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20-22 May 1988

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Greetings to Friends:

Amid the whispering pines and tall tulip poplars of Black Mountain, North Carolina's Christmount Assembly, Southern Appalachian Friends Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) gathered for its Annual Meeting for business and worship. Appropriately, beneath the newly green slopes of Glade Mountain (May 19 to 22) we met under the theme, "From These Hills I Gather Courage." The quiet, simple setting lent a spirit of calm to the deliberation of the many difficult matters brought before Friends.

Our featured speaker, Nancy Whitt, of our Birmingham, Alabama, Monthly Meeting, echoed our theme in titling her first sharing, "The Courage to Change (When I Need to) --- A Spiritual Journey" and her second "The Courage to Listen --- And to Speak." Nancy had been challenged by her experience at the Women's Theological Center in Boston, Massachusetts, where she had spent nine months (partially financed by SAYMA) with 25 other women from around the world. In vibrant tones and provocative terms, she, in turn, challenged all of us to listen to the oppressed and learn from them. Nancy's willingness to share the women's sometimes frustrating attempts to communicate their good will amid feelings of mistrust and resentment among less privileged women inspired Friends to explore their own attitudes about and experience of oppression. Friends were moved both by Nancy's words and their own experience of her message.

Worship-sharing meetings also reflected the theme. Often emotional witness was given to the inspiration, solace, and courage we drew from the beauty and strength of the Southern Appalachians, our home.

Business Meetings were held on three days. A miracle occurred! Three controversial chapters of our Guide to Our Faith and Our Practice on Simplicity, Sexuality, and Equality were, after years of discussion, revolutionary Quakerly dissension, approved. The Committee had done a highly literate, clear, and sensitive job. As a result, SAYMA is very near completion of this work, which will then be published.
Perhaps the surroundings had a soothing and inspirational effect. Love and understanding prevailed. Our Junior Yearly Meeting was well attended. The smaller ones presented a skit using puppets and "God's eyes" as well as a short drama which they shared with the meeting on Sunday. The oldest group reported that they enjoyed the sports, arts and crafts, and hoped that swimming facilities would be available at future Yearly Meetings. They also hope for a larger turnout and their own "coffee house." The children's joy was infectious. They had a good time which made us happy and willing to listen to one another in a familial spirit.

This message brings our loving greetings to Friends everywhere.

Peace,

Connie LaMonte

Connie LaMonte, Clerk
Black Mountain, NC
22 May, 1988

Epistle Committee:
MacGregor Gray
Marion Fuson
Lydia Elwine

CC: Peggy Bonnington,
SAYMA Recording Clerk
FRIDAY, 20 MAY 1988

After announcements and greetings and a period of silent worship, clerk Connie LaMonte read letters of greeting from London Yearly Meeting (enclosure #1) and Asia Bennett of AFSC (enclosure #2).

Volunteers were requested to write the epistle; volunteers for this effort were: Gregor Gray, Asheville; Marion Fuson, Nashville; and Lydia Elwine, W. Knoxville.

Volunteers to write the Friends Journal article on the yearly meeting were Free Polazzo, Atlanta, and Suzanne Murdoch, Atlanta.

Guide to Our Faith and Practice:
Elizabeth Addison presented new additions, specifically sections on simplicity, sexuality, and equality.

#1, #2, #3. After minor revisions, all three sections (simplicity, sexuality, equality) were approved. (enclosures #3, #4, #5).

#4. There was approval of a minute stating appreciation for the work of the committee thus far on the Guide to Our Faith and Practice and for the long and continuing task in this endeavor.

SATURDAY, 21 MAY 1988

Budget:
The preliminary report of budget presentation proposals and recommendations was presented by treasurer Carol Lamm.

#5. There was approval of a minute of appreciation for Carol Lamm for her dedicated efforts in preparing SAYMA's budget for four years and also for her ongoing work during this period as yearly meeting treasurer.

Special Concerns:
PATRIARCHY MINUTE: Free Polazzo made the initial presentation (enclosure #6). The patriarchy committee heard many suggestions as to the ongoing considerations of this matter at the monthly meeting and individual levels. After discussion of the proposed minute, encouragement was given to the patriarchy committee, monthly meetings, and other
SAYMA Friends to continue discussion on the proposal for future consideration.

JANET MINSHALL: Hibbard Thatcher presented a request for Janet Minshall for (1) the sum of $500 for travel expenses and (2) a letter of greeting from the yearly meeting; Janet presented details on her planned trip of July and August 1988. She will travel with Judy Bender of Atlanta to Turkana in Kenya, her second visit to this country in an ongoing effort to support Friends and their projects in that area. The Atlanta Friends Meeting endorses the request. The YM committee appointed to consider the request recommended approval.

The yearly meeting approved $500 and the travel minute (enclosure #7) for Janet Minshall.

Wider Quaker Organizations & Committee Reports:

FGC: A group of Friends, including Jim Cavener, Hibbard Thatcher, Janice Dominic and Daryl Bergquist presented for FGC. Nancy Whitt reported for FCNL.

FWCC: FWCC reports were given by Maaret Houghton, SAYMA representative to FWCC (enclosure #8), and by Katheryn Parke, visitor from New York Yearly Meeting (enclosure #9), who presented a current update on FWCC and the upcoming Triennial session scheduled for Tokyo in August 1988.

AFSC: The AFSC report was given by Monette Redslob; AFSC-SERO’s report was by Elizabeth Enloe (enclosure #10).

MINISTRY & NURTURE: Kathy Johnson, southern regional clerk, reported for the Ministry and Nurture Committee and its four regions within the SAYMA area. There are presently a total of 28 meetings and worship groups within the SAYMA area. The committee’s focus is in four areas: intervisitation; retreats and regional conferences; isolated Friends; and new worship groups. All monthly meetings are requested to appoint one or more representatives to contact isolated Quakers and serve as a liaison for worship groups.

RSVP: Judy Scheckel of Rural Southern Voice for Peace gave a report on their work and bulletin. The "Listening Project" involves visitation by representatives on a personal basis who call on local residents and share with them questions relating to current peace issues. RSVP requested authorization to use SAYMA’s mailing list to send out samples of their periodical and a contribution of $300 to $500 and encouraged subscriptions by SAYMA individuals.
#7. Yearly meeting approved giving RSVP publishers two sets of SAYMA mailing labels and a contribution of $500 to be included in this current year's budget.

QUAKER HOUSE: Nell McCracken gave a report of Quaker House (enclosure #11) at Fayetteville NC. Gregg Sommers has recently been appointed director of this endeavor. Fayetteville Monthly Meeting has been supporting the work with military personnel during the past few months without a director.

#8. A committee was approved to prepare work for a telegram to be sent to the Israeli Ambassador to the United States and the US Secretary of State George Schulz. The message will oppose the deportation of Mubarak Awad, a proposal being considered by the Israeli Supreme Court.

SUNDAY, 22 MAY 1988

#9. Friends approved the budget as amended (enclosure #12).

NOMINATING: Tim Lamm presented the nominating committee report and recommendations and the 1988 SAYMA Census (enclosure #13).

#10. The recommendations of the nominating committee for new offices and positions were approved (enclosure #14).

#11. Friends approved a minute of appreciation to outgoing members of SAYMA who have served in various capacities or as representatives to the Wider Quaker Organizations or other groups in which SAYMA has maintained a supportive role.

#12. SAYMA's Epistle to other yearly meetings was presented to Friends and approved after minor revisions (initial attachment).

#13. A prepared express letter in preference to a telegram to the US Secretary of State and the Israeli ambassador about the deportation of Mubarak Awad was read and approved for transmission (enclosure #15).

Peggy Bonnington, Recording Clerk
Steve Meredith, Assistant Clerk
May 1988

To: SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Dear Friends:

We are thinking of you as you prepare for your Yearly Meeting, and we send you our loving greetings.

We are aware of the special difficulties that face Friends when they are few and widely scattered as you are, and we pray that you will be upheld by God's presence in all that you do.

In London Yearly Meeting, many Friends have a sense of darkness as we recognize the increasing divisions in society and - thirty years after we first began to march against the bomb - we still feel a deep anxiety about the future of our children, and indeed for the future of this planet.

But we cannot despair, and we know that we must continue to trust in the power of God's love. We remember the words of George Fox:

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

In peace and love

On behalf of London Yearly Meeting

[Signature]

PETER J ECCLES
Clerk, Meeting for Sufferings
May 5, 1988

Connie La Monte
Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting
613 10th Ave. South
Birmingham, AL 35205

Dear Connie La Monte,

I am pleased to convey the loving greetings of the American Friends Service Committee to Friends gathered at the 1988 sessions of your Yearly Meeting. Drawing on the words of Pacific Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice, we anticipate the opportunities that Yearly Meetings offer us to share with and support one another in seeking to know and follow Divine Guidance and strengthen geographically, we are able to feel ourselves - with deep gratitude to God - to be of one body.

The enclosed AFSC 1987 Report to Yearly Meetings indicates the ways in which AFSC undertook to translate its Quaker beliefs into its program work.

Sincerely yours,

Asia Alderson Bennett
Executive Secretary

Enc: 1987 Report to Yearly Meetings
cc: Chuck Barrett/Mildred Williamson/Joan Clark, Great Lakes Regional Office
     Virden Seybold, Middle Atlantic Regional Office
     Elizabeth Enloe, Southeastern Regional Office
     Zoharah Simmons
In order to reaffirm our basic faith as Friends in
the worth of every person, we hold that Spirit is
neither male nor female. We, therefore,
acknowledge and believe that we as Quakers must
identify, examine and eliminate patriarchal
attitudes, language and behavior which may reside
in ourselves. We will work in our homes, our
monthly meetings and our communities to arrive at a
new day when patriarchal oppression has been
replaced by full equality for all humanity.
To Friends in Kenya and East Africa:

Our Friend Janet Minshall brings you our greetings in hand and heart. Janet comes to visit again among you accompanying Judy Bender, also of Atlanta Friends Meeting. They will be assessing the feasibility of a project there by Morehouse College of Atlanta, where Judy Bender directs the international studies program.

Many of you already know Janet Minshall from her previous sojourn with you in 1986, and are acquainted with her longstanding concern to work with you and to build relations between Kenyan and Southern Appalachian Friends. You may be aware that Janet was joined in holy union with Free Solomon Polazzo under care of Atlanta Meeting in spring, 1987, and that Janet is now clerk of Atlanta Meeting.

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association is again pleased to unite with and help support Janet Minshall's concern for travel among Friends in Kenya and East Africa. We warmly commend her to your Christian care and fellowship, confident that her visit may be mutually enriching to you and to her.

In loving fellowship,

Connie LaMonte, Clerk
I. We are all members of the world family of Friends, and can participate in the work of the Friends World Committee for Consultation in many ways. All are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting, usually held the third weekend in March.

All are encouraged to attend the Regional Meetings. Southeastern Region’s meeting this year will be on St. Simon Island, GA, October 28-30. I expect to go, probably to drive. Could take 1-3 passengers.

All contributors receive the quarterly Friends World News. Reading it gives many insights about Friends elsewhere.

II. Many opportunities exist for significant local action. For example:

Right Sharing of World Resources promotion and committee work. See list of 1988 projects, included with SAYMA Minutes.

Quaker United Nations Organization. Promote the United Nations through local groups and letters to editors. Attend a seminar, if you can.

Wider Quaker Fellowship - three annual mailings, including a Pendle Hill pamphlet or similar publication, are sent to isolated Friends or "friends of Friends." Many Non-Quakers value this contact. Do you know of an appropriate person to receive a year’s subscription as a gift?

Quaker Youth Pilgrimages. Identify participants for 1989 and make the Philadelphia office aware that your Meeting has an active interest.

Friend to Friend - a new program, linking Meetings in different parts of the world, or of varying philosophical tendencies. Get your Meeting interested - or even just one or two other Friends - in exchanging letters, photographs, opinions about current questions, experiences with worship and First-Day School, artwork, etc.

III. Special news in a recent mailing:

1. The Anniversary Fund: The goal ($750,000) was met, about one-third in immediate cash gifts, one-third in pledges and deferred gifts, one-third in announced bequests.

However, concentration on this special fund did result in a shortfall in usual annual giving. The Philadelphia office must function in an austerity frame for the rest of the year.

2. The Executive Committee solicits invitations for the Annual Meeting, for any of the next three years. Two criteria are an invitation from a local meeting or group of meetings willing to help with local arrangements, and proximity to a major airport and ready access from major highways. Contact the Phila. office (1506 Race Street, Phila., PA 19102) to learn of other criteria.

3. There is a call for input to a study of Gender Equality in the Society of Friends. This can be essays, tapes, artwork, etc.

IV. Visit the FWCC literature table. Carry free materials to your home Meeting, and purchase literature for your Meeting library. Be sure you have a copy of the annual Calendar of Yearly Meetings, whenever you plan to travel.

The more detailed Directory of Friends Meetings in the Americas is also a good reference tool to own and carry with you.
FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE
Section of the Americas

Report to SAYMA, 1988

Attached is a copy of Highlights of FWCC's 1988 Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting was held in Indianapolis, IN., March 16-20. It was attended by Janet Ferguson and Maaret Houghton as representatives. Also present were Dwight Ferguson and Kathryn Parke.

This representative was impressed by two things at the Annual Meeting. First, the "Orientation of Old and New Representatives" was given in Spanish. It was intended, it seems, for some of us to begin to think of the English speaking Quakers in the Americas as a minority and to encourage us to commence the study of Spanish as an aid to communication. Secondly, I was inspired by Marlene Pedigo's presentation "The Challenge of Urban Ministry," and shall expand on it here.

Marlene Pedigo and her husband are founding members of the Chicago Fellowship of Friends, which seeks to serve the urban area. Their concern is that Friends think of the city as "opportunities" rather than places to escape from when poor and ethnic minorities, or crime appear in the neighborhood. She said that the urban meetings and churches that Friends have left have been taken over by other denominations. In many cases the churches start social service programs. But as these get established the congregation loses touch with them, leaving the recipients of the services without the personal contact. The personal aspect lost deprives the recipients of the means to participate in the decision making. Marlene Pedigo said that "the poor need us...Sometimes the most important thing we can give is 'who we are.'" Similarly, "Money does not bring peace. What we need is to be Friends in Christ,"--walk with the poor as a friend, giving spiritual answers to crime and war. These Chicago Friends are working with 100 to 150 youths on a street where violence has been present for decades.

A Young Friend from Chicago responded to Marlene Pedigo's address, stating that she had been helped to learn she is a friend--not just weird! She said that she believes that there are half a million others like her to be found in Chicago.

In addition to the example of the Fellowship of Friends' experience, Friends are encouraged to read Carol Urner's The Needle's Eye: a Philippine Experience, and Jack Powelson's Facing Social Revolution for related food for thought, courage and inspiration.
SAYMA Friends had four regional 50th Anniversary celebrations in addition to the cake cutting at the last yearly meeting. Nationally the celebrations netted 95% of the goal of $750,000. Among other things, this means that the Youth Pilgrimage in 1989 in the western part of the U.S. can include Friends from Africa, Jamaica, Latin America, the Middle East, as well as from North America and Europe. Nevertheless, FWCC was unable to meet the 1987 budget and has to scale down the expectations for 1988.

Monthly Meetings are invited to become sponsors of a World Quaker Aid project of their choice, or to choose a Right Sharing of World Resources project, from which they would get reports of progress.

Southeast Regional Meeting: October 28-30, 1988, The Methodist Retreat Center, St. Simon Island, Georgia. Kathryn Parke, a newly arrived Friend in SAYMA, is part of the planning committee. Maaret Houghton had been asked to look into the possibility of the regional meeting being held in the Asheville area, October 1989. However, the SAYMA Representatives Meeting did not issue an invitation for the gathering at its February meeting because of the crowded calendar of Quaker activities.

The Triennial is to be replaced by Global Conferences at three regional sites in 1991. One of the sites will be Kenya; the other sites will be announced at the Tokyo Triennial.

Maaret Houghton
SAYMA Representative
Q. Briefly, just what is the FWCC?
A. It is a consultative (non-authoritarian) network, by which Friends all over the world, and of varying philosophical emphasis, keep in touch and help one another.

Q. How are its members chosen?
A. Every member of a participating Yearly Meeting (and almost all YM's are participants) belongs automatically to the FWCC. SAYMA members all belong to it. Each YM also chooses some representatives to help carry on FWCC's business.

Q. How is the FWCC organized?
A. There are four large sections, with the main Hq in London. We belong to the Section of the Americas, with an office in Philadelphia. The other sections are Europe and the Middle East, Africa, and Asia and the Pacific. There is a general Executive Committee. And within each Section, there are the necessary sub-committees. In the Section of the Americas, some of the sub-committees deal with Right Sharing of World Resources, the Quaker United Nations Office, COAL (Comité Organisacional de los Amigos Latinamericanos), Wider Quaker Fellowship (communication with scattered Friends and friends of Friends), Intervisitation, Quakers United in Publication, Quaker Aid (to Friends meetings needing assistance, such as Cuba YM's need to repair meeting-houses, and also to local Quaker-sponsored aid projects, such as Bolivia's aid to poor farmers needing educational assistance), and several other projects.

Q. Is there any practical way I can experience the FWCC, in reality?
A. Yes indeed. You would be welcome to attend the annual meeting of the FWCC, generally held the third weekend in March. The last three were held in Greensboro, NC, Toronto, and Indianapolis. (Location for 1989 has not yet been announced.)

In addition, the Section of the Americas has divided into regions, each of which usually holds a meeting at a separate time. The Southeastern region, to which SAYMA belongs, met in Jamaica last year. This year, its meeting will be on St. Simon Island, GA, October 28-30. The expected theme will be "Quaker Presence: Where We Are and Where We Aren't."

Q. I think I've heard about world meetings. What about them?
A. The FWCC has sponsored some World Gatherings, at about 12-year intervals, but the last of these was held in Greensboro in 1964. Since then, it has seemed more practicable to hold Triennial Meetings, attended by chosen representatives. The last three of these were held in Kenya, Switzerland, and Mexico. This summer, a Triennial will be held in Japan in August. SAYMA has probably designated a representative to attend this. Obviously, the cost of travel needs to be supported, not only for your own representative, but for many who come from parts of the world which are economically less privileged.

Q. Speaking of expense - how did the 50th Anniversary birthday giving come out?
A. Very well, I'm told, though I don't know the details. However, since Friends were concentrating on the birthday gift, normal day-to-day giving fell short, and the Phila. office is having to economize more than is comfortable! If you feel like sending a separate $5 or $10 at this time, it would be most welcome! The address is 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

The Southeastern Regional Office of AFSC is located at:
92 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30303
This Region includes: N.C., GA, AL, Mississippi, LA, and southern VA.
Currently the Region has programs in: Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

1. In Florida:
The Peace and Justice Program focuses on the problems of South American Kanjobales Indians, and Haitians Refugees, on meetings with local peace groups. Contacts with newspapers, radio, T.V., Peace Vigils, etc. Chuck Morrison, Director of that program will be at SAYMA in May *88.

The Miami Undocumented Workers Program focuses on the migrant workers, South American Refugees and their situation. There is a great deal of concern within the AFSC and other groups interested in the plight of those Refugees about the new IRCA, the Immigration and Control Act of 1986, and its impact on AFSC programs and employment. It will become important that SAYMA Quakers become aware and discuss the problem.

The Tampa Bay Area Peace and Justice Program works with local groups and Peace and Justice in the school system. In 1987 Peter Upton of the Undocumented Workers program and Pat Nolan of the Peace and Justice Tampa Bay Area made presentations at SAYMA.

2. In Georgia:
The Atlanta Middle East Program has just hired a new staff. The program is oriented to bring together the different Middle East factions in an attempt to a peaceful solution.

The Atlanta Southern Africa Program is directed toward educating people to the problems of apartheid.

The Disarmament program is a resource program for the Region.

In North Carolina:
The Peace and Justice Center is very active as a resource for materials for groups in N.C. Terry Sorelle, Director of the program will be at SAYMA, May *88.

The Material Aids Program, situated in High Point, gathers and ships to Philadelphia and other points: materials, toys, clothes, school supplies to war torn countries, refugees, etc. The needs are very great.

The list above does not begin to describe the staggering amount of work done by the staff in the AFSC-SERO Region, neither does it describe the dedication of the staff.

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT SAYMA INCREASE ITS SUPPORT OF AFSC WORK.

As your Representative I have attended all the Executive Committee Meetings and have continued to serve as the Clerk of the Personnel Committee. Thank you for allowing me to serve SAYMA in that capacity, though the work has been heavy I have enjoyed it.

30 c. SAYMA. c. El. Enloe; MER.
QUAKER HOUSE REPORT - MAY 1988

The Quaker House Board of Overseers continued to meet on a nearly monthly basis to recruit and hire a replacement for former Quaker House director Bob Gosney. Greg Sommers, age 26, has been recently selected and will begin in the position of director on June 15th. Greg is a member of the Mennonite faith and is leaving a position with CCCO in Chicago (Central Committee on Conscientious Objection) to work at Quaker House.

The Fayetteville Friends Monthly Meeting that meets at Quaker House continues to gather on Sundays. Two military personnel have been regular attenders in recent months, and one of these, Bob Boatwright, is nearing the CO status through help from the Fayetteville Friends.

Continued SAYMA support will help provide the means for the new Quaker House director to carry out an energetic program of military counselling and peace outreach.
# SAYMA GENERAL FUND BUDGET STATUS REPORT

**July 1, 1987 - May 7, 1988**

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## NET GAIN OR LOSS

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SAYMA Balance Sheet
May 7, 1988

ASSETS
Cash-checking 6227.89
Cash-FCNL Fund 6000.00
Total Assets 12227.89

EQUITIES
General Fund 7894.78
FWCC Trienniel Fund 2050.00
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July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

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## SAYMA Census for May 1988

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### Total Members Reported: 434
### Total Regular Attendees: 386
### Total: 820
SAYMA Officers

Louise Gorenflo
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Judy Merchant
Steve Meredith
Jeanne Doerschuk
Connie LaMonte
Karen Skillie
SharonANNis
Sandra Beer
Bill Boyd
John Lewis
Hibbard Thatcher
Dennis Gregg
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Peter Reilly
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Judy Scheckel
Chris & Dillie Ahrens
Dick Houghton
Marian Fuson
Monette Redslab
Steve Angel
Nancy Whitt
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Jim Cavener
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Maaret Houghton
Betty Hurst
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May 24, 1988

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For the Yearly Meeting,

Constance LaMonte

Constance LaMonte, Clerk
Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
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of the Religious Society of Friends

Address reply to:
Connie LaMonte, Clerk (1988-89)
613 10th Avenue South
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

MEETING ROSTER

ASHEVILLE
North Carolina

ATLANTA
Georgia

BEREA
Kentucky

BIRMINGHAM
Alabama

BREVARD
North Carolina

CELO (Burnsville)
North Carolina

CHARLESTON
West Virginia

CHATANOOGA
Tennessee

COLUMBIA
South Carolina

CROSSVILLE
Tennessee

HUNTSVILLE
Alabama

JUMPOFF (Sewanee)
Tennessee

MEMPHIS
Tennessee

NASHVILLE
Tennessee

WEST KNOXVILLE
(Knoxville)
Tennessee

Ambassador Moshe Arad
Israeli Embassy
3514 International Drive N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

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5-22-88
When Asheville purchased its meeting house two and a half years ago, we recognized that the greater responsibility might change the character of our meeting, possibly in directions we did not desire. The past year has given further reassurance that the transition from sojourner in rented quarters to house-holder need not deprive us of our most valued qualities. Despite increasing numbers of newcomers, we feel we have not lost our general air of informality and friendliness, even though we have resorted to optional nametags, official greeters, and short biographies in the newsletter, to help us get to know one another more quickly. Although there is still room for improvement in the punctuality and quietness with which we gather for meeting for worship, once gathered we continue to be inspired and comforted by the silence and the vocal ministry. And increased giving has covered our expanded budget with no change in our usual low-key manner of presenting our financial needs.

Furthermore, the new disciplines we have found it advisable to learn have not proved as unpleasant or burdensome as feared. In the past we were often amazed and pleased at the way a random group of self-appointed volunteers could assume and carry our complicated tasks with little formal organization. But faced with the need to conduct varied activities in limited time and space (as with Eastern Region's FWCC Birthday Celebration) our hospitality committee has become very proficient at preplanning the logistics of such events. To attend to our larger volume of business, we are growing in our willingness to trust some decisions to smaller groups rather than functioning always as a committee of the whole. Meetings for worship for the conduct of business are well attended, and we are growing in our ability to deal creatively with difficult situations about which there are differing points of view.

For example, when sounds from children's activities immediately overhead began to disturb the meeting for worship, some of us hesitated to address the problem directly lest teachers feel criticized, children feel stifled, and parents feel offended to the point of withdrawing their families from the meeting. Eventually, others pointed out that adults also have needs, and that if nothing could be done, some of them would feel forced to withdraw to seek a more worshipful atmosphere elsewhere. A special meeting was called to seek many, small, practical ways of reducing the noise level without inhibiting the spontaneity and creative activity of the Firstday School, and the outcome seems to have met the needs of all concerned.

We have completed the major renovations on the meeting house so that we can feel at home in it while continuing to make indoor and outdoor improvements through occasional workdays, which also provide times of fellowship. Although almost half of our 85 active, resident members and attenders now serve in one or more offices or committees, we are seeking ways to use the talents of a wider group and give them the opportunity for this type of involvement in our community.

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Looking toward the future, our clerk of Ministry and Oversight is leading us in a series of discussions to help us explore how the meeting can grow in its spiritual life and outreach. We feel the need to deepen our understanding of Friends history and philosophy and are considering a "Quaker 101" course for fall. We also hope to encourage a wider use of our expanding library, developed by a hard-working committee as an important resource to the meeting.

As part of our community outreach this fall we are planning an open house for our neighbors which include university students and faculty. During the past year we worked with other groups on a Toys and Violence display which was part of an Alternative Christmas Fair; we included a Shower for the Shelter (for the homeless) in our own Christmas celebration, and we are taking responsibility for one meal per month at another shelter, Hospitality House. But we are reactivating our Peace and Social Concerns Committee in order to expand meeting participation in other service and action projects in which individual members are already involved, and to encourage a more active relationship with wider Quaker Organizations.

Our gratitude and best wishes go with our first, pioneering residents, Margaret and Steve Farmer, as they seek larger quarters for their growing family. We are very fortunate to have found replacements in two other active participants, Dale and Kaki Roberts, whose innovative contributions as Recording Clerks/Newsletter Editors have supported and promoted all of the above efforts. With the leading of the Spirit, and the talents and long-time Quaker experience of incoming Co-clerks Bob and Pat Lyon, we approach the coming year with eagerness and enthusiasm.

Peg and Phil Neel, Co-Clerks
The past year of the Berea Friends Meeting epitomizes the roller-coaster ride that small, purposive groups in a mobile society can experience. We started the year on a climb: attendance and fellowship were good, and the Meeting seemed to be growing in both membership and depth—if only slightly.

Always hampered by space difficulties, especially for religious education, we took the opportunity of moving from the Woods Penn Building and Draper Hall’s Fireside Room to the AMERC House where we could have both worship and education space plus storage room, and, most important for us, an address, a home.

But in the meantime two of our families left for year-long academic sabbaticals and another moved from the State. Moreover, attendance the first two Sundays of the Fall season was poor as was attendance at, and preparation for, a three-session study of John Woolman. Still further, AMERC House proved to be inadequate for our needs, and we soon moved back to Woods Penn parlor. The ride had not been all downhill, however, for during this time the Meeting had successfully organized the All-Kentucky Gathering, we had learned to appreciate what Woods Penn had to offer, those who raised their financial contributions to help pay the rent at AMERC House continued to give at the increased amount, and we have continued to rent AMERC for midweek meetings and post-meeting-for-business potlucks—a privilege that has served us well.

After this difficult start, our fall program went fairly well. A few singles became regular attenders, our almost weekly soup suppers continued, we supported a Provisional Legal Refugee more fully than did any of the other groups contributing, our annual membership revision again worked well, and our Peacemakers group and two women’s groups continued to provide fellowship for their attenders. We were at least traveling on level tracks.

But alas, this spring we developed serious difficulties with our “second-hour” program, our attendance has slipped noticeably, and one more family and two singles have left the group. That difficulty with the second hour has not fully been solved, though we have learned much and inwardly grown through our struggles with it.

Roller coasters go up as well as down. Recently while some of us were pondering our condition and musing on the necessity for evangelism, some talked of the advantages of simply pulling closer together—getting to know each other better. The fact is that several of us love and respect each other very much. And, back to the numbers, one of our active members of a decade ago is moving back to Berea, and sometime in the next six months our two families on sabbatical will be returning. In the meantime we are discussing how to have a successful religious education program with our limited resources, and we are endeavoring to be more verbal in worship—a coaster ride with this Meeting has never been noisy.

Walter Nelson
BIRMINGHAM FRIENDS MEETING ANNUAL REPORT
APRIL 20, 1988

Birmingham Friends is still meeting at Lodestar Bookstore, although we are currently seeking a new place to meet. Average attendance is 6 to 10, and this is waning a bit in the past few months. Our first hour continues to be silent meditation, and we are currently feeling the need to evaluate the state of this crucial time.

The seems to be a consensus among those present at this meeting that there has been a general dwindling of commitment. Upon discussing the reasons for this, those present gave observations about

1. dissatisfaction with our current place of meeting
2. discomfort with some of the ways that conflict within the group is handled.
3. lack of attention to member's personal needs
4. inactivity in the area of social concerns. (Habitat for Humanity - It was suggested that perhaps we could plug into that group for social concerns project.)
5. lack of organization (not knowing what is happening when, who is responsible for what, etc. Poor communication is part of this and breakdown of the phone tree)
6. Lack of vocal ministry in silence was an expressed concern.

The group continued discussing other possibilities for enriching worship. There was discussion of music as an addition to worship. The suggestion was made that whole second hour be devoted to music on an occasional basis, and that this be a function of the education committee.

Three of our most active and consistent members have withdrawn from meeting, and it is felt that the meeting is struggling a bit to adjust.

Second hour programs, including spiritual journeys, etc. Our meeting was concluded by each person sharing what made them continue to come to Meeting - - what it has meant in the past. The resulting comments gave the group present a feeling of rejuvenation, recommitment etc. as all of us saw the Meeting as being something that had given us a great deal in the past, and was worth continuing to work with. The suggestion we made and accepted to having the Meeting at large discuss how they feel about the Meeting - how it meets their needs, how it does not, and its strengths, shortcomings, are needing attention.
STATE OF BREVARD (N.C.) FRIENDS MEETING
MAY 1988

This has been a year of getting to know one another through our weekly meetings for worship, our monthly social gatherings and other activities. We have tried to comfort the afflicted and share the joys of the joyous among us.

Since being accepted into SAYMA one year ago, our membership has grown to 14 -- 10 of them transfers from other Friends Meetings. Four came from the Asheville Meeting.

The spiritual level of our Meeting has been enhanced by the experience of the several long-time Quakers who have transferred from other Meetings and by the devotion and energy of new members coming into a Friends Meeting for the first time.

Our young Meeting has joined with some 35 churches in the county in sponsoring and supporting Sharing House, a local agency that provides food, clothing and other necessities for persons in dire financial circumstances.

Though Sharing House our Meeting "adopted" a poverty-level couple at Christmas, providing clothing and food to brighten the holidays of these elderly people.

Members of our Meeting are active in and several have served on the steering committee of Peace Fellowship of Brevard, an organization which fosters peace education in our community.

As our first year as a Monthly Meeting came to a close we had managed to get a nice sign to put out front of our meetingplace each weekend.

And we were just beginning to discuss the possibility of helping to establish a dispute-settlement center for Transylvania County.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Mock - clerk
Brevard (N.C.) Friends Meeting
State of the Meeting 1988
Chattanooga Friends Meeting

Recent months have seen growth and renewal in the life of Chattanooga Meeting. This followed upon the experience of losing several faithful participants. [Stuart and Peggy Bonnington to Clarksville TN; John and Peggy Everhart to Cleveland OH (ed.)] Two, Larry and Becky Ingle, went to London for a five month sojourn to research and begin to write a biography of George Fox.

Fortunately the few of the meeting who stayed have been joined over the past year by about five new stalwart participants. The heightened level of responsibility falling to the remnant and the newcomers has been an occasion of growth for us as individuals and as a meeting. Development in our sense of spiritual identity as a group has grown through our many deep, sensitive discussions of several fundamental issues, including relationships between males and females, patriarchy, relations of humans toward their natural environment, as well as other issues. Our addressing issues about the environment included the meeting’s application of its values to questions relating to the natural life on the grounds of the meetinghouse.

One or two from the meeting continue to join with elderly Friend Mary Thatcher once each month at her nursing home to hold a brief meeting for worship and share in social time with her.

We continue to be involved with and give some assistance to the Cambodian family whom we sponsored in their relocation to the United States in Chattanooga [Song Phath, Kuy Mom, and their son Vannik (ed.)]

We have just begun a new practice in relating our meeting and its children. With only three children in the families of this meeting, we had not previously been able to maintain a meaningful program until this new idea emerged. We have designated the first Sunday of each month as a special meeting day for activities with our children. So far this plan has worked well for bringing our few children to meet and play with the adults.

Several months ago we completed our long process toward arriving at a statement on meeting for worship which meeting approved. This statement represents our meeting's view of meeting for worship. A copy is given to each person when they come to meeting for worship for the first time.

We hope Friends Meeting of Chattanooga will experience as much spiritual growth during the year to come as during the past one.

Bill Reynold, Clerk
21 May 1988
State of the Meeting Report - 1987-88 Celo Friends Meeting

In the past year, Celo Friends Meeting has seen some changes and some continuities, some new undertakings and some ongoing activities. There have been periods of low energy and periods of resurgence, and hopefully progression as well. Bob Oldham and Lyle Snider, who were members of long standing, have transferred to Richmond, VA and Chapel Hill NC respectively and we wish them well in their new memberships and other endeavors.

On May Day we welcomed as a new member, Lydia Wexler, from Newtown PA Meeting and of long Quaker lineage, who has been an enthusiastic addition and will be assistant clerk for the coming year. Frances and Dave Salstrom will continue as clerks. Since last year, when Judy Schckel became our new Meetinghouse caretaker, Margithaus has a new roof and stove and other improvements with contributions from members and friends of Margit Hirschenauser and the Meeting. Judy has become a vital part of the Meeting and wider community with her contributions to RSVP, the Single Women's Group, and overall concern for the welfare of others.

Relationships have been renewed as we celebrate marriages. Barbara Barrus and Tom Perrin were married under the care of the Meeting last August. The circle of sharing took place in the meadow behind the Barrus family home. We are glad that they spend part of the year with us in Celo and know that their time in Todd NC near the Boone Worship Group is also enriching for them. We will be having another wedding this September when Tasha Harvey, long time Celo resident, is united with Brian Stricker. The clearness committee for Elley Jordan and Bobby Schopler met again with them a year after their marriage to see how things were going. Elley and Bobby have just returned from Africa.

Our newest Celo Friend is Andrew Perrin, the son of Tom and Barbara Perrin born December 31, 1987. Proud family include grandparents, Dot and Bob Barrus, and Aunt Ronnie and Uncle Greg of Celo as well as Uncle Gib and Aunt Annie of Chapel Hill. Claire Kaluzynski is the daughter of Linda Kinnane and Tom Kaluzynski.

Graduations are another milestone. Cindy Henry, daughter of Carol Henry, is at the top of her senior class at Guilford. Nate Tibbits, son of Peggy and Clark Tibbits, will graduate from Mountain Heritage High School with scholarship offers.

We all hold Dave and Frances Salstrom in the light during Frances' bout with cancer. Her body is responding well to the anti-hormone therapy. They continue to be devoted to each other and to the Meeting and other needs in the area.

We continue to support the Boone Preparative Meeting under our care. They seem to have gathered energy in preparation for the FGC Gathering this summer. We are sorry to see the Mars Hill Preparative Meeting disband. Their numbers were too small; the McLeods attend Celo at times and another closer church at times.

Although we miss older children, our First Day School is full of the energy of children from birth to 6 years old. Dave Salstrom taught them for many months with good continuity in his approach and program; his time and effort were greatly appreciated. Then others of us took turns with other interesting ideas. Learning about nature and Bible stories with Dave and a Christmas eve celebration were some of the highlights.

In addition to First Day School, the Meeting has been involved in several other educational activities. Two adult study-groups met weekly. One was a free-ranging, but broadly spiritual one which took Erich Fromm's *Ye Shall be as Gods* for its text. Another group has focused on the meaning and history of Quakerism, relying on Howard Brinton's *Friends for 300 Years*. It has a couple of experienced Friends, several attenders who had felt more limited in these
Several parents active in the Meeting and others established a cooperative school for about 10 mainly four- and five-year-olds which uses the First Day School building during the week. The parents are pleased with their success in providing an experience well integrated with this special natural and social locale, but are uncertain about the future. If funds can be arranged and a teacher found, they would like to continue the project into the elementary years. Anyone from SAYMA with helpful ideas could contact Herbie or Marnie Walters.

Our Single Women’s Group was started out of a need realized by Meeting women and other members and by other women in the area. We have shared life stories one at a time as well as sharing topics of interest to the group. We range in age from the twenties to the sixties.

We have had a mid-week worship sharing group with a potluck followed by a reading of a spiritual nature to begin the worship.

Our members continue to be involved in a number of activities, local and otherwise. The newsletter, RSVP (Rural Southern Voice for Peace) continues to grow; this year Herbie Walters has taken the Listening Project to communities in GA and used the same techniques to hear from Contras in Honduras.

Dave and Frances Salsstrom have been faithful attenders at the Yancey County Ministerial Alliance. Connie Fulcher and Dave Salsstrom have been active in work with inmates in a local medium-security prison; teaching reading has been a major focus of their work.

Jenifer Morgan has been a major coordinator of our work with Salvadorian refugees. Herbert is now in Canada with his family, which includes a new baby girl. Oscar has moved to Houston. Tabby Npofu, who came to us from Zimbabwe via Botswana, continues to live and study in Asheville, trying to get a job which will allow her to be financially independent.

Judith McGahey is continuing to act on concerns for US-USSR friendship, and traveled to the Soviet Union last summer to take a friendship quilt to Khosta. She and others are trying to arrange a visit of Russian teachers to come here to Yancey County next year.

Sue Snider completed a four-year term as Clerk of AFSC’s Southeast Regional Executive Committee and Regional Representative to the National Board of Directors. Patti Keene-Winsor and Ko Blaisdell attended the Young Friends gathering at Guilford. Many of us attended the eastern regional SAYMA fall retreat in Asheville. Jane Oldham attended the planning session for the upcoming FGC gathering in Boone and was pleased to see the energy and numbers of people from the Boone Preparative Meeting. Of course, this list of activities is not complete; the intent is to give a sense of the range of involvement of Meeting members.

Low attendance at Meeting for Business is a chronic situation. Many of us have been intensely involved in changes in our personal lives, which has sometimes limited energy available for Meeting activities. Since groups as well as individuals often experience cycles of change, we anticipate a time when the Meeting will again have even more of our energy and involvement.

Our Meeting continues to encompass a diverse group of people with varying beliefs and practices, and we believe that we deal with the diversity more gracefully than we did a few years ago. As usual, we have more attenders than members, and many regard this as their spiritual home who are not active in the business or “work” of the Meeting.
The Columbia (S.C.) Monthly Meeting is alive and doing well. We continue on our plateau of meeting membership, with around 15 members and attenders present at the weekly Meetings for Worship on First Day at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Student Center, 1702 Greene St., Columbia. Our clerk is Monette Redslob, treasurer Peter Sederberg, recording clerk Ellen McCracken, newsletter editor Bruce Pearson, and other offices are held by a number of other important people in our Meeting.

Our Meeting for Worship is unprogrammed. Any children present leave after 15-20 minutes with a designated adult for First Day School activities, which vary from adult to adult. There are five children in active attendance. After Meeting for Worship, we break for half hour or so for refreshments; then most people stay for a discussion, led by any one of our group or occasionally an outside person. Monthly Meetings for Business are usually well attended, also.

This year's budget of expenditures is around $3,500. The Meeting has over $7,000 in its "building fund," which currently is in a Calvert Social Investment fund. There have been no recent active discussions about our plans for this money.

This year, led by Monette Redslob, we have been active in visiting with our closest Meetings, none of whom belong to SAYMA. We have visited or been visited by: Horry Co. (S.C.) Worship Group; Greenwood Co. (S.C.) Quasi-Worship Group (not quite a worship group); Augusta (GA) Meeting, and Charleston (S.C.) Meeting. We have enjoyed visiting very much, and feel much closer in spirit to these Friends. There have been several visits back and forth with the Horry Co. Worship Group.

While we have not been involved with any social issue cause this year as a Meeting, individuals continue to be active in adult literacy, prison visitation, Amnesty International, the United Nations, local groups supporting peace and justice, groups supporting the end of U.S. involvement in Central America, etc. There is some discussion of trying to bring one or more prominent Friends to speak to university groups on any of a variety of subjects this coming school year.

We look forward to the coming year.
STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

Significant changes are happening within the Memphis Friends Meeting. After two years of rapid growth, we appear to have stabilized in numbers, with 13 members, 7 associate members (minors), and approximately 15 regular attenders. We spent a lot of energy on membership this year, but it has paid off in knowing each other more deeply and in beginning to define a unique Meeting personality. Our April retreat and celebration of our new Meeting seemed to culminate the year’s efforts.

More Friends are involved in Meetings for Business. Ministry and Oversight, which used to serve more of a business function, is stronger in its pastoral role. Meetings for Learning have been more focused and are experiences in community building for us now. Bruce Stanley shared a series of lectures on the historic roots of pacifism, which he had prepared for a course he teaches at Rhodes College. Mina Johnson’s brother, a Texas farmer, talked to us about farm issues. The Minute on Patriarchy has stimulated a number of discussions.

Two other gatherings were new and meaningful. On Christmas Eve Friends gathered for a Meeting for Worship and Singing, and in the fall we had a Celebration of Children in First Day worship.

Various members continue to be individually active in personal growth endeavors such as 12 step programs and in local and national politics, such as school issues, Third World concerns, Palestinian concerns, and contributions of time and resources to the Peace and Justice Center.
NASHVILLE MONTHLY MEETING
State of the Meeting Report, May 1988

Nashville Meeting has been good growing ground this year. We are still struggling with time constraints in our many young Meeting families, so the corporate life of our Meeting often suffers, but we have real respect for each family’s efforts in working on Meeting responsibilities.

We are noticing an increase in our children’s joy and enthusiasm when coming to Meeting First Day School. The children range in age from babies to the early ‘teens. The adults working with the children eagerly await the release of the new FGC First Day School curriculum materials this summer. The older children’s class has delighted recently in a pizza party where they saw the film “Gandhi” and discussed it afterwards together.

After several years of “just getting by” with the physical condition of our Meetinghouse, we have now decided that a more attractive setting does matter. So by yearly meeting ‘88 we will have a real improvement in the interior of our Meetinghouse. Through a combination of Meeting members’ volunteer help and some professional help we are completing some resurfaced and freshly painted room walls, painted woodwork, cleaned and varnished floors, upgraded electric wiring, lighting and plumbing. Our morale is high!

Several of our members are deeply involved in FGC, FUCC, and Pendle Hill, keeping us all aware of our connections with Friends everywhere and of our resources for growth.

We have welcomed back Kit and John Potter and their family to Nashville, where John is now working on a Ph.D. degree at Vanderbilt. New attenders have joined up and we keep in touch with those who have moved away to other SAYMA monthly meetings as well as to other yearly meeting areas.

Our discussion times have reflected some realities we have needed to talk about together including ministry, racism, homophobia and AIDS, patriarchy and Meeting community building. We are looking now carefully at our needs for spiritual growth as well as numerical growth. We believe that both are desirable and possible.

Marian D. Fuson, Clerk
11 April 1988
The West Knoxville Friends Meeting has had a year of comings and goings, of change and continuity.

Hershal Macon, a founding member of our Meeting, died on June 20, 1987. He had been very active in the Meeting and will be greatly missed. A memorial fund was started, and we are still considering to what purpose we should put the money in it.

Several other members and attenders have moved away and are also missed. We have been pleased to have new people begin attending, including several children who have been born to people in the Meeting. We sent notes to many distant members on our mailing list asking if they wished to continue receiving the Meeting's newsletter. This not only allowed us to remove from our mailing list people who were no longer interested, but also brought us a number of notes in return with information about former members and attenders. We have also had several attenders become members.

More insulation was added in the attic of the Meeting House, and additional outdoor play activities have been put up for the children. We have also redone the front walk to make the Meeting House more accessible to people in wheel chairs.

We have had several meeting outings and special activities. In the fall we had a Saturday lunch at the Smokey Mountain cabin of one of our members. In the spring we had Meeting for Worship in the Cades Cove area of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. We have continued our custom of having a potluck lunch after Meeting once a month to give us more time to share on an informal basis. We were pleased to have visits from Tom Taylor, secretary of the American section of FWCC, Daryl Bergquist and Sara Rose, regional field secretary for FGC, and Ralph Blankfield, S. E. Field Representative for FCNL.

Our adult discussions covered many topics, including aspects of the SAYMA budget and drafts of the SAYMA Faith and Practice Guide. We found these times of sharing to be a good way to deepen out knowledge of each other and of our own beliefs. A small group met weekly this winter and spring to discuss Apocalypse of the Word, by Douglas Gwyn. The mid-week worship group in Oak Ridge continued to meet on Thursday nights this year.

We have attempted to continue to grow in the light, to assist each other as much as possible, and to live each day to the fullest.
Horry County Friends Group 1988

Our small group first met in August 1987 at the Holiday Inn at Waccamaw Pottery in Myrtle Beach. We met in each others' homes for several months and are now renting a room on Sunday mornings at Covenant Towers, an adult residence and nursing care facility located at 5001 Little River Road in Myrtle Beach. For Meeting time or more information, call Jim Henderson (803) 248-6618 or Grace Gifford (803) 365-6654.

We have been fortunate to have had several visitors to share in the growth of our worship group- Nel McCracken, Monette Redslab, and Beverly Busching from Columbia Friends Meeting, Caroline Stillwell from Wilmington Friends Meeting in North Carolina and Sarah Rose and Darryl Bergquist, FGC Field Secretary, who spent an evening with us in March. Local Friends Catherine Burroughs and Frances Gust visited with us at different times, and had been involved with an earlier Friends group started in our area in the '60's.

In an effort to meet our Quaker neighbors, we have visited Columbia Friends Meeting, Wilmington Friends Meeting and Charleston Friends Meeting. We are looking forward to continued contact with nearby Friends as we consider our various affiliation options. We greatly appreciate visits from traveling Friends and hope that the vacationland reputation of our beaches and other attractive features bring many SAYMA Friends to worship and visit with us.

We have been conducting regular business meetings on the first Sunday of each month and have had First Day School on a monthly basis as well, despite small enrollment. Our First Day School is having an ongoing "Save Old Soap" drive for the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) Material Aid Program. We hope that other SAYMA First Day Schools will join us in this effort. We have been mailing a monthly newsletter since January, and would enjoy swapping newsletters with other SAYMA meetings and worship groups.

We look forward to continued opportunities for growth in the Spirit as we seek to live our lives "answering to that of God in every person."

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Following a period of worshipful silence, time and place for the 1989 Yearly Meeting were discussed after analysis of evaluations. SAYMA will meet again at Christmount in 1989. The time of the meeting will remain in May subject to Christmount's availability of May weekends. Program planning is asked to take a look at scheduling and time for recreation and fellowship, especially between the youth and adults. Suggestions were made for better coordination between Junior and Senior Yearly Meeting programming.

A survey will be made for coming years as to preferred times for future meetings. This will be published in the Southern Appalachian Friend.

Barbara Esther reported on Junior Yearly Meeting. She suggested that JYM be able to have a representative to Youthquake and to FGC Junior Yearly Meeting and that their expenses be paid by SAYMA. She suggested that the JYM teaching staff volunteers be available and known by late fall and arrangements made for their staff to get together for a weekend of planning well ahead of JYM.

The Junior Yearly Meeting coordinator and an assistant are to be decided by a committee of the representatives meeting. This committee is to be composed of the following volunteers: Sara Roe, Barbara Esther, and Connie Hill. It is also to be a support committee for the JYM coordinator and assistant.

Theme suggestions for 1989 SAYMA will be determined by the fall representatives meeting and as a result of the survey to appear in the Southern Appalachian Friend.

Nancy Lee-Riffe asked for a youth contact from each monthly meeting and most meetings were able to name a contact person. This person should prepare a list of junior and senior high school age children in the monthly meeting including age, date of birth, and phone number of each, such list to be sent to Judy Scheckel or Nancy Lee-Riffe. There will be a summer work camp for youth in Crossville in July, and representatives were asked to publicize this in their monthly meetings.

The next representatives meeting will be on October 1, 1988, at Chattanooga Friends Meetinghouse (pending approval by that monthly meeting).

The next representatives meeting will consider sending a SAYMA representative to the Piedmont Friends retreat in the spring and fall.
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