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**Ad Hoc e-Communication Committee
6-9-05 Report to Yearly Meeting**

Earlier this year we collected a substantial number of responses to our questionnaire and gleaned from them several issues that we have started to work on. The committee thanks all those Friends who contributed their thoughts and feelings to our considerations.

We found that Yearly Meeting's electronic communications concerns naturally fall into three clusters. They are 1) the SAYMA Listserv, 2) the SAYMA Website and 3) General Issues regarding Yearly Meeting's uses of electronic communications.

We have formed three subcommittees to each focus on one of the three clusters. The subcommittees have begun addressing their respective issues and questions. We expect to have some proposals to bring to Fall Representative Meeting and to ask Rep. Meeting then if they would approve implementation of one or two simple proposals and if they would approve distribution of some other more complex proposals to Monthly Meetings for their consideration and feedback.

We hope to bring a full slate of seasoned proposals that would address all of Yearly Meeting's electronic communications questions and issues to 2006 Yearly Meeting for its action.

**Friends Peace Teams Representative Report
Submitted by Bob Welsh**

This past year has been a momentous one for Friends Peace Teams. Working with Steve Baumgartner, Executive Director of Pendle Hill, the FPT Coordinating Committee, to which I have been SAYMA's designated representative, took a close look at FPT's basic organization and concluded that a complete overhaul was needed. So at the Fall 2004 meeting the Coordinating Committee approved the following changes: In future, FPT will have a governing Board (to replace the Coordinating Committee) and will seek to hire an Executive Director (to raise funds for FPT and to support the heroic volunteer efforts of Val Liveoak and David Zarembka). To accomplish this change, a significant fund-raising drive is currently being undertaken by the four or five former Coordinating Committee members who have volunteered to serve as the nucleus of the new Board. I, Bob Welsh, have decided that I cannot as an individual Friend serve on the new Board (and Yearly Meetings are not being asked to appoint persons to this new Board--it will be made up of individual Friends chosen by the nucleus of the Board currently serving). So, the question is, Will there be a role in the new organizational structure for a representative from SAYMA?

The tentative answer is yes--the plan is to form an Advisory Board and to invite Yearly Meetings to send a representative to a (tentatively) once-a-year meeting of this Advisory Board. I have two recommendations to make to SAYMA: First, SAYMA should continue to make a financial contribution each year to Friends Peace Teams. Their work, particularly through the African Great Lakes Initiative in central Africa, continues to be vital in many ways, involving both peacemaking and community-rebuilding, and being carried out increasingly by African Friends. Second, SAYMA should appoint a representative to the new Advisory Board and support that person's attendance at the annual meeting of that Board. This will normally involve a travel expense of about \$300-350 each year. I will add that I would like to be replaced in this position as rep to FPT if a replacement can be found. Can the Nominating Committee find a SAYMA Friend to take my place?

The attached letter from the Chair of the FPT Board explains further the new direction FPT will be taking.

May 2005 -- Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you the revised mission statement that was approved at the April 2005 meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Friends Peace Teams (FPT).

MISSION STATEMENT Friends Peace Teams is a Spirit-led organization working around the world to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict to create programs for peace-building, healing and reconciliation. FPT's programs build on extensive Quaker experience combining practical and spiritual aspects of conflict resolution.

This is an exciting time. For the past 11 years, FPT has done important peace-building work. Our African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI) in Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya includes work with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), community trauma healing and reconciliation programs, and workcamps. We have partnered with Colombians to begin an AVP program there. We are discovering, refining and adapting Quaker processes for clearness, support and oversight to strengthen the spiritual basis of peace team work by Quakers and non-Friends alike. We hope to be able to continue and expand these programs. (For more information see our website, (www.friendspeaceteams.org))

The work has been accomplished mainly by volunteer efforts. We have reached the point that, in order to continue, we need an established office and paid staff. We have revised our governance structure and approved an ongoing Board of Directors. We are in the process of discerning what staffing model will best support our mission and facilitate growth faithful to the Spirit. We are undertaking a major fundraising campaign to finance these changes.

As in the past, we invite Yearly Meetings to participate in this peace work by naming a Yearly Meeting representative to the Advisory Council of FPT. These people would represent your Yearly Meeting to FPT at our annual meeting (dates to be determined), and provide information about FPT and its work to your Yearly Meeting. We recommend that the representatives be named to a three-year term, renewable twice. Please send the names and contact information of your representatives to us by Sept. 15, 2005 using the address above. If a copy of this message should be sent to the Nominating committee of your Yearly Meeting, please do so, or inform us of the name and address to whom it should be sent and we'll send one. We appreciate the support your Yearly Meeting has given us in the past, and hope for its continuation.

Peace, Michael Fallahay, Clerk

Report to Yearly Meeting 2005 from Web Manager

In my report to last Yearly Meeting, I stated that "the SAYMA web site www.sayma.org is first of all a medium for increasing communication among the individuals and Meetings within SAYMA." This is still the case. This year I have made no changes to the layout of the web site. My focus has been on providing timely information for SAYMA Friends---minutes of Yearly Meeting 2004 and the Representative Meetings, program and registration information for this Yearly Meeting, the proposed changes to the *Guide to Our Faith and Practice*, the calendar of Yearly Meeting events, and so on. The web site now has all issues of the *Southern Appalachian Friend* from first month 2003 to the most recent. It also features the current positions of responsibility roster, updated at each Representative Meeting.

There is a page for each monthly meeting and worship group in SAYMA, listing basic information such as the time and place of meetings and a phone number. I depend on you to notify me about changes in this information. Also, each meeting and worship group has a default e-mail address, such as Berea@SAYMA.org. Let me know if you have a contact person to whom messages to your Meeting should be forwarded.

Around the time of last Yearly Meeting, I converted SAYMA web mail to an account with spam filtering. This has greatly reduced the quantity of junk mail that SAYMA addresses receive.

The web site has the potential to be a tool used by Yearly Meeting committees and a means of outreach to Friends and non-Friends around the country and the world. However, these uses are not well developed. I feel we should move ahead in small steps, advancing in those areas that have the clearest benefits. The ad hoc committee on electronic communication is considering guidelines for web site content and administration. >From this work may come the next direction in which to advance.

My thanks goes to those of you who provided me with information for posting, and to Ceal Wutka for taking over while I was out of the country.

Submitted by Tim Lamm,
Berea Friends Meeting

Note: The following e-mail addresses may be used to reach committee clerks and other people with Yearly Meeting responsibilities:

AdminAsst@sayma.org SAYMA Administrative Assistant
ChildcareContact@sayma.org For childcare at Rep Meetings
Clerk@sayma.org Yearly Meeting clerk
Hospitality@sayma.org For hospitality at Rep Meetings
Nominating@sayma.org Nominating Committee clerk
Nurture@sayma.org Ministry & Nurture clerk
Planning@sayma.org YM Planning Committee clerk
RecordingClerk@sayma.org Yearly Meeting recording clerk
Registrar@sayma.org Yearly Meeting registrar
SAFEEditor@sayma.org Southern Appalachian Friend editors
SAYFAdminAsst@sayma.org SAYF administrative assistant
Treasurer@sayma.org SAYMA treasurer
WebMaster@sayma.org SAYMA web manager

**William Penn House Representative's Report
to Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting -- June 2005**

Going back to William Penn House after one and one half years, to its annual National Consultative Committee meeting, staying there as a guest instead of staff, I find a stark contrast between the bustle of the city and the quiet space at the house. The next morning, at breakfast, a lively, friendly conversation replaces the stillness of the night before. I am rested and refreshed, ready for an active day in DC -- a morning of William Penn House planning and work, afternoon errands and entertainment that evening.

William Penn House is a 6000 square foot residence located six blocks from the US capital in a neighborhood where senators and congresspersons live. It is within walking distance of Congress, FCNL, the Smithsonian museums, and close to both metro and Amtrak. A city bus stops in front of its door. The house has dorm space to sleep 30, a nice common area including living room, and two dining rooms, meeting room and a welcoming yard front and back. It welcomes all Quakers and non-Friends who are on a shared mission of peace, social justice, or education. Rates are \$35 per night for individuals, with group rate reductions. Groups may receive programming in human services or training on a specific topic using the expertise of Washington's vast array of non-profits or public officials.

William Penn House began in 1966 as a place where Friends and other advocates could stay to lobby and demonstrate. This heritage continues, combined with educational programming, and including young adult Quaker lobbying weekends, and Quaker youth seminars. A new initiative, a peace studies curriculum based on multi-track diplomacy, is available to assist educators in teaching peace studies. William Penn House is a vibrant force for social change in our nation's capitol. It provides a Quaker presence which quietly

affects the lives of several thousand guests each year.

When I worked there, I was rewarded by watching many people drawn to Quakerism during their stay. Each day begins with meeting for worship. On many occasions, I saw recent visitors to the house on programs like 60 Minutes. I watched future Quaker leaders develop at Quaker Youth seminars and other programming for young Friends. And I met many older Quakers whose lives were changed when, as youth, they came to a house activity.

I encourage Friends to visit William Penn House, and to let Friends in their meetings know it is a resource for them.

Submitted by Errol Hess

Quaker House Representative Report to SAYMA

2005 Counseling:

1. Quaker House staff have held training for the GI Rights hotline in South Bend, Indiana and in Nashville, Tennessee (with Nashville Friends Meeting).
2. March and April GI Rights hotline call statistics:
March: 183
April: 160

Note: A call in these statistics is when actual contact is made with a caller and helpful information is given. A vast majority of calls are from men in the Army. Just over 40 calls each month were AWOL or considering AWOL.

Financial:

1. A budget for 2005-2006 of \$87,741.71 was approved in May.
2. From Chuck Fager, on May donations: It is gratifying to report that Quaker House took in \$5055 in May. With that, our total operating income for the Fiscal Year as of May 31 was \$85210. This is \$2010 over our goal for the year of \$83200, with a month left to go. In addition, we received a special donation of \$3000 from one of our main supportive meetings, designated for the house renovation fund; it is not included in the operating figures above. This season is not usually a high point in our donation cycle; still, donation envelopes continue to trickle in. So financially, at least, we are doing well at the moment. This is necessary, of course, to keep us afloat and able to continue our Friends witness.
3. The Quaker House building needs renovation work, and Quaker House will launch a capital campaign in the next few months.

Director's Activities:

1. Chuck Fager was very involved in the planning of the March 19th peace rally in Fayetteville.
2. Chuck Fager's travels have included Medford Meeting (NJ), Kendal Longwood Quaker Retirement Community, Winston-Salem (NC) meeting (pastoral), Valley Meeting (VA), Eastern Mennonite University (VA), and Golsdboro Meeting (NC).
3. Chuck Fager is part of the planning group for a peace church conference in Indianapolis in September. A peace church conference is also being planned for Fayetteville in November.

-- Geoffrey Pratt

Report from Quaker Earthcare Witness Representatives to SAYMA -- Sixth Month 2005

Quaker Earthcare Witness is an organization of North American and Canadian Friends working to integrate concern for God's Creation into Friends beliefs and practices. By 2012, the 25th anniversary of QEW (formerly Friends Committee on Unity with Nature), we hope earthcare, peace, simplicity, and justice will become an integrated testimony in the Religious Society of Friends.

During the past year, the clerkship transitioned from our own Kim Carlyle to Barbara Williamson of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. The fall 2004 QEW Steering Committee and Gathering was in Burlington, New Jersey. A highlight was being in the Mount Holly Meeting House where John Woolman worshipped. Plus, hearing Ned Stow, energy lobbyist with Friends Committee on National Legislation. The spring 2005 meeting was at the Cenacle Conference and Retreat Center in Chicago, Illinois where we expect to hold our future spring meetings.

The Outreach Committee continued to look at how to communicate the QEW Vision and Witness statement through visitation. Yearly Meeting representatives to QEW will serve as links to Monthly Meetings in several ways: listening and connecting with Friends in all Monthly Meetings, offering support to those in Monthly Meetings who are already "quaking" in their concern for Earthcare so that they can move among Friends helping Meetings identify those persons who have Earthcare concerns and are not yet aware of their call

The Quaker Eco-Witness for National Legislation Project (QEW-NL) has merged into QEW and will be included in the QEW budget. So give accordingly as you will now be supporting both with your gift. Now that Quaker Earthcare Witness is an official member of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) we have two QEW members attending the FCNL annual meeting and other functions. This relationship makes it imperative for all Friends at the Monthly Meeting level to be involved when FCNL asks for legislative priorities. "We seek...an earth restored." must go forward. Additionally, FCNL is making changes to their web site so that contacting elected officials is expedited.

A number of QEW Friends enjoyed a trip to Costa Rica to see and work first hand with the sustainable agriculture project, Finca la Bella (Beautiful Farm) under the care of QEW.

Our web site _ www.QuakerEarthcare.org is frequently updated and provides a wealth of information including the latest issues of BeFriending Creation and Quaker Eco-Bulletin which you can receive by mail or e-mail, lists of our publications, contact information for presentations, and links to other related organizations.

Please support the work of Quaker Earthcare Witness with your participation , prayers, and financial contributions as Meetings and individuals.

Alice Wald & Joyce Rouse
SAYMA Representatives to Quaker Earthcare Witness

FWCC Representative's Report 2005

FWCC has been in a time of transition at various levels. Both the world office and the office of the Section of the Americas have moved, seeking more economical locations. There have been staff changes particularly at the World Office. (Margaret Fraser of the UK is executive secretary at the Section of the Americas in Philadelphia, and Nancy Irving from the US is executive secretary of the World Office in London.)

The Section of the Americas seems to be turning its energy from these changes into momentum. The Section has started a development campaign. The campaign is obviously to raise money, but it is also

to start some new programs. The program most recently added is to send a representative from each Section to the boards of the Quaker United Nations Offices both in New York and Geneva. Although FWCC is the entity that enables the QUNO offices to exist conceptually, the physical existence and facilitation has largely been through other Quaker bodies. FWCC would like to become more actively involved and permit the participation with QUNO by Sections (Africa and Asia) that otherwise would not be directly involved.

While on the subject of finances, the Wider Quaker Fellowship (WQF), which is a program of the Section, is expected to be self-funding. This means that if you or your meeting is receiving the mailing of pamphlets that WQF sends out, it would be helpful to send a contribution earmarked for WQF to offset the cost of the mailing, just like a subscription for Pendle Hill pamphlets. Currently the number of mailings has lessened and the mailings may stop according to the financial situation of WQF. The WQF mailings supply reading material from across the spectrum of Friends. Also as the Spanish-speaking population grows in our part of the US, WQF is an important source of Spanish materials.

The FWCC program that probably affects lives most deeply is the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage. The 2006 pilgrimage will take place in the US Midwest. The Section office is receiving requests from potential leaders and pilgrims (youth 16-18 years old).

At a more "local" level SAYMA and North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM) jointly hosted the southeast regional gathering at Snow Camp, NC. SAYMA's work crew consisted of your FWCC representatives, Jane Goldthwait and Susan Carlyle for the Ecological Concerns Network. The gathering focused on the outreach of the yearly meetings within the region. Thanks to Susan's presence we all washed dishes instead of using disposables. This fall SAYMA is again slated to co-host a regional gathering, this time within SAYMA's geographic boundary. This is your chance to meet Quakers from other yearly meetings and traditions who want to dialogue with you.

At the annual meeting in March five of the six yearly meetings that make up the southeast region discussed the World Gathering of Young Friends (WGYF) that will be taking place in England in August of this year. (WGYF is not a program of FWCC. However, FWCC has been happy to help promote the gathering.) At that time Jamaica Yearly Meeting (JYM), a member of our region, had not twinned with another yearly meeting for help with finances. We decided that as a region we would support the Jamaican delegate. Jamaica YM has chosen Carnel Campbell, the president of JYM Young Friends. He is also active in his monthly meeting. Jamaica YM has committed to helping him with his visa fees and incidental costs. It costs approximately \$2,000 per delegate. SAYMA's share would be \$400. Anyone wishing to donate to the WGYF may send their contribution made out to "World Gathering of Young Friends 2005." Send your donation to Northwest Yearly Meeting, North Seattle Friends Church, 7740 24th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Donations may be earmarked for the Jamaican delegate to the WGYF.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Weir

FCNL ANNUAL MEETING -- Nov. 11 to 14, 2004
Reported by Joyce Johnson

I attended the annual meeting of FCNL in Washington, DC as a representative of SAYMA. Carol Nickle was the other representative. Carol brought a young adult from her meeting to attend and I brought Micah Maren-Hogan from Celso Friends Meeting. Micah is writing a separate report.

The most important business was to approve the legislative priorities for FCNL for the 109th Congress. There was final approval for five priorities and these are attached. 50% of the monthly meetings responded to the priority list.

We also approved a Minute on Moral Values. FCNL bases its public policy positions on moral and

religious values. We seek a dialogue about our moral values and how we are attempting to apply them to national policy with followers of all faiths, traditions, and beliefs, and with those whose primary concern is the "security" of our nation. A copy of the minute is attached.

We also approved a minute on Conscientious Objection to War. This is also attached. FCNL has a new brochure available "War is not the $\alpha\nu\sigma\omega\epsilon\rho$... and neither is the resumption of the draft!" I recommend all meetings to send for this.

I attended two workshops on Lobbying and Clerking that were very helpful. David Culp from the FCNL staff suggested that in North Carolina, we try to build coalitions in our area to work on issues of concern. This might then have more effect on our legislators.

There was an opportunity to attend the new Museum of American Indians at the Smithsonian. It is really a beautiful museum and should be on everyone's list when you visit Washington, DC. FCNL continues to support legislation to correct the injustice done to Native Americans in the US. Important bills are pending in Congress now, the S.556 and H.R. 2440, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Their health care system needs to be funded to provide adequate health care. They presently receive less health care than non-Indians on Medicaid and Medicare.

JOE VOLK Said "We must replace the politics of fear with the politics of hope."

Minute on Conscientious Objection to War -- Friends Committee on National Legislation (approved by the General Committee 11/14/04)

As members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), we share an abiding faith that heeding the Inner Light present in every person empowers all people to resolve disputes without resorting to the machinery of war. The earliest Friends "testif[ied] to the world, that the spirit of Christ, which leads us into all Truth, will never more move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the Kingdom of Christ, nor for Kingdoms of this world."

1. Friends have long followed this testimony of peace by opposing the institution of military conscription, refusing to participate in war-making, even when they suffered for their acts of conscience. In 1651, George Fox, a founder of the Religious Society of Friends, twice declined offers of freedom from imprisonment in exchange for serving in the Commonwealth's army, stating "I told them that I lived in the virtue of that life and power that took away the occasion of all wars."
2. And in 1656, Friends in Great Britain cautioned "that care be taken, that as any are called before outward powers of the nation, that in the light, obedience to the Lord be given."
3. By the middle of the eighteenth century, the absolute refusal of Quakers to fight was so familiar that at least five colonies -- New York, Virginia, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Rhode Island -- allowed Friends to be exempted from obligatory military service. (Pennsylvania, because of its Quaker roots, did not even adopt a military conscription act until 1775).
4. Conscientious objection has remained an important expression of Friends' peace testimony in all the major wars, from the Revolution through the present conflicts.
5. Friends have also long been opposed to supporting war making, even indirectly. Some avoid employment or investment in war industries. Some decline to register with the Selective Service System or to cooperate with conscription, or undertake non-combatant military service. Some refuse to pay war taxes voluntarily. During the Revolutionary War, Friends approved minutes similar to that of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: "that a tax levied for the purchasing of drums, colours, and other warlike purposes, cannot be paid consistent with our Christian testimony."
6. Many individual Friends and Quaker organizations refused to pay the federal telephone tax imposed to help finance the Vietnam War.
7. Some Friends continue to ask that their taxes be applied only to non-military uses; and some Quaker organizations affirm such employees by refusing to cooperate with Internal Revenue Service withholding requirements or levies on their wages.

8. In faithfulness to this historic peace testimony, Friends today uphold all whose conscience calls them to refuse participation in warfare. John F. Kennedy said, "War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today."
9. We call upon our government and the people of the United States to recognize and honor the conscientious objector to military service or war taxes. We support the recognition of the rights of persons not to be subjected to military registration, military service, or continued military service. We support the inclusion of a "check-off box" or other means for persons to declare their conscientious objection to war on military registration forms that they currently are required to complete and file with the Selective Service System upon turning eighteen. We support enactment of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Act. We urge all Friends monthly meetings and churches to provide counsel and support to those who seek recognition as conscientious objectors. From his deep experience in war and governance, Dwight D. Eisenhower counseled that "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed."
10. The witness of those who object to participating in preparation for war and in war making calls all of us back to this truth, reminding us that true "peace and security can be achieved only by peaceful means."
11. War is not the answer.

**FCNL Minute on Moral Values
Approved by the General Committee -- Nov. 13, 2004**

The Friends committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is a faith based Quaker organization. As seekers of truth, and Christians, we seek to remain open to where God's spirit leads us.

FCNL bases its public policy positions on moral and religious values.

FCNL has been witnessing on a nonpartisan basis in Washington for more than 60 years, seeking to create a world without war and the threat of war, a society with equity and justice for all, a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled, and an earth restored.

We talk with members of Congress and their staff about our values as they relate to pending legislation and national policy.

We believe moral values should be a prime component of electoral, legislative and public policy. Individuals have a right and responsibility as citizens to express their views within the framework of the First amendment of the Constitution.

We invite all who are followers of Jesus and all people of faith to consider ways in which Christ's total message of peace, forgiveness, justice, succor to the poor, the helpless, the scapegoated, and the outcast should be included in the definition of moral values. We recall the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11) and Jesus quoting Isaiah in Luke 4:18: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me...to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, release for the oppressed..."

We seek a dialogue about our moral values and how we are attempting to apply them to national policy with followers of all faiths, traditions, and beliefs, and with those whose primary concern is the "security" of our nation.

Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Worship Groups

The original recommendations presented last year were sent to Ministry & Nurture and Faith & Practice. Ministry and Nurture made their recommendations as well sending on to Faith and Practice. Faith and Practice determined that they could not discern the appropriate needed changes in practice and procedure thus returning the work to the two committees.

The joint work recommended to the Ministry and Nurture committee and the ad hoc committee on Worship Groups to discern the best approach to work with worship groups moving from that status to preparative meetings and full Monthly Meetings has not begun. We will be doing some of that work at the committee time this 6th day. When we have prepared a joint recommendation it will be sent to all Monthly, Preparative Meetings and Worship groups for review, comments and revisions. These will then be considered, incorporated and sent on to the Faith and Practice committee for inclusion into their work.

Report from Junior Yearly Meeting Ad Hoc Committee

The recommendations from the committee were approved at the April Representative Meeting with understanding that further details would be forth coming after this Yearly Meeting. This report is a brief review and follow-up on the suggestions from that meeting.

The JYM Program Committee purpose is to hire the JYM Coordinator, supervise his or her work, and support the children's program. They will also develop policy, guidelines for volunteers, and be available to the coordinator for consultation and direction. The following is being brought forth for approval of Yearly Meeting.

We propose that this committee be made up of four adults appointed by the nominating committee with input from the current committee, to serve for two year staggered terms. They may be encouraged to consider a second term.

The current Ad Hoc committee will work with the nominating committee to bring forth individuals for these positions if this recommendation is approved.

A budget will be prepared for the JYM program and presented to the finance committee after the current Yearly Meeting recognizing the need to carefully evaluate expenses.

SAYF Steering Committee Report to SAYMA Meeting for Business, June, 2005

Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) hosted 7 retreats during the past year. Six have been completed and the last is occurring here at our SAYMA gathering. For the six earlier retreats, there were an average of 32 SAYFers per retreat; 66 Young Friends came to at least one retreat during the past year. Details of each retreat are described below. In addition, we held two joint Nurturing and Steering Committee meetings and those also are outlined below.

SAYF Retreats:

1. Chapel Hill Retreat September 17-19, 2004 -- Theme: Community Building

of SAYFers 24 # of FAPs 5

Activities included a workshop on Quaker way of decision making led by Matt Drake from Chapel Hill Meeting and a trip to Jordan lake.

2. Penn Center Retreat October 22-24, 2004 -- Theme: Service Project:

of SAYFers 30 # of FAPs 7

Activities included several service projects in the community and a trip to the beach.

3. W. Knoxville Retreat November 12-14, 2004 -- Theme: Social Action

of SAYFers 34 # of FAPs 9

Activities included a workshop with 3 different speakers presenting on different aspects of conscientious objector status, a video about the role of young people in changing the government of Serbia, and a worship sharing time.

4. Atlanta Retreat January 14-16, 2005 -- Theme: Diversity

of SAYFers 40 # of FAPs 7

Activities included watching and discussing the movie "Do the Right Thing" and bowling.

5. Asheville Retreat March 11-13, 2005 -- Theme: Leadership

of SAYFers 32 # of FAPs 7

Activities included a question and answer panel on Leadership and a roller skating party.

6. Hard Labor Creek State Park Retreat April 15-17, 2005 -- Theme: Sanctuary

of SAYFers 34 # of FAPs 8

Activities included swimming, boating, campfire, a star walk, and a Meeting for Worship with Attention to Laughter.

Nurturing/Steering/Oversight Committees

1. Black Mountain, NC August 20-22, 2004 # of Nurturing Committee Members 17

of Steering Committee Members 6 # of Oversight Committee Members 2

2. W. Knoxville, TN February 18-20, 2005 # of Nurturing Committee Members 14

of Steering Committee Members 5 # of Oversight Committee Members 1

In August, the Steering Committee revised the job description for the SAYF Administrative Assistant and completed the evaluation for this position. We spent considerable time discussing how to improve the understanding and practice of Quaker process during SAYF retreats, particularly during Nurturing Committee Meetings.

Due to the extended illness of our co-clerk, Ceal Wutka joined the Steering Committee in February to complete Jeremiah Gold-Hopton's term. We discussed and affirmed the need for an adult presence at Nurturing Committee meetings to assure a spiritual focus and good Quaker process. We developed guidelines for young children at SAYF retreats, noting that they are to be under the care of their parents at all times. Together, the Nurturing and Steering Committees revised the procedure for selecting Nurturing Committee Clerks.

Overall, the Steering Committee's focus this year has been on developing effective and appropriate clerking among the Young Friends, encouraging individual and corporate responsibility and leadership, deepening spiritual experience at SAYF retreats, and providing an environment for SAYMA youth that is safe, enjoyable, and challenging.

-- Kathleen Mavournin, Co-Clerk

SAYMA June 2005 Census -- Report to the Yearly Meeting

MM, PM, or WG
(monthly meeting,
preparative meeting,
or worship group)

[*] = *PM/WG*
has care of *under*
PM/WG(s) *care*
(*see next column*) *of...*

Question 1 meaning of "member"			Question 2 meaning of "regular attender"		Question 3 events in life of MM/PM/WG									
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Brevard FM		Y	Y	Y	Y			1	1			1	7	4					
Celo FM		Y	Y	note	Y	note						2	8						
Charleston FM		N	Y	Y	Y						1	2							
Chattanooga FM		Y	Y	note	Y	Y			1	2	2	7	6						
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Clemson WG	Greenville	N	Y	Y	Y	note						2	1						
Gwinnett WG	Atlanta																		
Columbia FM [*]												4	1						
Cookeville PM	Nashville	Y	Y	Y	Y							3							
Crossville FM		Y	Y	Y	Y							2							
Foxfire FM		Y	Y	Y	Y							2	1						
Greenville FM [*]		Y	Y	Y	Y						1	5	4						
Huntsville FM		Y	Y	Y	Y			1			1	2	1						
Memphis FM		Y	Y	Y	Y					1	1	4	4						
Murfreesboro WG	Nashville	Y	Y	Y	Y							1							
Nashville FM [*]		Y	Y	Y	Y			2	1		2	9	9						
New Moon WG		Y	Y	Y	Y							2	2						
Oxford FM		Y	Y	Y	Y	note	1	1		1		2							
Royal WG	B'ham	Y	Y	Y	Y							2							
Sevier County WG		Y	Y	Y	Y							10	3						
Sewanee WG	Chatt	Y	Y	Y	Y							1							
Swannanoa Valley FM		Y	Y	Y	Y			2	1	4		1	9	2					
West Knoxville FM		Y	Y	Y	Y		1			1		5	1						
					event totals >					2	2	1	7	3	11	7	21	95	46

Questions 1-3 & the "other yearly meeting" count are for SAYMA's perspective on itself. We send the total of members & regular attenders to FWCC. Various Quaker organizations use such totals.

Key:		
Y = Yes	X = don't routinely collect this info	// = not applicable
N = No	? = don't know	

Notes		Question 4				YM grand total
		count of individuals				
		sub-totals			MM/PM/WG total	
		members	member of other YM	regular attender		
a	b	c	d			
			5	5		
	Estimate based on 2003 Directory update >>		115	115		
	Estimate based on 11-04 Directory update >>		17	17		
	# reg attenders estimated >>	137	165	302		
		21	8	29		
	<< only for some positions of responsibility (clerk, mtghse board clerk, M&N clerk)	18	2	15	35	
	estimate>>			11	11	
		16		16	32	
	<< children of members are associate members; reg att is one who comes to mtg often, participates on a committee, contributes financially	28	4	50	82	
		19			19	
	<< we go by the Faith & Practice definition	24		11	35	
	<< come often & participate in other than worship (dinners, discuss, celeb, etc)			5	5	
	<< not surveyed this year					
		19		26	45	
				13	13	
		7			7	
		7	1	12	20	
		6	1	10	17	
		5	2	11	18	
		49	1	17	67	
				5	5	
		54	3	60	117	
				4	4	
	<< we also include those who cannot attend regularly due to illness or work, but who give of their money, time, other gifts, and who attend meeting for business	8		14	22	
				4	4	
				8	8	
				4	4	
		31	1	18	50	
		63		39	102	
		512	15	663	1190	
		total individuals >				

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