC's work.

We encourage greater Quaker involvement in the AFSC, but our deepest concern is that the work of the American Friends Service Committee be led by and grounded in the Spirit.

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**RESPONSE OF GREENVILLE FRIENDS TO CONCERNS/DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAYMA AND AFSC**

Tuesday, May 28, 1996

We would reframe these concerns/discussions as they are moved forward by proposing these queries:

1. *How might the opportunity for discussing these issues deepen and broaden the mission and work of Friends through AFSC and other channels?*

2. *How might Meetings become more effectively involved with AFSC as an instrument of Friends' work in the world? How might we better support, sustain and guide that effort as an expression of the faith and essence of Friends?*

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SAYMA
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To: SAYMA Yearly Meeting

From: Sandy Mershon, Administrative Assistant

Re: Report for 1996 Yearly Meeting

Work in the SAYMA office continues in a routine fashion: following up on telephone messages and routing mail; preparing calendars and preliminary agendas for meetings; keeping the data base up to date for all mailings and making labels; mail out *A Guide to Our Faith and Practice* and directories as necessary; follow up with requests and correspondence that comes into the office; work with Bettina Wolff when she comes to work on the archives and Handbook; and other items that need attention. In the last month I have been particularly busy preparing materials for Yearly Meetings--agenda, Directory pages, newsletter mailing list, and census information.

Because of the increased efficiency of this office, I have been able to do mailing and/or printing for the Ministry and Nurture Committee, Faith and Practice Committee and the Nominating Committee. The M&N committee members are now listed in the data base and we can easily prepare a mailing for them. The postage and printing facilities are available here for the needs of these committees.

All expenses are normal for the office and are generally paid out of the \$300 cash fund that the Treasurer provides. I continue to be paid \$100 per week.

As of this date, twenty-three 1995 Directories are still available out of the 80 printed. I will have sixty 1996 Directories printed this year. No copies have been requested on disk although available.

About 850 copies of *A Guide to Our Faith and Practice* remain. They will be available in the bookstore during Yearly Gathering at \$2.50 each. All new members to SAYMA should get a copy.

I prepared MINUTES for the committee chairs. It consisted of minutes from the last five years of minutes of Representative Meetings and Yearly Meetings that are of interest to these chairs. It will be updated yearly after the Yearly Gathering. Keeping track of important decisions by category should be a useful tool. If not useful it will be discontinued.

At this Yearly Meeting, we will entertain serious discussion of AFSC raised at last year's Meeting. Alice Bowman, Bill Holland and Sandy Mershon made up the assigned committee. After Alice resigned as Representative, Bill and Sandy contacted all meetings to see if they wanted a speaker on AFSC. Twenty-five groups within SAYMA were contacted and six never responded one way or the other. Presentations were made available to all meetings.

The Clerking Workshop was organized out of the SAYMA office although held in W. Knoxville as part of their annual retreat at the end of April. It was led by Mary Ann Downey and Perry Treadwell, both of Atlanta. People did not register early enough to get their personal needs met. The workshop further illustrated the problems of getting friends to respond in a

timely manner to announcements. Clerks and Representatives need to take a more active roll in passing information along to their meetings and worship groups.

Note: Twenty-eight of forty-two actually participated. It was hard printing materials and informing arrangements person, Lee Ann Swarm, of the final count .

On 4/16/96 all Meeting clerks and SAYMA representatives were mailed Directory and newsletter mailing lists to be returned to me during Yearly Meeting. Census reporting information was sent out at the same time with a deadline of 5/15/96. At the opening session of the Meeting for Business, I will give the census data for 1996. I am assuming the cooperation of all parties to get information in on time. (I will be calling all non-compliant meetings for information.)

I am particularly appreciative of the many folks that keep contact with me through mail, telephone, and e-mail. The latter has provided quick and cheap communication. It's not easy to keep contact with folks but it is necessary. (Someone needs to thank me for my heroic efforts not to editorize in my reports.) Thanks!

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1996 SAYMA Census

These are the census numbers for the monthly meetings in Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association. Prepared by Sandy Mershon, Administrative Assistant, 6/12/96.

	Members --includes	children	Attendees --includes	children
Asheville Monthly Meeting	109		48	
Athens Monthly Meeting	14		13	
Atlanta Monthly Meeting	186		88	
Berea Monthly Meeting	64		19	
Birmingham Friends Meeting	7		13	
Black Mountain Worship Group			5	
Boone Monthly Meeting	14		7	
Brevard Monthly Meeting	21		19	
Catawba Valley Worship Group	1		12	
Celo Monthly Meeting	39		43	
Charleston Monthly Meeting	19			
Chattanooga Monthly Meeting	28		25	
Columbia Monthly Meeting	30		25	
Cookeville Worship Group			12	
Crossville Monthly Meeting	7			
Greenville Monthly Meeting	4		4	
Huntsville Worship Group	5		2	

Memphis Monthly Meeting	33	22
Nashville Monthly Meeting	46	50
Royal Worship Group		2
Swannanoa Valley Worship Group		3
Tri-Cities Preparative Meeting		7
Tryon Worship Group		10
University Worship Group		7
West Knoxville Monthly Meeting	58	36
Wilkes County Monthly Meeting	9	
Totals	694	472= 1,166

Traditionally this Yearly Meeting has not given particular significance to the distinction between members and attenders. In the past our membership count has included members and attenders.

N.B. Counts for 1995 were: Members--546 and Attenders--558 = 1,104

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REPORT TO SAYMA JUNE 14, 1996

FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE ON
CONSULTATION

On March 14-17, 1996 we attended the FWCC Section of the Americas Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida. It was great to share with, and get to know, other Friends of diverse cultural, linguistic, and theological backgrounds. The Iglesia in Miami which is comprised of people who have fled Cuba since 1961 hosted all 200+ conference attendees, including some Friends who still live in Cuba, for an outdoor tent buffet and program on Saturday evening. Good fellowship was had by one and all.

We also learned of a very special relationship between New England Yearly Meeting and Cuba Yearly Meeting. The monthly meetings within each are paired as Sister Meetings. We heard a wonderful joint report given by a representative of both meetings. Although each speaks almost no words of the other's language; they communicated beautifully to us about the visit of New England Friends to Cuba Friends. Since we know several people from Jamaica Yearly Meeting from our Southeast Regional gatherings we suggest that such a relationship might be fostered by SAYMA as well. On another note, Thomas Taylor, General Secretary of the World Office, told us that the clerk of the Burundi, Simeon Shitemi, has been arrested for "killing" and another Friend shared that he did not always come to past Section of the Americas gatherings because he was denied a visa.

There was, as is the custom in these gatherings, interpretation Spanish to English and vice versa. Barbara Esther of our Yearly Meeting was among the team of excellent interpreters. The work of the many gifted Friends who interpret or translate has been enhanced by the completion of the first bilingual glossary of Quaker terminology. Several Spanish speaking attendees voiced the great need for Quaker writings to be translated and published.

The 1996 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage will retrace George Fox's trip here in the Eastern U. S., except that they won't start off in Bermuda. We hope that some of our youth will think towards the 1998 pilgrimage to Europe.

The Faith in Action mission statement is as follows:

FWCC Section of the Americas celebrates the common roots of the different Yearly Meetings and groups of Friends and the special contribution that each makes to Quakerism in the Americas. FWCC also recognizes the historic factors that have impeded a larger and deeper communion between us. Because of this, the Section of the Americas, through the Faith in Action program, looks to provide to young Friends from across the Americas opportunities for spiritual growth which results in the development of their leadership abilities as inspired by Luke 2:52: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

The search for both applicants and leaders needs to begin by spreading word of this opportunity

for growth and linking experiences with Friends of varied traditions of worship. As monthly meetings and as a yearly meeting we can feel encouraged to seek out people who could be urged to apply, and respond to their acceptance with assistance, financial and otherwise.

Only 2.25% of Quakers contribute personally to FWCC's work. While contributions have remained level- costs have increased. The work of all the committees of the umbrella organization that is FWCC is vital, not only as social action such as Right Sharing and International Quaker Aid, but spiritually, as it challenges us to see beyond our differences to that of God in each Quaker, as well as in each non-Quaker.

Some ways to further support FWCC would be to...

Revisit our budget commitments, as individuals look for ways to make sacrifices so that we can lend support to wider Quaker organizations beyond the contributions of our monthly and yearly meetings, be well informed about the projects supported by Right Sharing and International Quaker Aid, consider establishing a link with another yearly meeting different from ours, such as Jamaica Yearly Meeting, welcome Friends from the Visitation Committee to our gatherings, actively promote youth participation in the QYP and Faith in Action programs, seek to appoint a Young Friend as a representative to give FWCC a healthy future and continue to hold those working in FWCC in the Light as they seek to carry out God's will through that organization.

*Recording
Clerk*

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Records Report: SAYMA Yearly Meeting, 6/96
Bettina Wolff, Recorder/Archivist

Progress to Date:

SAYMA RECORDS: have been organized through Yearly Meeting 1992 and a complete set placed in the Guilford College Friends Historical Library

A record of holdings has been prepared and sent to Swarthmore and Haverford to confirm their needs

Records known to be needed by each have been set aside

Guilford has agreed to copy records needed to complete Swarthmore's SAYMA records

File of recent records has been established in SAYMA office

MONTHLY MEETING RECORDS: those held in the SAYMA office have been forwarded to one or both historical libraries

Monthly meetings have been instructed to add both Guilford and Swarthmore to distribution lists for newsletters and minutes

Old records have been made available to monthly meetings as requested.

SAF RECORDS: file of all available issues was provided the SAF editor

Remainder will be offered to historical libraries as needed

To be Done:

See that Swarthmore receives records needed to complete its files; forward available material needed to Haverford

Provide Yearly Meeting records, 1993 to date, to Friends libraries as needed.

Review retired SAYMA office records for retention

Try to find missing rep mtg minutes (1978, 30A,B,C)

Procedures Established (with administrative assistant)

Set up, now testing census count system for meetings

Resumed annual statistical report

Incorporated Friends Historical Libraries into routine information distribution channels

Requested all SAYMA meetings to include these historical libraries in their distribution channels

Prepared guide to numbering annual and rep meetings

HISTORICAL NOTES:

During SAYMA's first decade, State of the Meeting reports were a major part of the agenda, and each meeting was called on to report developments at representative meeting. Representative Meetings were held before, during and after annual meeting sessions, apparently for evaluation and management purposes. In this period talks delivered at annual meeting by invited speakers were regularly published as pamphlets, perhaps because of the availability of Celo Press. Epistles were short, frequently less than one page, and attempted to distill some central insight or message received without attempting a summary. Variations occasionally occurred in Representative Meeting patterns: no representative meeting was held in 1981 when annual meeting was held at Berea just prior to FGC; in 1989 representative meeting following yearly meeting at Christmont, Black Mountain was moved to Asheville.

PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED:

INCOMPLETE RECORDING: SAYMA records from 1977 to date reveal an inadequate history of yearly meeting concerns, activities and development. Records are more than minutes of business sessions, and minutes are more than recorded decisions. Most critical to this lack is SAYMA's failure to establish a procedure to collect and retain the reports our Faith and Practice identifies to be presented at annual meeting.

Recommendations:

A recommended procedure is attached for submitting, and retaining reports which provide an important part of the SAYMA record.

An effort is being made to pull together a record of important SAYMA activities not associated with any committee, for example, women's activities.

It is recommended that minutes of annual and representative meeting include names and topics of speakers and panels, and note plenary worship sessions held. If groups are called together to consider yearly meeting concerns or business, a record should be kept and submitted to the recording clerk.

INCONSISTENCIES AND ERRORS: These records also reveal many inconsistencies and errors in the way minutes have been recorded. These relate to names, dates, numbers and clear identification of meetings, numbering of minutes, typographical errors. Most of these are within the purview of the recording clerk, a responsibility which needs a much more detailed description than Faith and Practice now provides.

Recommended to be included:

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Consistent and accurate identification of each annual and representative meeting record (in heading or on title page) by date, place and number (eg 25th annual session, 51st representative meeting.) Use of generally accepted date formats; Arabic numerals, month/day/year. (Don't be creative: 22/v/81)

Methods to promote accurate typing; future scholars will be amused to read that on 2/13/82 Bill Boyd presented the "rear-end" report from the finance committee, or to note FCNL's "weedly" wrap-up. Earlier procedures involved review of minutes by the clerk before distribution.

Consistency in reporting and spelling names so that those using records are sure who is being referenced. Major responsibility here should be assumed by individual Friends, to adopt and use a consistent name, and to provide corrections of inaccuracies to the recording clerk. Name changes should be recorded in membership records.

Use of "Representative" Meeting as designated in our Faith and Practice and as used by other yearly meetings.

RECURRING ISSUES AND DELIBERATIONS:

MEMBERSHIP: What is a member? Why distinguish members from attenders? Can information for the SAYMA directory be provided in a way that produces a census? How are members of worship groups (which cannot confer membership) designated? Do we recognize in monthly and yearly meeting lists membership in meetings outside SAYMA? What is the relationship between membership and financial responsibility of meetings to SAYMA? When some SAYMA meetings do not record membership, how does SAYMA deal with the requirement of most WQOs that appointed representatives be members of their yearly meetings?

WIDER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS (WQOs): Discussion of WQOs has appeared frequently in SAYMA minutes in terms of our relationship to them, which should we appoint representatives to, at what level should they be supported financially, how many representatives should be appointed, concern about total contribution levels. Concern about the relationship of AFSC to the Society of Friends has come up a number of times.

YEARLY MEETING LOCATION, TIME, AND COSTS: Proposals have been regularly made to move yearly meeting to different regions, and to shift between May and June. Costs were capped at \$120/family in 1982, and consideration has even been given to covering yearly meeting registration and housing costs from assessments (briefly).

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING: What is its role? Should specific actions be assigned to them? Do we inappropriately carry over

annual meeting action to the representative meeting which follows, but which inaugurates a new year? Can they involve local members in ways that increase understanding of yearly meeting and promote interaction with those attending?

REGIONALISM: Consideration has been given regularly to ways to include more Friends in more parts of our large area in more Yearly Meeting activities.

RECORDING OF EXPENSES: At our first session as SAYMA (11/7/70) Friends were advised to report all expenses whether or not a refund was requested, so that SAYMA might know actual costs. This has been requested at regular intervals, but seems to be very difficult to do in practice.

Action not requested at this time:

Budget support: We should be considering support in a future budget for one or both historical libraries (\$100/year) and for assuming the cost of microfilming our records to make them available both to our own office and meetings, and to other yearly meetings. (estimated \$500) Because of the poor and deteriorating quality of many of our records this should be done soon.

Official Depository: A depository is distinguished from the full collection of holdings now established at both Guilford and Swarthmore in that it involves a contractual arrangement covering ownership and use. Decision can be postponed until SAYMA produces original signed copies of records or has memorabilia, photographic records, or unique documents for deposit.

Use of Acid-Free Paper: although desirable is not emphasized because of the rapidly changing nature of records away from paper. It is suggested that office copies of SAYMA records be stored on a designated disc soon after materials have been printed out and duplicated.

Action Requested:

Reports procedure be approved

Handbook sections (records retention policy, guide to taking minutes, recorder/archivist/historian description) be accepted.

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MINUTES OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE FRIENDS PEACE TEAM PROJECT

The Coordinating Council of The Friends Peace Team Project met at Davis House, Washington DC. Friday evening, May 24, Saturday May 25, at Sunday May 26, 1996

Present were Mary Lord (Baltimore Yearly Meeting), clerk, Rosa Packard, (New York Yearly Meeting) recording clerk, Mary Amett (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting), Ted Herman (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting), Val Liveoak (South Central Yearly Meeting), George Lakey, (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting) Saturday only, Harry Rogers and Rebecca Rogers (Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting)(Friday and Saturday), Brenda Fisher (Wilmington Yearly Meeting) Sandra Schwartz, (Baltimore Yearly Meeting) volunteer staff, Sarah Plies (FWCC intern until August working on our directory)

Regrets: Elise Boulding, Eric White, Sheila Garrett, George Willoughby

On Friday evening we gathered at 6:30 and after introductions visited the offices of **Christian Peacemaker Teams in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of Washington** which are in the Warner Apartments, 2426 Eighteen Street, W. Hare. A Mennonite volunteer and Val Liveoak who is volunteering for two months welcomed us, explained some of the accomplishments and dilemmas of the work and took us on a brief walk in the neighborhood. We obtained literature for distribution among our yearly meetings.

Saturday morning, George Lakey led us in some community building exercises: electric pinkie, singing in parts, cumulative story telling and pruee. Each of these experiences held metaphors for team work. George also spoke of the archipelago - islands which are connected under the water surface - as a metaphor for unity.

Sarah Plies circulated the survey and the outline of the upcoming directory of opportunities for serve and training and asked for our comments, additions and clarifications.

Sandra Schwartz distributed copies of our second newsletter. The printing was donated by Sandy Springs Friends School, with only the paper and jobbing as expenses. She expressed gratitude for the strong support of Baltimore Yearly Meeting which has provided a computer for her and training in computer skills, and attendance at one of George Lakey's weekends. BYM has given us access to a computer, a printer and fax and has paid for our phone bills. Baltimore Yearly Meeting has donated \$1000 for Friends Peace Team Project expenses. Frank Massey, general secretary of BYM, has been generous with his time and counsel. Sandra Schwartz has been volunteering her time from ten to three, three days a week, sharing office space and a computer. In the coming year, Frank Massey plans to ask for a line item in the Baltimore Yearly Meeting for our budget of \$50,000 and has offered to help us in the task of fundraising that amount. She distributed the attached sheet of expenses. A peace collection for July and August will be donated to our work. An alternative tax fund donated \$150 on April 15th. New York Yearly Meeting paid the printing and postage for the March mailing of the minutes and the 30 page report on the December seminar and for copies of a packet for monthly meetings which were distributed at a weekend led by Sheila Garrett and Rosa Packard at Powell House Conference Center and attended by twenty five participants from New York and New England Yearly Meetings.

Val Liveoak will go to Friends General Conference and has arranged a display table and an interest group there. She has been named by Friends World Committee on Consultation as liason with Friends Peace Team Project. She has attended steering committee meetings of Christian Peacemaker Teams on our behalf.

(but will not be able to attend the fall 1996 meeting. **She will attend the Alternatives to Violence Project annual meeting following Friends General Conference.**

Mary Lord gave an address on our behalf at South Central Yearly Meeting and **will represent us at the Friends United Meeting this July.**

Sarah Plies will finish her Friends World Committee on Consultation internship in August and then go to Earlham College to begin a Masters in peace and justice studies. She reported that FWCC Section of the Americas will not be able to support another intern next year. Our relationship with FWCC is undefined as an affiliate group. They provide us with an opportunity to report to Friends of diverse views and in other parts of the world.

Elise Boulding has been helping us with international contacts. Frank Massey is going to Kenya in October and hopes to further our opportunities there.

Mary Lord explained some of the complexities of directories and of data bases.

Quaker Volunteer Service has released a pamphlet on opportunities for service and will host a conference in April 1996.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Quaker Information Center has published a directory. It does not list peace team groups specifically. They have a word processing document, not a searchable database.

Our Saturday afternoon session was facilitated by Dorothy, clerk of Friends House Board so that Mary Lord could participate. After sharing our individual goals and concerns we clarified our sense of the work ahead and set our focus for the next step of our work which is:

George Lakey spoke of "skilling up Quakers" so they are aware of positive options when conflict arises. Part of that is helping the meeting to respond out of Quaker spiritual experience. Sometimes Friends Peace Teams Project Coordinating Committee can serve as an outside catalyst or consultant to Quaker Monthly, Regional or Yearly Meetings or Churches. We seek to nurture the common ground that diverse groups of Quakers find in living out the Peace Testimony. As an example, Philadelphia Friends expressed a need for help in developing regular support from monthly meetings and in working in a community with different cultural values. Friends Peace Teams Project Coordinating Committee will also join with other organizations that offer Friends global or international opportunities for training.

On Sunday morning we gathered for an hour of worship at nine in the morning. We met for business from ten until four, with a lunch break. Cecilia Yokum clerked the meeting for a period of time when Mary Lord had to be absent on other business.

We reaffirmed our next step, training for Quakers with a quotation from John Lampen who concluded our December retreat by saying:

"In his Essay on Ministry, John Woolman speaks of his progress as like walking through a muddy place stepping on stepping stones. He has to get on to each stone before he can see where the next stone lies. We have tried to conceptualize a total training program. We cannot create our vision of training all at once. Many aspects of training have been well done by Friends and others. What would our first stepping stone be? I think it would address the links between our spiritual basis and team building and

team maintenance. I have heard things being said today that don't fit into any training program that I know, except for ones that are specific to other religious traditions. If Friends Peace Teams wants to be more than a clearing house and to show our ideals in training, we might address this."

Roles of named representatives. The named representative (s) from each yearly Meeting are expected to request an oversight committee for their work with us and with their yearly meeting and, if needed, a support committee from their monthly or yearly meeting according to good order as understood by their Yearly Meeting. Representatives will act as a catalyst in their Yearly meeting for Friends Peace Team Projects current priorities and will also report to the Friends Peace Team Project Coordinating Committee the ways in which their Yearly Meeting has been interpreting and living out the mission statement they endorsed. Representatives of Yearly Meetings are expected to serve on a committee, participate in scheduled conference calls and attend the annual meeting. Rosa Packard and Cecilia Yokum will work with representatives to nurture these expectations.

Mary Lords goals for the immediate future;

to work with Sara and Sandy to complete the directory
to work with Baltimore Yearly Meeting and our coordinating council to raise our budget
to go to the FUM triennial in part as a FPTP liason
to continue to meet with her oversight committee
to work with Baltimore Yearly Meeting on the oversight of Friends Peace Team Project
to develop a formal relationship with AFSC
to spend time with Washington Work Camps in Alabama in part as a FPTP resource

A query was proposed for use among monthly meetings:

What is your Meeting doing to speak to the seeds of violence?
How is our committee provide a pattern of a peace team, after the manner of Friends.

Some concerns about language: We do not empower others, God does. We avoid labeling some groups as hate groups. One concern emerging among a number of yearly meetings that we hope to encourage is a Friends response to violence arising from hatred directed at different groups living in the same region.

Some tasks to be addressed at future meetings:
ongoing updating of the brochure and the directory and the data base
placing a calendar of training on the internet
role of organizational representatives

Ongoing concerns
inclusive geographical and yearly meeting representation
responsibility and accountability
eventually forming our own team
extending international work
travel funding for representatives

Sarah Plies agreed to send the recording clerk a copy of the wording of Friends World Committee for Consultation's policy on length of terms of service so that we could consider its application to our work at our next meeting (conference call.)

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We formed several committees with those present volunteering to serve.

Convenors are first named. Members of the coordinating committee who were not able to attend are urged to join a committee by calling the convenor. The convenors will arrange a meeting in person or by telephone at which a clerk will be chosen for the committee and prepare a written outline of the work for the year and how the committee would go about doing it. Mary Arnett agreed to receive these drafts by September in time to be mailed on September in time to be considered for our next conference call on September

Clerks of the committees will serve for one year on an ad hoc enabling committee to consult with the clerks of the coordinating committee and with the staff to carry out our work.

Training Secunding Referral

Mary Arnett and Ted Herman, coconvenors

Val Liveoak, George Lakey, Sheila Garrett, Rosa Packard, Harry and Rebecca Rogers

Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight

Rosa Packard, Cecilia Yokum

Fundraising

Mary Lord and Sandra Schwartz and Frank Massey

Publications and Outreach

Val Liveoak, Brenda Fisher, Ted Herman, Elise Boudling, Sara Plies until August

Personnel support for staff - sort out coordinating committees role in the process around the selection, job description and accountability of the staff who are employees of Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Cecilia Yokum, Brenda Fisher

Friends approved a \$50 sponsorship fee for the Christian Peacemaker Team/New all to Peacemaking conference in December 1996 in Washington DC.

Mary Arnett and have been asked to be on a panel at the FOR conference in Bryn Mawer

Mary Lord will go on our behalf to the next Christian Peacemaker Team conference

Quaker Volunteer Service conference in April 1997 in Burlington - Mary and Rosa will go

National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution, Pittsburgh
May 23-27

Washington Quaker Work Camp project, in Alabama Mary Lord will attend partly as a FPTP resource person

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Packard

Recording Clerk

ATTENDANCE 25th Yearly Meeting of SAYMA
Sunday, June 16, 1996

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETING AFFILIATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETING AFFILIATION</u>
Ted Edgerton	Boone	Ruth Miller-White	Asheville
Melissa Meyer	Boone	Brett Miller-White	Asheville
Bruce Pearson	Columbia	Bob Lyon	Asheville
Julie Pearson	Columbia	Pat Lyon	Asheville
Julia Ewen	Atlanta	Errol Hess	Tri-Cities
Olga Ahrens	Asheville/Swannanoa	Bill Cadwallader	Pendleton, SC
Chris Ahrens	Asheville/Swannanoa	Abbie Steele	Langley Hill, VA
Caroline Morris	Atlanta	Bill Holland	Atlanta/AFSC
Elizabeth Sicheloff	Atlanta	Bill Reynolds	Chattanooga
Courtney Sicheloff	Atlanta	George Oldhan	Asheville
Bob Cox	Brevard	Winston Borge	AFSC-SERO
Ellie Cox	Brevard	Enrique Gonzalez	AFSC-SERO-Miami
Jane Wellborn	Atlanta	Anada Orendain	AFSC-SERO-Miami
Phil Neal	Asheville	Emily Passino	Nashville
Dorothy Mock	Brevard	Bill Boyd	Boone
Mary Ann Downey	Atlanta	Frederick Martin	Celo
Jin Scott	Asheville	Bettina Wolff	Asheville
Lee Scott	Asheville	Lee Hoefler	Knoxville
Richard Houghton	Cookeville	Tom McGuigan	Atlanta
Sallie Mykel	Atlanta	Pat Fourspring	Brevard
Stuart Bonnington	Nashville	Penny Wright	Nashville
Peggy Bonnington	Nashville/Clarksville	Lisa Lewis Rayner	Berea
Bob Barrus	Celo		
Judy Meyer	Athens		
Binford Farlow	Jamestown, NCYM (FUM)		
Larry Ingle	Chattanooga		
Becky Ingle	Chattanooga		
Rusty Maynard	Asheville		
Kit Potter	Nashville		
Susan Gaines	Nashville		
Pam Beziat	Nashville		
Toni Hensly	Columbia		
Jesse Hock	Brevard		
John Carpenter	Atlanta		
Marjie Richardson	W. Knoxville		
John Richardson	W. Knoxville		
Robert Keiter	Tri-Cities		
Duncan Vinson	Chattanooga/Sewanee/B'ham		
Mary Baxter	Chattanooga		
John Geary	Boone		
Peter Buck	Asheville		
Paul Edenfield	Atlanta		
Hibbard Thatcher	Nashville		
John Lewis	Berea		
Cherrlyn Luerssen	Columbia		
David Waters	Birmingham		
Kathleen Burke	Atlanta		
Nancy Lee-Riffe	Berea		
Richard Adelman	Asheville		
Elizabeth Adelman	Asheville		

Yearly Meeting of the

Religious Society of Friends in Britain

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Recording Clerk: Donald H D Southall



April 1996

To: SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Dear Friends,

Friends in Britain Yearly Meeting send loving greetings to you all as you gather at Warren Wilson College.

We hope that you will be blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and that the prompting of love and truth in your hearts will inspire and strengthen your gathering.

Our own Yearly Meeting takes place soon after the time when this letter is signed. Our main theme in 1996 is "Worship and the preparation for worship".

Remembering that silence is one of the best preparations for the reception of inspiration and guidance, and that the ground and foundation of the gathered meeting is the Real Presence of God, we trust that, together, we shall enter the depths of a living and active silence, the stillness of God; and that we find one another in the things that are eternal, upholding and strengthening one another.

On the other hand, our Swarthmore Lecture this year is on our Social Testimony, reminding us of William Penn's words, that "True godliness don't turn men out of the world but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavours to mend it."

May your own gathering bring you similar refreshment and nourishment, and inspire you in your daily lives as you return to your own homes.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Britain

Jane A. Chattell.

JANE A CHATTELL
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May 27, 1996

~~Lisa Raymer-Lewis~~ *Lewis Raymer*
Clerk, SAYMA
417 Center St.
Berea, KY 40403

Dear Lisa,

Tri Cities Preparative Meeting, after attending the AFSC workshop at West Knoxville, reading materials about AFSC, and subsequent prayerful consideration, does not wish to take a position regarding SAYMA support of AFSC.

However, we find that our process of study and reflection led us to awareness of an unmet need for Quaker service opportunities, which the meeting is temporarily fulfilling by support of Washington Quaker Workcamp's efforts to help rebuild three black churches razed by fire last December in Alabama.

Regarding future service opportunities, our May 26 Meeting for Worship for Business recorded the following minute:

We recommend that SAYMA organize and develop opportunities for Quaker service for youth and adults in a fashion which meets the needs of all monthly meetings within SAYMA.

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In order to promote local and national efforts in this direction, we recommend that SAYMA appoint a representative or representatives to attend the Quaker Service, Training and Witness National Conference, April 18-20, 1997, at Burlington, NJ, Meeting House Conference Center, and that funds be allocated to pay expenses for a SAYMA representative or representatives to attend that conference and any subsequent meetings on the purpose of founding a national Quaker Service organization.

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We request that this recommendation be considered by the Yearly Meeting in June. 1996

Sincerely
Errol Hess
Errol Hess
Clerk, Tri Cities Preparative Meeting

cc: Bill Boyd, Treasurer

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SAYMA's YouthQuake Planning Committee representative

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Agenda items for SAYMA yearly meeting or representative meeting sessions June 13-16, 1996 are underlined twice in my report and copied below:

I propose that SAYMA establish a YouthQuake financial aid fund which could hold profits from fundraising and any other donations from now until September 1, 1997. (page 3)

Because the YouthQuake Planning Committee decided at this meeting to include committee members' expenses for accommodations and meals at Lake Junaluska Assembly for December 26, 1997 - January 2, 1998 in the conference budget I will not be spending the \$350 which the January 1996 SAYMA representative meeting approved for my accommodations and meals at Lake Junaluska Assembly for December 26, 1997 - January 2, 1998. I propose that SAYMA re-allocate that \$350 to be used for financial aid for SAYMA Young Friends and adult leaders who want to attend the 1997 YouthQuake conference. (pages 3-4)

Total expenses that I have incurred (as SAYMA's YouthQuake representative) since the last SAYMA representative meeting are underlined with a dashed line in my report and copied below:

My total expenses for this (April 25-29, 1996) YouthQuake Planning Committee meeting were \$570 (page 6)

Tasks that I will perform (as SAYMA's YouthQuake representative) between now and the next SAYMA representative meeting are underlined once in my report and copied below:

Since some Young Friends from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) have been attending Southern Appalachian Young Friends conferences, I will be contacting North Carolina Conservative Friends (in addition to SAYMA, Piedmont, and Palmetto Friends) to encourage their attendance at YouthQuake. (page 2)

I am getting information about ordering recycled plastic mugs printed with the 1997 YouthQuake logo. I am willing (and fortunately able) to front the initial cost. I want the profits to go towards financial aid for Young Friends and adult leaders from Southern Appalachian Young Friends who want to attend the 1997 YouthQuake conference. (page 3)

I will be investigating ways that we could introduce Young Friends to Cherokee people, history, and culture by arranging workshops or activities on site at Lake Junaluska Assembly. I will also investigate the history of Friends in relation to the Trail of Tears. I ask any SAYMA Friends who have information that might help me with this task to please contact me as soon as possible. (pages 4-5)

The next YouthQuake Planning Committee meeting will be September 19-23, 1996. Since the mail-out deadline for the October 19, 1996 SAYMA representative meeting is September 15, 1996, I will mail my report separately by September 27, 1996. (page 6)

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SAYMA's YouthQuake Planning Committee representative
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Dear SAYMA Friends,

I have just returned from a YouthQuake Planning Committee meeting as your representative. All sixteen members of the YouthQuake Planning Committee arrived at the Seattle airport in the late afternoon on Thursday, April 25th, 1996. We carried out an intensive schedule until our departures in the early morning on Monday, April 29th, 1996.

The sixteen of us represented four wider Quaker organizations - Evangelical Friends International (EFI), Friends General Conference (FGC), Friends United Meeting (FUM), and Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) - and twelve yearly meetings - Baltimore (FGC & FUM), Indiana (FUM), Mid-America (EFI), New England (FGC & FUM), New York (FGC & FUM), North Carolina (FUM), Northwest (EFI), Philadelphia (FGC), South Central (FGC), SAYMA (FGC), Western (FUM), and Wilmington (FUM). According to Jonathan Snipes, the FWCC representative, YouthQuake spans a broader diversity of Friends than FWCC itself because FWCC does not have as much participation from EFI yearly meetings. However, we did note the lack of representation from the Conservative yearly meetings. We made plans to reach out to encourage Conservative Young Friends to attend YouthQuake. Since some Young Friends from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) have been attending Southern Appalachian Young Friends conferences, I will be contacting North Carolina Conservative Friends (in addition to SAYMA, Piedmont, and Palmetto Friends) to encourage their attendance at YouthQuake.

During our time together as a committee we spent nine hours on the road travelling between three different conference centers in western Washington. We toured the facilities at each center to judge their suitability for the YouthQuake 2000 conference. We agreed that the facilities at Black Lake (in Olympia) were not suitable. We did not reach unity on the suitability of Berachah (in Auburn) and Warm Beach (in Stanwood). We decided to entrust Bruce Bishop, the Northwest representative, to pre-screen conference centers in western Oregon. If any of the centers in western Oregon appear to him to be more suitable than Berachah and Warm Beach, we will fly into Portland, Oregon and tour them during our next committee meeting. If Bruce decides that all of the western Oregon conference centers are less suitable, we will fly into Seattle again and re-visit Berachah and Warm Beach during our next committee meeting.

Also during our time together we spent twenty hours in meetings for worship. Although most of our worship time was with a concern for business, we also spent several hours in worship together without conducting business. We shared our different forms of worship, both programmed and

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unprogrammed, challenging ourselves to form a spiritual community across the breadth of Friends. This is what we will be expecting our Young Friends to do at YouthQuake. We can share our experiential knowledge of this challenge and of its rewards with our Young Friends. We were nurtured and held in the Light as we corporately experienced God's presence and guidance. During our worship time with concern for business we considered the selection of a site for the YouthQuake 2000 conference, and we planned the budget, guidelines, schedule, program, registration procedures, and promotional materials for the 1997 YouthQuake conference, which will be at Lake Junaluska Assembly (near Asheville, North Carolina) December 27, 1997 - January 1, 1998.

After working out our budget, we decided that the registration fee for the 1997 YouthQuake conference will be \$365 per person. This will include five nights in a hotel-style room (only two people per room) with a private bathroom, security/counseling staff awake and available all night every night, fourteen cafeteria-style meals, snacks and drinks during free time every evening, transportation to and from the Asheville airport, an off-site field trip, activities, workshops, music, speakers, and a New Year's Eve celebration. We decided to encourage yearly meetings and monthly meetings to begin fund-raising now to offer financial aid to their Young Friends and adult leaders who want to attend the 1997 YouthQuake conference.

The 1997 YouthQuake conference registration brochures will be available by December 1, 1996. The registration (postmark) deadline will be September 1, 1997. Late registrations will be accepted until October 15, 1997 (postmark), but an additional \$25 late fee will be charged for any which are postmarked later than September 1, 1997.

The 1997 YouthQuake t-shirts will only be sold to Young Friends and adult leaders who order them on their conference registration forms. However, the 1997 YouthQuake logo will be made available soon for the yearly meeting representatives to use on other items to sell for fundraising and promotion. I am getting information about ordering recycled plastic mugs printed with the 1997 YouthQuake logo. I am willing (and fortunately able) to front the initial cost. I want the profits to go towards financial aid for Young Friends and adult leaders from Southern Appalachian Young Friends who want to attend the 1997 YouthQuake conference. I propose that SAYMA establish a YouthQuake financial aid fund which could hold profits from fundraising and any other donations from now until September 1, 1997.

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The keynote speakers at the 1997 YouthQuake conference will be: Paul Bock and Carol Joy (C.J.) Brenlinger from Northwest Yearly Meeting (EFI), Scott Wagoner from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM), and Deborah Saunders from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (FGC). Paul and C.J. will introduce the "Community Building" theme on the first morning (12/28/97). Scott will introduce the "Quaker Roots" theme on the second morning (12/29/97). Deborah will introduce the "Faith Into Practice" theme on the fourth morning (12/31/97). In addition to the keynote speakers, Rich Swingle from Northwest Yearly Meeting will present "Clear Leading," his one-person play about John Woolman, in the evening after everyone returns from field trips on the off-site day (12/30/97).

I served on the off-site subcommittee and the applications subcommittee, both of which "met" on the phone and on e-mail and brought reports to this committee meeting. The off-site subcommittee recommended four field trips for Young Friends to choose from for the "off-site day" on December 30, 1997. Our recommendations were approved by the committee. One group of Young Friends will tour the Biltmore Estate (except for the winery). Another group will go to Chimney Rock. A third group will tour Asheville, spend time at the interactive museums at Pack Place, and climb an indoor artificial rock wall at ClimbMax. A fourth group will also tour Asheville and go to Pack Place, but instead of ClimbMax, they will have an opportunity to go shopping. The cost of these trips will be included in the conference registration fee. We expect to be able to give every Young Friend his or her first choice trip by waiting until the registration deadline to finalize all of the arrangements.

During the consideration of field trips, a concern was expressed by several Friends that we need to provide an opportunity for Young Friends to learn about the Cherokee people when we are having a conference so close to the Cherokee Reservation and the starting point of the Trail of Tears. A field trip to the Cherokee Village was investigated and rejected because it will be closed down in December. I will be investigating ways that we could introduce Young Friends to Cherokee people, history, and culture by arranging workshops or activities on site at Lake Junaluska

Assembly. I will also investigate the history of Friends in relation to the Trail of Tears. I ask any SAYMA Friends who have information that might help me with this task to please contact me as soon as possible.

I also served on the applications subcommittee. The committee did not unite on our original proposal, so we met again. Our second proposal was approved by the committee, as follows:

YouthQuake is a conference designed to explore Christ-centered Quaker spirituality. It is open to all Quaker youth (ages 14-20) who desire to investigate their faith experience. We won't all be the same "kind" of Quaker. It will be important for each participant to be prepared to share their spiritual journey honestly and to listen to each other openly.

As part of the registration process, please complete the following three steps.

Step 1: Before registering, please review the purpose statement and the community covenant. In prayerful, centered meditation, consider whether or not you are ready for this conference.

Step 2: Written responses to the following questions must be attached to your registration form (200-300 words total). Registrations will not be accepted without this attachment.

Why do you want to come to YouthQuake?

What do you hope to learn about Christ-centered Quaker spirituality?

When and how was a time when you sensed God's presence and guidance?

Step 3: Fill out the registration form and attach it to your written responses.

Thanks for preparing in this way for YouthQuake.

Young Friends' written responses will be read by their yearly meeting representative, e.g. I will read the responses from SAYMA Young Friends. If any responses indicate that a Young Friend might not be ready for YouthQuake, his or her yearly meeting representative will pursue a clearness process with that Young Friend. The purpose of this process is to guard against any Young Friends getting into the metaphorical deep end of the pool before he or she has learned how

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to swim.

My total expenses for this (April 25-29, 1996) YouthQuake Planning Committee meeting were \$570 as follows: \$150 for SAYMA's "buy-in" (an assessment once every three years to cover YouthQuake overhead expenses), \$397 for flying from Atlanta to Seattle (higher than my actual plane ticket because each representative who flew paid the average cost of all of our tickets), and \$23 for accommodations and meals at conference centers (much lower than usual prices because they wanted us to choose them for our conference).

The next YouthQuake Planning Committee meeting will be September 19-23, 1996. Since the mail-out deadline for the October 19, 1996 SAYMA representative meeting is September 15, 1996, I will mail my report separately by September 27, 1996.

In God's Peace,

Jeremiah Gold-Hopton

TO: SAYMA Office and Clerk
FROM: Roger Herr/ Yearly Planning Committee
RE: 1996 Yearly Planning Committee Report

I first want to thank all of those involved with this year's planning of Yearly Meeting. The help of Ron McDonald, and Drew Foster as Adult Program Coordinators, Willard Vaughn as Workshop Coordinator, David and Joan Elliot for their leadership with Junior Yearly Meeting, Jeremiah Gold-Hopton and Curt Thompson as Coordinators for SAYF, Chris and Ollie Ahrens as site liaison, Barabara Esther for her organization of Worship Sharing, Bettina Wolfe and Melissa Meyer for their hard work and unflagging effort as registrars, Kathleen Mavournin and Lee Ann Swarm for their wonderful work in the Bookstore and lastly all those that played integral roles as volunteers for various adult and junior programs. Without this cooperative effort it wouldn't be possible to have such a memorable and successful weekend.

Organizing SAYMA has gone well this past year. Small snafus such as difficulty in reaching people and having a chance to speak at length about plans were overcome with the help of answering machines and FAX's. It's hard to imagine getting much accomplished without those devices these days. It was helpful to have a clerk of this committee, one who has been through the process once before, so that others in the committee would have a safety net if needed, although I will mention that the work with the SAYMA Handbook was invaluable for keeping a schedule and giving one a good overview of the planning committee's functions. It was also beneficial to be at the same location for another year now that the rough spots from last year could be smoothed out.

Several concerns strike me as I prepare this report. One, the Treasurer must stay in the loop while planning the agenda for all yearly meeting programs. Their advice is invaluable and necessary when making program decisions. The treasurer should make sure the financial questions are being asked and keep the committee well aware of budgetary restraints.

Two, schedule changes are difficult for such a large group to absorb. There is a need to anticipate and bring the changes to the attention of the clerk and Meeting for Business as soon as possible to avoid confusion. It is the committee's responsibility to keep the lines of communication open with all involved.

Three, in the future as we bring in outside speakers who are not familiar with the Society of Friends it's important that they become attuned to the way we worship and do business. It can be awkward without this foreknowledge. Likewise, we should be well aware of their background and area of expertise so that we can make a wise decision with regards to them being the right speaker for SAYMA. Personally I felt better about our program last year because the folks we brought in for the key speakers were from Quaker organizations.

In summary, I think this year's planning went well even though some of it came together at the very last minute. It was hard to prevent some changes and I would like a better way of making everyone aware of program changes. The programs were well received and it was definitely better the second time around at the same site. My hat's off to everyone involved they made it come together. I appreciate the experience of being on the planning committee and look forward to offering any of that wisdom to others as they come along in the future.

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN YEARLY MEETING & ASSOCIATION
 REPRESENTATIVE MEETING Number 84
 Sixteenth Day, Sixth Month, 1996
 Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC

Present (Signed In): Bob Lyon (Asheville), John Geary (Boone), Leslie Carter (Charleston, WVA), Becky Ingle (Chattanooga), Kathy Burke (Atlanta), Bill Boyd (Boone), Janet Minshall (Atlanta), John Carpenter (Atlanta), Charlotte Cline (Berea), Bruce Pearson (Columbia), Jim Flege (Birmingham), Kathleen Mavournin (W. Knoxville), Errol Hess (Tri-Cities), Richard Houghton (Cookeville), Kit Potter (Nashville), Kay Parke (Black Mtn.), Jeremiah Gold-Hopton (Atlanta/YouthQuake), Pat Foursprings (Brevard), Barbara Esther (Asheville), Bob Cox (Brevard/Tryon), Ellie Cox (Brevard/Tryon), Mary Kedl (W. Knoxville), Free Polazzo (Atlanta), Penny Wright (Nashville)

AGENDA

- Acceptance of Winter 1996 Representative Meeting (#83)
- Location and dates of Fall 1996 (#85) and Winter 1997 (#86) Representative Meetings
- Consideration of between meeting financial decisions
- Request for FGC scholarship
- Request for work camp participation support
- Request for Quaker Hill/Earlham conference scholarship
- FGC Planning Committee announcement
- FWCC Triennial request
- Quaker Service Conference (Tri Cities/Chattanooga)
- YouthQuake scholarship fund raising

After a centering silence Assistant Clerk Free Polazzo began introductions around the room. Friends were asked to sign in, including any E-mail addresses and indicate if a SAYMA Yearly Calendar was needed.

MINUTE 84/1 Minutes from Representative Meeting #83 were accepted with the addition of the location being Asheville, NC.

Future Sites and Dates

Representative Meeting #85 will be October 19, 1996 in Nashville

Representative Meeting #86 will be January 25, 1997 in Atlanta with a snow date of February 1, 1997

We are reminded that at last Representative Meeting, we approved a trial of having concurrent children's program during business. The first opportunity will be in Nashville. John Lewis will coordinate with host meetings.

Decision making for between meeting financial requests

The Finance Committee was asked to devise a process for this problem, but Dick Houghton remembered that there is a policy in place. If the request is large enough to become a budget line item, the request must come before Yearly Meeting, otherwise the request is met through various "funds" already defined by the SAYMA budget. Consequently, the Finance Committee is now asked to develop and recommend a policy for addressing financial requests that cannot wait until the next Yearly Meeting for resolution.

Request for FGC scholarship (Attachment A84/1)

Charlotte Cline of Berea has requested financial assistance to attend FGC in July.

MINUTE 84/2 Based on a report from the Finance Committee presented at a 1994/1995 Representative Meeting and preserved in the draft Handbook. This request meets criteria for being an activity worthy of SAYMA support, we approved \$150 from the Yearly Meeting Scholarship Fund.

Request for work camp support (Attachment A84/2)

Birmingham Meeting on behalf of Daryl Bergquist, asks SAYMA to match their \$150 contribution to the Washington Quaker Work Camps to cover the costs of transportation for volunteers to come to Birmingham and provide assistance for attending the work camp.

MINUTE 84/3 In lieu of a policy dealing with such a request it was approved that the Birmingham request be fulfilled by sending \$150 from Misc to the Washington Quaker Work Camps.

Request for Quaker Hill/Earlham conference scholarship (Attachment A84/3-2 pages)

As per the attached letter, Errol Hess asked for retroactive reimbursement for attending Friends and Their Media, a sharing of Quaker editors. He gained many ideas for improving our newsletter. This request was not included on Yearly Meeting agenda even though dated May 21, 1996 so was not considered at Yearly Meeting. Only requests approved by Representatives Meeting may be submitted to Yearly Meeting.

MINUTE 84/4 Approved expenditure of \$180 from the newsletter line item for reimbursement of Errol's expenses of attending the conference.

FGC Planning Committee

Kathleen Mavournin announced that 1997 FGC Gathering will be in Harrisonburg, VA. The planning committee will meet in October 1996 in the Charlottesville, VA area. Please contact her at 423-691-9506 or mav@ornl.gov if interested in participating in planning for evening program, Junior Yearly Meeting, workshops or the High School program. Tentatively, Gathering in 1998 will be in Wisconsin and in 1999 in Tennessee or Kentucky.

FWCC Triennial request

Barbara Esther brought to our attention that SAYMA has 2 approved representative positions to Triennial in England in 1997, but we currently have 3 representatives to FWCC. Two reps are definitely interested in attending Triennial and are seeking to keeping the door open for the third to attend if so desired. If SAYMA approves, we can appeal to FWCC for a third to attend.

MINUTE 84/5 Approved the recommendation that the Clerk to write FWCC to inquire if it is possible for third representative to attend the Triennial in England in 1997.

Recommendation from Tri Cities/Chattanooga about Quaker Service Conference (Attachment A84/5)

MINUTE 84/6 We support the recommendation of Tri Cities and Chattanooga Monthly Meetings that there be SAYMA representation at the Quaker Service, Training and Witness National Conference, April 18-20, 1997 at Burlington NJ Meeting House Conference Center with a report made to 1997 Yearly Meeting. In the meantime, we ask Monthly Meeting representatives to seek out those interested in attending as well as sources of funding.

YouthQuake scholarship fund raising

Jeremiah Gold-Hopton explained SAYF efforts, under the supervision of the SAYF Oversight Committee, to raise funds for scholarships to attend New Years 1998 Youth Quake. At this point selling Rainforest Crunch is the major undertaking.

We were reminded that we have established the policy that we try to have a visitor from a wider Quaker organization i.e. FWCC, FGC, FCNL on a rotating basis at Yearly Meeting. Also that we alternate years for having someone from such an organization as a featured speaker.

We closed with silence and wishes for safe journeys.



Free Polazzo
Asst. Clerk



Penelope Wright
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September 16, 1996

To: SAYMA Representatives and Meeting Clerks

From: Sandy Mershon, Administrative Assistant

Re: My health

Thanks for holding me in the Light during Yearly Gathering. I was not able to attend because my immune system had been compromised after chemotherapy, and I was to "stay away from people." Three hundred people were just too many to be around. It was hard to stay home; but I was Ok then, and am OK now.

I am still on chemotherapy and trying my best to get rid of this cancer (breast cancer gone to the bones). Please keep holding John and I in the Light.

Have been working trying to get this mailing prepared for you, while trying to complete the Directory and the Handbook compilation. Hope to see you all at the Representative Meeting in Nashville. Peace and love to all!

Asheville Monthly Meeting
State of the Society Report, 1995-96

Our Meeting community has been affected more by events in the lives of its members this year than by changes in the Meeting as a whole.

An incident of pedophilia in the Meeting forced us to confront the problem of child abuse and the long-term damage suffered by everyone involved.

We have also been saddened by the loss of several valued members of the meeting by death; yet we are grateful for many happy memories and for the contributions these Friends have made to us. As some of the Meeting's activity passes into the hands of a younger generation, it is reassuring to know that the work of the Meeting continues.

Happier events include the marriage of Dee Edelman and Sam Dempsey, and a "Forever Family" celebration in honor of the adoption of Angie into the Luknight family. We have also received six new members—three who are new to the Society of Friends and three who have transferred from other Meetings.

The Meeting's search for solutions to our space problem continues, but perhaps not quite as urgently as in the past. New attenders continue to appear, but we are aware that Asheville as an area undergoes considerable change—people moving in and people moving out. The Worship Group which has been meeting in Black Mountain for over a year began as a mid-week opportunity for our members and this continues. A Preparative Meeting for the Swannanoa Valley, under the care of Asheville Friends Meeting, has grown from it. A Worship Group in Hendersonville continues under our care, and contacts are also maintained with the long-time Tryon Worship Group, which operates more independently. An Older Women's Group, meeting monthly for lunch in the homes of members, has given invaluable service in helping to serve the needs of families in crisis.

Our Meeting Retreat, held for the third time, continues to be a source of great spiritual stimulation and community strengthening as well as enjoyment. In addition, several older members have shared their personal histories in our First Day Forums. A recent community-building development is a "Meeting for Hiking" occurring monthly after Meeting for Worship. The monthly Open Circle (a meeting for music-making), begun some years ago, continues to reach out to the wider Asheville community.

The growing maturity of those whom we have known as children in the First Day School is a great satisfaction. The youth group has mounted its own retreat, collaborating with contemporaries from other Meetings of SAYMA and the Piedmont and Palmetto Fellowships. The young people's experiences outside our Yearly Meeting have included meeting with a youth group from Berry Temple United Methodist church, a predominantly African-American congregation. They have also participated in a work-camp at Penn Center in St. Helena, SC.

Our Peace and Social Action Committee is being re-established, as we feel that our relationship to the larger community needs more attention than we have lately been able to give as a Meeting. Individual members continue to be active in larger Friends organizations, and the Meeting as a whole is enriched when they share their experiences.

ATLANTA MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT FOR 1995

Are you a contemplative: aware of where you are at the moment, aware of the circumstances that beset you, responsibilities that burden you, relationships that frustrate and encourage you, and aware of where you stand? – John Yungblut

While this query addresses us as individuals, it equally addresses our Meeting. We ponder the answers to this query as we consider the state of the Atlanta Friends Meeting in 1995.

At the close of 1995 we have 138 adult members, 24 associate members, and other attenders, in all giving us more than 250 regular participants. The spiritual life of the Meeting is centered in our weekly meetings for worship. There, and in our monthly meetings for worship with attention to business, we seek to discern our corporate testimonies and witness. We seek to live as a community of faith: a difficult task, as we live scattered across a large metropolitan area, some of us recently arrived to the area, some of us knowing that our sojourn in Atlanta is quite temporary. Given our size and dispersion, the work of the Meeting and the development of our community is enhanced as we gather frequently in smaller groups: in Meeting retreats, spiritual friendships, Friendly Eights, Friendly Dinners, support groups, midweek meeting, and, of course, in our various committees.

The Meeting enrolls 90 children in First Day School, with Religious Education Committee and 20-25 teachers attending to their spiritual growth. There are often about 60 children and young Friends attending each First Day. Young Friends in their teen years are active in the Meeting and come together regularly for recreation activities, retreats, and work camps.

In 1995 we continued to consider the meaning of true community. Seeking to be more understanding of the differences among us, the Meeting held a workshop on diversity, sponsored by the National Coalition Building Institute. We held a threshing meeting on the quality of compassionate support that we give each other. Mindful that we sometimes fall short in the care we give our own members, we noted that our community is only as strong as our willingness to care: to listen to Friends in trying circumstances, to understand, and to assume responsibility to provide support. We noted, too, that the responsibility for caring falls on all our members, not only those who serve on Care and Counsel Committee.

Aware that our meetinghouse helps enable our community activities, during 1995 our Building, Oversight, and Finance committees worked together to anticipate expenses of maintaining and improving this building now that it is a few years old. We identified \$40,000 in improvements needed in the next three years. Friends took the prudent steps of planning for these expenses to keep our building as a place that meets our

needs and continues to serve as a resource in our community. Several needed projects, such as replacing carpet in the meetingroom and enhancing the accoustics so that messages could be heard, were completed during the year.

We are very aware of our place in the larger community of this city, this nation, and the world. We work to bring Friends testimonies to the larger community, a community often beset with injustice and violence. Our Food and Shelter Committee recruited volunteers for a men's shelter. In November, three members of our Sanctuary Committee visited our sister community of El Sitio, El Salvador, returning with several proposals for the Meeting's consideration. The Meeting sponsored a Listening Project, to bring understanding to the attitudes of the religious community of Atlanta towards gay men and lesbians. We explored a possible intentional community through the Friends Village Committee. We supported a variety of other social ministries both with Meeting funds and volunteers, including Startup Education, the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, the American Friends Service Committee, the Penn Center, the Friends School of Atlanta, Friends World Committee on Consultation, and Friends Committee for National Legislation.

We make note of passages of Friends entering and departing from our Meeting. In 1995 we welcomed these Friends as new members: Ellen Cooney, Kathy Marth, and Ann Ritter; and as transfereing members: Jeff Emmons, Linda Garrettson, and Lisa Hudgins. We accepted the resignation of Betty O'Berry, now residing in Florida. We greeted the births of Noah Chen, Kelly Elizabeth Dodd, Robert Reed Douglas, and Kell Joy. During the year we took five marriages under our care: Mary Ann Downey and Bill Holland, Jeff Emmons and Andrea Sweatt, Benita McShan and Lolethia Chapman, Jennifer Snow-Wolff and Michael Cox, and Steve Woodall and Loretta Lucy Miller. In a memorial meeting in Tenth Month, we honored the memory of John Yungblut, a former member of this Meeting and director of its Quaker House in the 1960's, who died this year in Virginia. And we mourned the passing of a regular attender of our Meeting, Lilian Tikotin, who died in Australia.

Many Friends attended our 1995 Spring Gathered Meeting Retreat, addressing "The Creative Spirit and the Search for Wisdom." Mel and Beth Kaiser facilitated this gathering, where we contemplated our images of the Divine, and where we considered the works of 17th-century Friends and 20th-century feminist poets describing their spirituality. As the 20th century nears its close, like our forebears, we continue seeking the Spirit—a Spirit of love and creativity—and we continue seeking to bring this Spirit to the larger community.

Berea Friends Meeting
Berea, KY 40403
Annual Report of State of the Meeting, Fourth Month, 1996

This has been a year of many changes for Berea Friends Meeting. Most importantly, it was profoundly affected by the death of two of its members. Frank Gailey, a charter member of the Meeting twenty-six years ago, died after a lingering illness, while Susy Riffe, hardly as old as the Meeting itself, died suddenly at work. In its reaction to these two deaths, the Meeting exhibited its strengths and also, possibly, some weaknesses. In Frank's case the Meeting itself did not play a major role because his family took responsibility for most of the arrangements. His memorial service took place in Berea's Union Church, with which he was also affiliated. Dorothy Tredennick, another charter member of Meeting, made sure there was a Quaker "presence" by leading the unprogrammed part of the service, and many Meeting members shared their memories of Frank. In Susy's case, the Meeting had a much greater role. Nancy Lee-Riffe wanted her daughter to be remembered during an unprogrammed meeting for worship. The Meeting helped her arrange the details of the memorial service and the potluck dinner which followed. It had a real opportunity to demonstrate through word and deed how much it cared about both Susy and Nancy. Some of its actions (the organization of an impromptu coordinating committee and a special meeting for children before the memorial service) were particularly effective; other actions (such as the occasional breakdown of the phone tree) show that the Meeting still needs to work on its responses to emergency.

One member of the Meeting has mentioned how the death of members forces the rest of us to think about our own lives and our responses to the suffering of others. Frank and Susy made us all aware of how much we still have to learn and do and be. We will remember both of them for their very different gifts to the Meeting -- for funny things like Frank's carrot salad, to charming things, like Susy's heartfelt hugs. We will be grateful for what they taught us about the use of one's gifts.

Berea Friends Meeting also lost Galady Chilton and Eric Stalions through graduation and transfer and will shortly say farewell to Jack and Connie McLanahan, when they move to Virginia, and Heather Parks, who will graduate. The sadness of their leaving is tempered by the addition of Keila and Evan Thomas to our membership rolls. We are also gladdened by the sight of a number of new attenders.

Another change for the Meeting has been the loss of our long-time meeting room at Berea College. We are still on the college campus and are now meeting temporarily in the Fireside Room in Draper Hall. Soon we will be sharing rooms in the new addition at AMERC. We have contributed so far about 375 hours of sweat equity toward our rent in the new facility and are assured that we will be able to move in shortly. Our work at AMERC has been led by Bob Mills, one of our very few birthright Quakers and a person whose hammer has helped others on three continents.

Final changes this year include new formats and new conversations. One new format was the use of one-on-one interviews during our annual membership review. We discovered during those interviews that we do very well in providing a sense of support and community, but that we must do more to help people in their spiritual growth. That was a goal suggested in Ministry and Counsel last year, and it will probably be a goal for next year as well. A new conversation involved the use of small groups to investigate issues affecting gays and lesbians. We did not solve anything, but we certainly gained awareness, and we may be better able to cope if such issues need to be directly confronted by the Meeting.

In spite of the changes which have occurred over the last twelve months, or maybe because of them, the Meeting has grown in its capacity to respond to the needs of others and its members have a deeper sense of what is important in their lives. We are proud of our resiliency and capacity for growth. We are grateful for the support of people from other meetings (like the members of Lexington Meeting who always seem to be around when we need them). We appreciate the leadership opportunities some of our members have been given in organizations like SAYMA and AFSC. From this knowledge of how we have been led in the past, we have trust that the Light will illuminate our way in the future.

State of the Boone Meeting, 1995

The Boone Meeting has continued this last year with smaller numbers. We miss Nora and Conrad Muller and their children who have moved to Alaska. Some other Friends who did regularly attend rarely come now, and we feel their absence.

Dispite this, we have had an active and fun year. We began and ended this year by supporting the same family at Christmas time. Our relationship with them continued throughout the year as we provided additional assistance. This year we plan to celebrate the eldest son's graduation from high school at the top of his class with a party. A member of our meeting also served as an intermediary in the aid of another family.

The Meeting family has enjoyed socializing together. In addition to our monthly pot-lucks, we met at Miriam Toppel's summer cabin for Meeting for Worship and pot-luck, picnicked at Junaleska Park, and skated at Skate World. We enjoyed Sharon Kellum's beautiful singing presentation to us of "Music as Life", and delighted in singing with Peter Blood and Annie Peterson in an event co-sponsored with the Unitarians.

We also spent an evening with Sara Beth Terrel, learning about and practicing contemplative prayer.

Judy and John Geary graciously opened their home to us every other Wednesday for adult education, as we shared our spiritual journeys and backgrounds.

Our first day school continues with only two children typically in attendance.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT
BREVARD FRIENDS MEETING
Brevard, North Carolina
June 1996

While Brevard Meeting is small in size, with 21 members, our Meeting for Worship usually numbers 30-35 including both members and attenders.

First Day School is made up of three boys from the same family, the oldest serving as teacher. Adults meet on the third and fourth Sundays, discussing previously selected topics.

We recognized attender Frances King, member of Bethesda (Maryland) Monthly Meeting, who was among the first to exercise her right to vote after passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in August 1920. Frances also appeared in a report in the Hendersonville, N.C., *Times-News*.

Meeting extended special appreciation to Sandy Jones for all the time and energy she has given to details questioning the Stanley Sanders trial and conviction. An account of her efforts, and of other concerned members, was printed in the February 1996 *Southern Appalachian Friend*.

Once again, Meeting took part in the Sharing House "Adopt a Family" annual Christmas giving project. We contributed money for food, purchased clothing and gifts for a family of two adults and two children. The Meeting also twice a year contributes funds to the Sharing House food pantry.

A Minute was prepared and sent to SAYMA "endorsing SAYMA's continued representation on the AFSC Corporation and SAYMA's continued support of AFSC." No consensus was reached on changing AFSC Board of Directors membership requirements.

Recording Clerk Betty Neale suggested, coordinated, and prepared a "Biographical Directory of the Brevard Friends Meeting." Members and attenders wrote biographies of themselves which Betty then typed and inserted in the directory. Snapshots of contributors to the directory have been mounted on a large poster for display.

A Minute was approved by Brevard Monthly Meeting which follows: "Brevard Monthly Meeting values *A Guide to Our Faith and Our Practice* in its present form. No compelling reason to make substantial changes to the document is recognized by the Meeting at this time."

Meeting was saddened by the death of member Mary Williams in August '95. Mary had previously served as Meeting treasurer and was one of the Meeting members active in forming the Transylvania Dispute Settlement Center.

Even though Brevard is basically a retirement community, we hope that more young people in the area will be led to our Meeting so that it will survive to continue practicing Quaker principles of love and peace.

Robert H. Duffield, Clerk
Brevard Meeting

State of the Meeting 1995-96 Celo Monthly Meeting of Friends

Celo Meeting is looking toward the future in building a new caretaker house, in young couples with small children, and in requests for clearness for membership. Our hope is that the new building and our spiritual growth will enrich all of us young and old, new Friends and seasoned ones.

The Long Range Planning Committee of Celo Friends Meeting got new energy when Charlotte Schreiber offered to make a substantial contribution to replace the well-worn Margithaus. Margithaus had served us for many years as housing for a caretaker, gathering place for committees, business meeting, and our youngest First Day School.

Margithaus was named for a cherished caretaker, Margit Hirshenhauser. The new Margithaus will honor the memory of Edward Schreiber, late husband of Friend Charlotte Schreiber.

After many meetings, another member survey, and a variety of floor plan proposals, we decided on a design that made it possible to have a new Meeting House attached in the future. Joyce Johnson chaired fund raising and Gib Barrus chaired the building committee.

To our amazement we broke ground the first week in April. We are grateful for the on going contributions from F(f)riends far and wide. The shell of the building is completed and interior work is scheduled to continue this summer.

Along with making the bathrooms handicapped accessible was the request for a diaper changing table in the unisex bathroom. This heightened our awareness of the 10 young couples with children. We hope the multi-use design of the new building will help us meet the needs of all our Friends now and in the future.

Our baby blessing on an October First Day Meeting for Worship welcomed 15 babies and young children of Friends and neighbors. Several young people have asked for clearness for membership. We celebrated the life of Christine Morgan in a Memeorial Service Saturday, May 4.

A group met regularly throughout the year to share spiritual journeys at Lisa DeHart's home. Before worship many First Day mornings some of us met to discuss the chapters we had read in *Friends for 300 Years*.

Our Meeting gave support to 2 Friends who worked on Central American projects. Jane Goldthwait with the support of Crossville and University Friends Meetings, helped deliver a donated car to a socially active Baptist Church in El Salvador. Dawn Weir participated in the Trees for Life project in Guatemala. We will also be holding Judy Scheckel in the Light as she goes to China to teach English at a University for the Mennonites.

We have a sense that our community of Celo Friends is flourishing with each new person who comes through the Meeting door. With a new building our hope is that we can become a better worship and service community.

Charleston West Virginia Friends Meeting
1996 State of the Meeting Report

This has been another year of interesting changes in our Meeting. We decided to develop a Peace and Social Justice Committee to formalize a role of community action from the Meeting. The goals of this committee are to educate our legislators on local issues and to give Friends a stronger local voice in community action. This committee is currently developing a conference entitled "A Vision of Economic Justice: Solutions for West Virginia Communities" to be held in August.

Many individual members of the Meeting continue to be active in AFSC work to promote non-violent conflict resolution particularly in area high schools and other community development projects. We also have several families that are very active in Boy Scouts.

We are very proud that Collette Miniger just completed her freshman year at Guilford College. We wish her the best in her studies for the coming year.

The Meeting continues our practice of keeping in touch with other West Virginia Friends in many ways. Individual members periodically visit the other meetings in Morgantown and Parkersburg. We share duties with these meetings for the annual "All West Virginia Friends Gathering" each fall. We were visited this year by a group of people possibly interested in developing a preparatory meeting in Beckley, West Virginia. We also continue to be in touch with rural Friends by periodically having Meeting for Worship at the home of rural Friends followed by a potluck. These are often memorable meetings.

Despite our community activism the Meeting continues to be troubled by our invisibility in the community. We believe that this is due to our small numbers, lack of a permanent home and lack of a listed phone number. We expect the phone number problem to be remedied soon. We are currently reconsidering our meeting location. We have been offered an old house in a nearby town for a meeting house. It is small and needs a lot of work. We are also considering leasing alternative locations within the city of Charleston. All solutions seem to have advantages and disadvantages.

Leslie Carter

Clerk

Chattanooga Monthly Meeting
State of the Meeting Report, 1996

This year has been one of progress for our meeting, progress in coming to grips with who we are if not completely in regard to our role in the larger community.

The most obvious achievement has been our First Day School, which, under the able leadership of a Friend who went to Pendle Hill for a workshop last spring, has strengthened. We have had a well-thought out and consistent program, it has been available every Sunday when children were present, and it seems to have put down roots that will allow it to survive its transition to new leadership. As a meeting, we are grateful for the influence it has had and, as our children grow toward maturity, will have in the future. In this connection, also, we had the second of our community fun days during the summer, an event that brought two teen-agers into the meeting, our first in years. Two members gave us a piano, which could only help our monthly singing.

We have had a number of new attenders, three of whom have become members, and there continues a small worship group in nearby Cleveland under our care. One member has returned after a too long an absence. We experimented with Friendly Eights groups but have since laid them aside, using them as long as they seemed necessary. We struggle to regularize our newsletter. The women's group still finds its meetings to be useful. We also hosted the young Friends of the yearly meeting at the New Year. A monthly meeting for healing is engaging seekers of God's care. The meetinghouse resident, for the first time in some years an active Friend, has added to the meeting's sense of security, even as we pondered two small but traumatic break-ins within two days.

Of course, we struggle with matters, too, that come to our attention in a more Quakerly way, including our post-closing "rituals." A visitor forced us to consider the connection between discipline and order, something not anticipated but valuable; we are still looking for the way forward in this regard. The only marriage under our care this year raised fundamental questions about how we continue to care for couples who may need our help, as well as right ordering of these occasions. We recognize that we grow by learning and learn by growing, but we have to admit that the process is not always easy. Walking in the Light will, we know, get us there and help us find our way in the dark night around us.

—Approved, 10 May 1996

On the same occasion, Chattanooga Meeting also approved the following mintue: Our concern for AFSC and its relationship with Friends has led us to consider deeply where God's Spirit is leading SAYMA as it discusses this matter. We ask ourselves and others to seek God's Truth as the discussion goes on. We want to affirm our support for SAYMA sending a representative to the National Quaker Service, Training, and Witness Conference in April 1997, as we also affirm our support for the traditional mission of AFSC.

SAYMA REPORT - 1996
CLEVELAND WORSHIP GROUP
under the nurture and guidance of
CHATTANOOGA MONTHLY MEETING

Beginning with three friends (later Friends) in March, 1995, we have met once a month for worship, being forced to cancel only once due to family illness.

The early meetings were carefully planned, second-hour programs orchestrated, and telephone contacts made to get people involved. These meetings were very successful in turnout and enjoyment: programs included Tai Chi Chuan, led by middle-schoolers; a Lee College theology student from Nairobi, Kenya; a Baha'i presentation; a swim party. We have always been supported by attendance of at least one, and usually several, members of Chattanooga Meeting. As newcomers to Quaker thought, this support and leading has been invaluable to us.

We are rethinking the structure and function of our worship group. First, while it is a good thing for a person to open his home to the meeting, it is questionable that he or she should be central or even excessively pivotal to the success of the meeting. The role of the individual, important as it is, must never overshadow the real reason one attends meeting. The question addressed is that of leading too little/influencing too much, or vice versa.

Secondly, we have over the course of the last 15 months, and as a direct result of our witness in the community, focused two new "formal" members to Chattanooga Meeting, and also one adult with two children as "informal" but very active members to that same meeting. We have found friends of Friends here in Cleveland among every denomination and introduced many neighbors and acquaintances to Quaker worship and thought. In this regard, we served as ambassadors in general and as a mission outpost in particular. Many of these things were accomplished by our second-hour programs, but the lasting contributions of people becoming involved with Quaker thought and worship have been accomplished in the simple meeting for worship itself. We now evaluate worship meeting as the true calling and seek to know if second hour should continue, lessen, or evaporate altogether. The process continues as we seek balance, but as always our commitment remains the same, whether we serve one or one hundred, to be there for the community. (Maritain would say we have committed to Availability).

Which leads to our final concern - Should we continue as we are or offer an actual worship alternative to those who may seek one? We discuss continuing our Saturday evening meetings, allowing one First Day to visit Chattanooga Meeting and opening a weekly First-Day worship, at the same time placing an ad in the Yellow Pages and availing ourselves of the local newspaper to present the opportunity. This is a major commitment of time and resource. We therefore seek more than ever to be held in the Light by all SAYMA meetings and worship groups, all nurture committees and all devoted Friends, that we may resolve these matters in the way that is most enlightened and meaningful.

Carol/Buddy/Stan Spraker, Millie Sue Hawk, Nancy/Megan Neves
Cleveland, Tennessee Worship Group

Columbia Friends Meeting

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

State of the Meeting Report — 1996

In preparing the state of the meeting report for 1996, Columbia Friends gathered after meeting for worship to consider the following three questions.

(1) What do we see as our mission and our vision for the meeting? Our primary focus is on the life of the spirit, and we sense growth in this area both as individuals and as a meeting. The meeting allows people to come together to be who they are in this quest, and we are able to accept diversity in the search. The meeting provides a supportive community—for example, through clearness committees as needed. We share a desire for a meetinghouse of our own although we are pleased with the present arrangement with Harmony School. We hope for continued growth in members although we attach greater importance to maintaining a sense of community than to numbers as such.

(2) How are we fulfilling our vision? We see the meeting as a safe place; therefore, we believe we are fulfilling our mission. We sense that the best ministry is by example and by lifestyle. We are concerned, as individuals and as a meeting, to support service projects; and we do not shrink from taking a public stand for what we believe to be right on issues of social justice. When occasion arises, we have submitted op-ed pieces to the local newspaper proclaiming our testimonies.

(3) How do we evaluate our progress? We see our choices as involving tradeoffs. On one hand we would like the visibility and permanence of a meetinghouse, but at the same time we are aware of the distractions and material preoccupations that accompany property ownership. Our desire is to feed spiritual hunger, and we are still learning how best to do this. We are concerned about former attenders who have drifted away from the meeting. We sense that we are not wholly successful in incorporating children (and families with children) into the meeting. We need to make a greater effort in this direction. We also sense that some attenders are uncomfortable with certain testimonies that we take to be part of our faith—for example, opposition to the death penalty or support for gay or lesbian couples. We wish to remain accepting of those who are at various stages in their own spiritual journey without compromising the principles we embrace as a meeting.

Annual report to SAYMA of the Crossville Friends Meeting - 1995-96

Since the laying down of the Community Friends School the Meeting has been fortunate to find alternative week-day uses for the facilities - the school/meeting house building and 5 acres of land. The Rural Cumberland Resources has two of its programs in the Meeting House - thus helping to pay off the mortgage and meeting some of the on-going common services.

Late last summer a Mazda sedan was driven to the Iglesia Bautista (Baptist Church) in El Salvador as a donation to an orphanage. The principal driver was Jane Goldthwait of the Celo Meeting. Jane, with two other Quakers from Seattle, Washington, successfully delivered the automobile and a cargo of baseball equipment. The Iglesia Bautista has a long history of working for human rights in El Salvador, and for working with the poor.

This summer another vehicle, a 1983 Honda sedan, is being donated to the Center for Development in Central America. It will be driven down in late June, and will hopefully be put into service in a very poor area south of Managua, Nicaragua.

Meeting support continues for the FCNL, the AFSC and other Quaker groups. It supports and members take a leadership role in the Cumberland Countians for Peace and Justice. Subscriptions of the Friends Journal continue to be sent to some distant members.

During the past year Meeting members have been studying the life of William Penn, utilizing the "William Penn - A Curriculum for Adults and High School Students" by Janet Norton, published by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Religious Education Committee. This was supplemented by a number of books of Penn's life.

Installation was completed of a gas-fired heating and cooling system to supplement that provided by the solar heated building design.

As in many previous years the Meeting held its annual Easter Weekend Retreat at the Cumberland State Park.

State of the Meeting Report Memphis Friends Meeting June 1996

During 1995-96 the Memphis Friends Meeting was led by two successive clerks, Larry Jordan and Kristi Estes. The Meeting has now spent a full year in its new meeting house, the downstairs of a restored two story house in the Cooper-Young Historic District. Meeting for Worship takes place in a peaceful, light-filled room furnished with benches and donated chairs. The Meeting's charter hangs on one wall. A print of Edward Hick's Peaceable Kingdom hangs over the fireplace. Often on First Day, Friend Mina Johnson brings flowers from her garden. A wrought iron sign outside forged by Friend Wib Smith announces the meeting time and phone number.

One project this past Fall was participation in the Cooper-Young Festival. This street fair sponsored by the neighborhood association draws thousands from all over the city. Members gave tours of the meeting house. Some of the festival visitors watched a video about Quakers, while others looked through a series of mounted posters on the Holocaust.

The visibility of the new meeting house may be one reason for the attention paid to the Meeting by the press during the year. We were listed in the city's gay and lesbian newspaper and featured in a half page article in the religion section of the city's major daily. In addition, the Meeting advertised it's Fall "Testimony for Peace" seminar in several newspapers and in a mailing to peace activists in the community.

The peace seminar was a major project of the Meeting in 95-96. We wanted to deepen the Meeting's understanding of the Quaker peace testimony and to strengthen the Meeting's ties with the local peacemaking community. In each of the six sessions there were 15-22 participants, about half of whom were visitors. Speakers included Arun and Sunanda Gandhi, Dr. Gerard Vanderhaar, Hubert Van Tol, and Penelope Youngblut.

Throughout the year, the Meeting held discussions on AFSC and FCNL. Bertina Wolff from Asheville joined us at our annual Spring Retreat in Shelby Forest to help us explore our political leadings as individuals and as a meeting. We've also had several discussions about establishing an AFSC project in Memphis. We continue to seek information about AFSC or community projects sponsored by other moderately sized Meetings.

The meeting views its very active youth group as one of it's primary outreach projects. Ron McDonald has led the group since it's creation in 1991. Marjean Liggett and Doris Phelps have been co-leaders this past year. In April the Senior High students made a trip to Washington, D.C. where they toured the Holocaust Museum and read Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

In 1995-96 we welcomed several new attenders -- Mari Askew and Patrick Folley, Kelly Askins and Joanne Rhodes, Barbara Clark, Kathleen Farrar, Sandy Furrh., and Ellen Johnson and her son Thomas Frasure -- as well as two new babies -- AJ Pruitt and Kaia Burr-McNeal.

We continue to hold Pot Luck suppers each first First Day, many with the Youth Group attending. Meetings for Learning are scheduled for third First Days and we have Spotlight on one of our members or attenders on fourth First Days.

Meeting for Worship
11 a.m. First Day
917 South Cooper
Memphis, TN, 38104
901-372-8130

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901-274-0833

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Ron McDonald
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Nashville Monthly Meeting

The Religious Society of Friends

Clerk: F. John Potter

Assistant Clerk: Emily Passino

STATE OF THE MEETING, 1995 - 1996

As this is written, the Nashville Meeting is completing another annual cycle of collective and individual growth, change and life. We are blessed with a substantial core group of "almost-every-weekers" and our meetings for worship are highly charged with spiritual energy. At least part of the fullness of the silence is attributed to the creation of a Spiritual Formation Group in the Fall of 1995. Almost twenty of our number had a weekend retreat on discovery of a spiritual discipline, led by Betsy Meyer and Virginia Schurman from Baltimore Y.M. Our large group was also parceled into smaller groups, and both the large and small groups meet about once a month.

Part of the life of the meeting is the change and transformation in the lives of the individual members. Membership continues to ebb and flow, with four new or transferring members including this clerk and several who have moved to other places in their spiritual and geographic journeys. Children grow and go off to college. During the year, the Meeting has overseen one marriage and celebrated with Sam Dempsey, a beloved former member of Nashville Meeting, at his June 1995 wedding to Dee Edelman. Various members of the meeting have served in wider Quaker activities as well. Our teenagers have been actively participating in SAYMA young Friends activities. We also joined in commemorating the 75th anniversary of Tennessee's ratification of the 19th Amendment, Women's Suffrage by carrying a banner in a parade.

Our experiment with rearranging our First Day schedule has gone well. The First Hour activities, coordinated by the Adult Education committee, begins about 9 AM. Activities range from Worship Sharing on various topics to discussions (led by members or outside visitors) to travel reports. Singing begins about 10:15 AM followed by settling into the Silence about 10:30. Our latest experiment is in having an extended worship period on the fifth Sunday of months so equipped. Sacred Harp singing occurs twice a month, and our Wednesday evening worship continues to have regular attendance.

The Ministry and Counsel committee has been quite active this year. Under its guidance, our Fall Retreat focused on a "visioning" exercise for the Meeting, which was followed by a half-day retreat in February that continued the process. Our visioning is proceeding through the seasoning process as we hold the this concern in the Light. Vanderbilt's Divinity School offered special group rates for their Tuesday Evening classes and a number of our members & attenders took advantage of this opportunity. The M&C committee has also labored with a minute on the Meeting's role in recognizing enduring, faithful and spiritual relationships between two people regardless of either's sex. The process, which has taken several years, culminated in a threshing session that produced the minute which Nashville Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends presents to SAYMA this year (1996).

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has extended the Meeting's outreach to the immediate Nashville community through our involvement with the local Room at the Inn program, ongoing support to a neighboring church and the Godfather/mother program (helping disadvantaged youth).

Royal Friends Worship Group
State of the Worship Group Report
June, 1996

Royal Friends Worship Group meets regularly now, once a week, in the Common Ground Community Center, in homes, or at the side of a nearby pond. We rejoice in welcoming a new family*, recently moved here from Athens, AL Friends Worship Group. This has increased our numbers to five active adults, one child and several dogs. Two inactive adults have taken leave to build their home.

In April, we gathered in our meeting space with Birmingham Friends to explore our relationship as an "indulged" worship group under the care of Birmingham Monthly Meeting. We shared worship, fellowship, discussion and a potluck. It felt good to have so many worship with us.

Most frequently silent, our participants describe our worship as great, wonderful and interesting. More worship sharing is desired by the group and we are meeting in June to consider options for second hour and outreach. We recently previewed the video "Who are Quakers?" as a possibility for local outreach.

We enthusiastically welcome visitors from other meetings to come and worship with us. We offer hospitality and a beautiful, quiet environment.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Rose, recorder

*The Brindles (Alden, Gail & Cassandra, age 8) have purchased land close by to create a third intentional community in our area. The land is forested with streams. The Locust Fork River with a popular waterfall runs through the lower section. They invite anyone interested in voluntary

Tri-Cities Friends Preparative Meeting

State of Meeting Report, June 1996

Tri-Cities Friends Preparative meeting is taking a leap of faith in requesting certification as a monthly meeting. Our letter to West Knoxville reads in part:

"Tri-Cities Friends Preparative Meeting has examined its spiritual state and feels it is ready to be certified as a Monthly Meeting. Although its attendance is small, all who attend are committed to the meeting and to the Religious Society of Friends. ... We have several others who are committed to other churches who participate in the life of the meeting in some way. And we have friends in Bristol ready to start a worship group under care of Tri-Cities Meeting."

Our membership has been active in the life of the Yearly Meeting, attending conferences and meetings, and holding the positions of registrar, newsletter editor, and Junior Yearly Meeting coordinators within the past year. We also continue to "Adopt a Highway" as our community activity.

This activity and commitment of those who worship together in our meeting may mask to those outside, the anxiety with which we view our membership size and the continued life of the meeting and suggest a self-reliance which we have assumed only of necessity. We continue to meet and assess our strengths and weaknesses, joys and concerns:

We are geographically diverse, providing opportunity for wider outreach and perspective--We are geographically diverse, interfering with a sense of belonging to a particular larger (non-Quaker) community.

We are physically and spiritually active in our meeting--we have to be.

Our membership is small and committed, and we are able to unite spiritually--our membership is small and committed, and new attenders may feel self-conscious and pressured to "fit in."

Growth may be disruptive to the caring and cohesion of the "old group."

None of our small number is required to be absent from worship to teach First Day School--there are no children in the meeting.

Our lives are full, bringing a wealth of experience to the meeting--our lives are full, and our energies and resources are limited.

We are able to be silent in meeting--we are often silent in meeting.

We are Friendly--we are stubborn, and shy, and more comfortable giving than receiving help. Nonetheless, we ask that we be held in the light as we seek clearness for our continued involvement in the life of the Religious Society of Friends, both individually and as a meeting.

State of the Meeting Report
West Knoxville Monthly Meeting
2nd Day, Sixth Month, 1996

The recurring theme this past year in the experience of West Knoxville Friends has been the question of whether to expand and/or remodel our meetinghouse. While it may seem (and sometimes has seemed to us) that we've spent an inordinate amount of time on this worldly and material topic, we have in fact been led to deep and probing consideration of what we really need to provide for ourselves, of the role we play in the larger community, and of the way we attend and minister to each other: issues at the core of our corporate spiritual life. We haven't yet attained a clear unity on what to do about the building, although there has been considerable movement and we continue to work on it, but the process has born unexpected fruit.

While considering the right use of the resources -- emotional, spiritual, and physical as well as financial -- that we are spending or proposing to spend on our building, we were challenged to consider devoting a tithe of those resources to some project for community improvement. In recent years, West Knoxville Meeting has viewed itself as primarily contemplative, providing support for social action projects undertaken by individual members and attenders and nurturance to those individuals, but not assuming a sustained, corporate involvement. In response to the challenge, we contemplate changing the way we define ourselves. We're engaged in discerning whether we do now feel called as a meeting to social outreach, voicing uneasiness about the risks involved in working with people different from ourselves in situations where we have little direct experience, as well as expressing eagerness to put our testimonies to work in the places where we live. To explore these concerns experientially and to identify a social service project that the meeting can unite with, we've begun doing small, short-term efforts with several local agencies. It has taken us two years to proceed to this point in our deliberations on the building; we intend to take similar care in discerning our leading to social action.

In the course of long and occasionally contentious deliberations, we've been reminded repeatedly of the need to listen carefully and speak gently, to honor that of God in each other even when it is difficult, to conduct our business faithfully within the meeting for worship. Sometimes the reminder comes because we've succeeded, because at the end of an arduous meeting we've moved forward together and feel ourselves blessed in the company of Friends. Sometimes it comes from failure, bringing frustration and fear of fragmentation, and from these experiences, we return chastened to try again to attune our diverse selves to the Spirit of the gathered meeting in the tradition of Friends. We hope in that Light that our hearts will be softened and our necks learn to bend, at least a little.

We continue our efforts at community-building with singings, potluck meals and intergenerational programs, and through gatherings of Friendly Eights. In recent weeks, we've been sharing in our

second hour feelings about the need to share our spiritual lives more deeply and regularly, and hope to develop this theme more fully in the coming year. This year's meeting retreat was held in conjunction with the SAYMA-sponsored workshop on clerking, fostering development of closer relationships within the yearly meeting as well as within the monthly meeting. We've grown this year by six new members and by several new families or individual attenders. A religious education committee of parents and concerned Friends has begun to meet more regularly to address concerns and nurture spiritual study and growth in the Meeting. We have more primary and middle school children in First Day School than in the recent past. Unfortunately, the high school group has been temporarily reduced by graduations and departures. The middle school group has undertaken the direction of their religious education program, with the advice and oversight of selected concerned adults. They have visited other religious groups, participated in SAYF, and undertaken several excursions.

It has not been an easy year for West Knoxville Friends, but it has been a productive year. Our meeting for worship continues to be the vessel of our community life, wherein we are comforted, nourished, challenged, soothed and shaken and held up in the Light of Divine and human love.



Sharon Annis and Kathleen Mavournin, Co-clerks

SAYMA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CALENDAR
1996

6/13-16 SAYMA Yearly Gathering #26, Warren Wilson College
Summer Representative Meeting #84

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7/1 Deadline for Directory pages--if not received at YM. Follow up with phone calls to non-respondents.
Deadline for SAF--editorial deadline

Nominating Cmte. report--send job descriptions from Handbook

Send letter of invitation to the next WQO to make a report to our YM on the following schedule:

1996--AFSC; 1997--FCNL; 1998--FGC; 1999--FWCC

7/10 Recording Clerk should send office the minutes--of both YM business meeting and Summer Representative Meeting minutes

7/15 Send SAF contributions to Errol.
Send SAF mailing list to Errol

7/18 Send out to:

Clerks, Representatives, Officers, and Committee Chairs the following:

Cover, and contents page of YM Gathering report
Epistles
Minutes of YM Gathering and Summer Representative Meeting
Treasurer's Report
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Miscellaneous attachments

Note: Request hospitality and direction information from Fall RM host. Also, will babysitting be available? Any date requirement for that? Need this information by 9/12.

WQO:

Minutes and pertinent attachments of YM and Representative Meeting
Names and addresses of WQO representatives

Other Yearly Meetings:
Epistles

8/1 Send Directory pages to Meetings for corrections

- SAF mailing deadline
- 8/15 Directory draft proofs must be returned to the office.
- 9/1 Send census information to FWCC
- 9/12 Take Directory to printer
- 9/20 Send preliminary mailing for Fall Representative Meeting. Include:
- Letter of invitation with contents of mailing
 - Draft agenda
 - Directions to meeting place and hospitality information
 - Administrative Assistant Report (send to Admin. Oversight people not on the regular mailing list)
 - 1996-1997 calendar
 - Census report
 - SAF counts for each meeting
 - Miscellaneous attachments
- N.B. Send M&N Committee members meeting information
- 10/3 Prepare materials to go to the Fall Representative Meeting. In crates put the following items:
- Copies of Faith and Practice--to be sold at @\$2.50
 - Directories
 - Handbooks
 - name tags with flow pens
 - Sign in sheets
 - Sign up for Directories and Handbooks
 - Money Box
 - Tape recorder and batteries
 - Extra agendas
 - Meeting Minutes notebook
 - Administrative Assistant Log Book
 - Scotch tape, pads of paper, extra pens, etc.
 - SAF mailing list to be updated and corrected with count sheet attached
- 10/19 Fall Representative Meeting #85 in Nashville, TN
- 10/20 Mail SAF contributions to Errol or have at Representative Meeting
Mail SAF labels to Errol.
Mail out Handbooks and Directories as needed.
Will get YM schedule with addresses from FWCC, make corrections in Mac "WQO" file.
- 11/1 Deadline for SAF materials
- 11/3 Recording Clerk should send October minutes to the Clerk of meeting and it should be recieved in the office by this date.

- 12/1 Request information from Winter RM, Asheville, NC for hospitality, map, and direction information; is babysitting available? by what date do you need to know? Need information by 12/18.
- Request from M&N minutes and other items from their last meeting to go out with the Representative Meeting mailing.
- Send draft agenda of Winter Representative Meeting to Clerk for approval. It will be mailed out with the rest of the mailing 1/2.

SAF mailing deadline

1997

- 1/2 Preliminary mailing for Winter Representative Meeting. Include:
- Letter of invitation with contents of mailing
 - Draft agenda
 - Minutes of Fall Representative Meeting
 - Directions to meeting place and hospitality information
 - Administrative Assistant Report (send to Admin. Oversight people not on the regular mailing list)
 - Miscellaneous attachments
- Send M&N Committee members meeting information: letter of invitation with hospitality, directions, their agenda and minutes.
- 1/23 Prepare materials to go to the Winter Representative Meeting. In crates put the following items:
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 - SAF mailing list to be updated and corrected with count sheet attached
- 1/25 Winter Representative Meeting #86 in Atlanta, GA (alternate date 2/1)
- 2/2 Mail SAF contributions to Errol Hess or have at Representative Meeting
Mail SAF labels to Errol.
- 2/10 Deadline for SAF
- 2/23 Recording Clerk should send office minutes of Winter Representative Meeting

- 3/15 Mail SAF contributions and labels to Errol
- 3/30 Deadline for SAF
- 4 and 5 Send out YM packets to requestors
- 4/15 Request materials from M&N for their mailing.
- 5/11 Preliminary mailing for Yearly Gathering and Summer Representative Meeting. Include:
- Letter of invitation with contents of mailing
 - Draft agendas--YM and Rep. Meeting
 - Minutes of Winter Representative Meeting
 - Administrative Assistant Report (send to Admin. Oversight members not on the regular mailing list)
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- Mail Directory pages for correction. Perhaps they can be returned at YM.
- Request census information--include form.
- 6/1 Send letter of invitation to WQO to make a report at next year's Yearly Gathering FGC for Yearly Gathering, 1998
- 6/10 Prepare materials to go to Yearly Meeting. In crates put the following items:
- Copies of Faith and Practice
 - Directories
 - Handbooks
 - Sign in sheets
 - Sign up for Directories and Handbooks
 - Money Box
 - Tape recorder and batteries
 - Extra agendas
 - Meeting Minutes notebook
 - Administrative Assistant Log Book
 - Scotch tape, pads of paper, extra pens, etc.
 - SAF mailing list to be updated and corrected with count sheet attached
- 6/13-15 Yearly Gathering #27 at Hiwassee College, TN
Summer Representative Meeting #87
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