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At Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Stillwater Meeting House from the 12th through the 16th of Eighth Month, inclusive, 2008.

As we gather for our 196th session, we are challenged to consider if there is any thing we would not sacrifice for the Lord and encouraged to be open to God's rule in our hearts.

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature... 2 Peter 1:1-4

The meeting heard the reports from our two Quarterly Meetings. The following Friends were appointed as Representatives, twelve of whom are present.

Salem QM: Lois G. Edgerton, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Nancy A. Hawkins, Eunice M. Burkey, Winifred E. Stratton, Robert W. Stratton, Conrad Lindes, Myrtle E. Bailey, and Rose M. Sidwell.

Stillwater QM: Richard Simon, Raye Hodgson, Susan Bailey, David Eley, Susan Smith, and Evelyn Groves.

The following Friends are appointed to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee: Rebecca J. Hawkins, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Winifred E. Stratton, Conrad Lindes, Myrtle E. Bailey, John C. Smith, Shawna Roberts, and David Eley.

Three Friends are with us this week with minutes. Arthur Berk, a member of Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting, and an affiliate of Rockingham Monthly Meeting, produced a minute signed by Carol Summar. LeRoy Curtis, a member of Wooster Monthly Meeting, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, produced a minute signed by Philip Balderston of his Monthly Meeting and Mary Stanford, clerk of the yearly meeting. Hollister Knowlton, a member of Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and representing Quaker Earthcare Witness, produced a minute from Ruah Swennerfelt, General Secretary of QEW. The clerk is directed to endorse the minutes on behalf of the meeting.

The Lord has blessed us with several other visitors, including Joseph Conwill of Rangeley, Maine; Erik Cleven of Lafayette (Indiana) Monthly Meeting; and Sarah and Jessie Whipple of Grove City, Ohio.

We are glad to have Grant and Neva Kaufmann with us. They are longtime affiliate members of Rockingham Monthly Meeting who live in Bolivia. We rejoice the Lord has brought them among us his year.

Robert Hopper, an affiliate of Middleton Monthly Meeting, sent the following letter to this body, which refreshed our spirits.

8/5/08

Dear Friends,

I regret that I am unable to join with you in Barnesville for the 196th session of our Yearly Meeting. Though I am unable to be with you all in person, I do have a sense of our bond in the body of Christ; a bond that transcends the distance between us in miles. Paul, in his epistle to the Colossians, expressed the following, which expresses my experience in my relationship to Middleton Monthly Meeting, Salem Quarterly Meeting, and our Yearly Meeting: "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ" (Colossians 2:5).

I am aware that there is work before us, and I hope to be of some assistance, as way opens and the Lord gives ability, in carrying it forward in the year ahead. The work that I have assisted with during the past year has strengthened the bond of fellowship with my Monthly meeting, my Quarterly meeting, and the Yearly Meeting. This has been particularly important to me as an affiliate member. The counsel and encouragement, eldering and teaching, visits and correspondence from dear and tender Friends in the Truth in our Yearly Meeting have been of great value to me.

Beloved Friends, let us not neglect the inward work; just as the outward cross was necessary, so is the daily work of the inward cross today. We must feel the Cross, and we must feel the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. If we are to be salt and light to the world, we must attend to the inward work, so that we may be transformed and renewed, to the regeneration of our hearts and minds. We must attend to the daily discipline of retirement, to wait on the Lord; to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. This attention to the discipline of stillness has been modeled by those of our Yearly Meeting, and has been of great value to me, not only in terms of my inward life, but also in terms of my interaction with the world, in my family relationships, and my work. Our way of worship is our essential testimony, and our Yearly Meeting has this gift, among others, that the world needs so desperately. Let us not hide our gifts under a bushel.

I look forward to receiving and reading the minutes and reports from this session of our Yearly Meeting. May God richly bless you all with the fruit of the Spirit.

Your friend in Christ Jesus the Word of God, Robert L. Hopper

A Friend expressed a concern regarding sustainability of the earth and the importance of caring for the land.

Treasurer's Report

Leonard Guindon, Yearly Meeting Treasurer, provided the following report with a list of the Yearly Meeting physical assets. Leonard continues his excellent work as Treasurer, and we again value his contributions and very interesting report.

2007-2008 Treasurer's Report Report of Receipts and Disbursements

Balance on hand 7/31/2007 Checking Account \$3,288.37

Income

Monthly Meeting Donations	23,456.50
Other Donations	1,950.00
(\$550 earmarked for the Plummer Place)	
Interest Earned - Checking	3.19
Book Sales	95.17

Total Income \$25,504.86

Expenses / Disbursements

Walton Home	14,000.00
Friends Center	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00
OYM Travel Fund	1,500.00
ACFIA	400.00
FCNL	500.00
FWCC	500.00
Outreach Committee	800.00
Book and Children's Literature Cte	25.00
WFCF	500.00
Peace and Human Relations	100.00
Historical Committee	25.00
Junior Yearly Meeting	100.00
RSWR	500.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00
Printing	1,708.40
Correspondent's Expense	200.00
Copy Machine Supplies	100.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,000.00
Insurance	1,466.00
Water	100.00
Clerk's Expense	300.00
Yearly Meeting Speaker Expense	1,215.60
Other Expense	590.00
(\$550 passed to the Plummer Place)	

Total Expense \$27,655.00

Expense over Income \$2,150.14

Balance on Hand, 7/31/2008 Checking Account \$1,138.23

Brief (perhaps incomplete) listing of OYM Physical Assets

- Walton Retirement Home
- 281 acres - approximately 100 tillable
- Friends Center and garage
- Taber House
- Plummer House
- 2 barns for livestock, hay storage
- Machinery storage shed
- Free stall barn

Manure pit
 Loafing shed
 2,000 bushels corn storage
 1 non-producing oil well
 40 tree orchard
 Towe House

Funds invested with Fiduciary Trustees - 4.5% interest paid for year ending 6/30/2008

Fund	Beg. Balance	Interest (all re-invested)	Ending Balance
L.J. & Francis Taber	\$7,853.14	\$353.39	\$8,206.53
Property Sale	63,493.38	2,849.80	66,343.18
General Funds	13,183.76	769.84	17,253.60
Totals	87,830.28	3,973.03	91,803.31

As an audit and budget committee to join with Phil Helms, David Eley, Mike Kinch, and Rose Sidwell, to audit the books, propose a budget for the following year, and recommend a Friend for Treasurer the following year, we appoint Robert Stratton and John C. Smith. They are appointed to a two-year term.

Yearly Meeting Property Trustees

Bob Rockwell gave a verbal report for the Yearly Meeting Property Trustees. They have paid for the painting mentioned last year. They are currently planning an upgrade of the wiring in the Meeting House, entrance repairs, and repointing. Bob also reported it may be possible to obtain a brick and mortar grant for part of the work.

Carry over from 2006	2820.01
Deposits for 2007	4300.00
	7120.01
Checks written 2007	3326.85
Balance July 31,2008	3793.85

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Fourth Day morning session (Eighth Month 13th)

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Document Committee

The following Document Committee report was read. We admire their work in reading incoming epistles. The meeting accepts the report and the recommendation of Friends to serve on the Epistle Committee.

Members of the Document Committee met after lunch on Third Day. The committee requests that the epistles from Iowa and North Carolina Yearly Meetings be read in their entirety and that excerpts be read from the epistles of Australia, Britain, and Illinois Yearly Meetings. The Document Committee appoints Jim Creighton, David Eley, and Phil Helms to write this year's epistles. Copies of the epistles received this year are on a table in the library for those who would like to read them.

Membership Report

Dorothy Smith, the Yearly Meeting Recorder, produced the following Membership Report. We rejoice to see the Lord bringing so many new Friends into our midst, resulting in a net gain in membership and trust that the spiritual growth is even greater. We are pained by the loss of several Friends who have been called to the next life and by the loss of others to other chapters in this life. We note that John Benson was recorded as a Minister and recognized as an Elder since the end of the fiscal year, so these changes do not appear in the report. We appreciate the work of Dorothy and the Monthly Meeting Recorders.

2008 Membership Report for Ohio Yearly Meeting

Total membership, 7/1/2007 (last year)	528
Gains:	
Births or adoptions	1
Certificates received	0
Requests	18
Total Gains	19
Losses:	
Deaths	8
Certificates Transferred	1
Membership Discontinued	6
Total Losses	15
Net Gain for the Year	4

Total Membership, 7/1/2007 (this year)	532
Affiliate Members	67
Affiliate Associate Members	19
Associate Members	29
Sojourning Members	0
Waiting Members	7

Membership Summary (including Associate Members)	
Membership under 5 years of age	7
Membership from 5 to 18	33
Membership 18 and over	492
 Total (same as above)	 532

Resident Status of Members	
Resident members	144
Non-Resident members	388
Total	532

* Members shall be considered non-resident when they live at least 30 miles from the meeting and attend less than one First Day Meeting per month.

School Report (Members attending schools)	
Attending Pre-School	1
Attending Olney Friends School	2
Attending Public Schools	25
Attending Private Schools	8
Attending Home Schools	3
Attending College	24
Total	63

Number of weddings under the care of this Yearly Meeting – 0
Number of members married this year under the care of Friends – 0
Number of members married this year NOT under the care of
 Friends – 5
Total members married this year (total of 2 and 3) – 5

Names of those married and dates of the marriages:
7/21/2007 – Jennifer E. Newlin to Shane M. Wellman
8/18/2007 – Kelli Colleen Stratton to James Antoine
12/29/2007 – Christopher David Warrington to Meredith Bucur
3/15/2008 – Ronald Arnholt II to Connie Jean Snelling
5/19/2008 – Paul A. Cope to Janet Freedman

Names of ministers recorded this year: None
Names of new elders appointed this year: James L. Creighton, Conrad Lindes

Names of members received by birth, certificate, or request:

7/8/2007	Wallace Crawford	Request
8/2007	Deborah Eulerling	Request
8/2007	Hanna Eulerling	Request

8/2007	Jonathan Eulering	Request
8/2007	Samuel Eulering	Request
8/2007	Paul Franklin	Request
8/2007	Blake Thatcher	Request
8/2007	Fiona Thatcher	Request
8/2007	Robert Thatcher	Request
9/16/2007	Kim Richard Palmer	Request
9/16/2007	Beverly Lynn (Decker) Palmer	Request
10/28/2007	Lisa Hatfield	Request
10/28/2007	Michael Hatfield	Request
11/18/2007	Kimberly Anne Makela	Request
11/2007	Vilja Kurki (born 10/10/2007)	Birth
12/16/2007	Dara Gillis	Request
1/20/2008	Barbiel Matthews-Saunders	Request
3/16/2008	John Michael Keba	Request
6/27/2008	Y. Bernita Bundy	Request

Membership losses by death, certificate of removal, request to be released:

2002	Marlin Shore (not reported previously)	Death
7/12/2007	Jonathan Gamble	Death
8/12/2007	Douglas Scott Fettig Walsh	Request for Release
8/12/2007	Barbara Joan Hinshaw	Request for Release
8/30/2007	Ardith E. Henderson	Death
9/13/2007	Myrtle Ellen (Wylie) Rowley	Death (aged 90)
10/2007	Henry Logan	Request for Release
11/25/2007	Rolland A. Bailey	Death (aged 98)
12/16/2007	Anne Louise Hartley Willis	Transfer to Seattle PM, under the care of University Friends Meeting
12/31/2007	Howard E. Bailey	Death (aged 94)
1/13/2008	Irene (Binns) Hudspeth	Request for Release
1/13/2008	Bonnie (Beshears) Kelly	Discontinued
1/13/2008	Danielle (Kelly) Ward	Discontinued
1/14/2008	James Randall Giffen	Death (aged 71)
3/6/2008	Rose A. Hawkins	Death (aged 86)

[The list of overseers, elders, ministers, and clerks are given at the end of the yearly meeting minute book]

Names of MM Recorders:

James L. Creighton (Chesterfield), Evelyn M. Groves (Chestnut Ridge), Charlotte Geyer (Keystone Fellowship), Verna H. Cope (Middleton), Fred Ceppa (Rockingham), Elma S. Dixon (Salem), Elvina M. Krekler (Short Creek), Dorothy R. Guindon (Stillwater), and Rose M. Sidwell (Winona)

Submitted by Dorothy J. Smith, OYM Recorder

Travel Fund

We heard the following report of the Yearly Meeting Travel Fund. The committee had no disbursements and is not requesting additional funds.

Travel Fund Report

Balance 8/1/2007	\$2,362.14		
	Income	Expenses	
Ohio Yearly Meeting	1,500.00	- 0 -	
Interest (12 months)	10.32		
Total Income	1,510.32	Total Expenses	- 0 -
Balance 7/31/2008		\$3,872.46	

There were no disbursements in the past year.

Respectfully submitted, 8/13/2008,
Dennis Rockwell, Treasurer

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Fourth Day (Eighth Month 13th) afternoon session.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. – John 6:37-40

We welcome among us Dave Casterline of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Christian Education Camp Report

The report of the Christian Education Camp Committee was read. We were encouraged to hear that the Camp was again successful, given the challenges faced by the committee. It was a blessing to see so many Friends stepping forward when the need was made known. Diana Kaul mentioned we should bear in mind that camp counselors have to bypass work opportunities in order to take on their leadership roles. We thank the committee for its report and for having the faith to proceed in this ministry.

Report

“And, we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with every increasing glory ...” 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

This year proved to be a transitioning year and consequently a small group for Christian Education Camp. We had a total of 14 campers age 1st to 8th grade, four high school counselors, two college counselors, and two adult counselors. This year we had mainly middle school aged campers, but look forward to younger campers joining us in the next couple years. The counselors not only provided physical leadership and help in preparing snacks, with crafts, and on hikes, but also spiritually through Bible lessons and quadrant quiet talks (prayer and devotion time). The counselors also enjoyed hanging out with and getting to know each other better. Of the high school and college counselors, three have never been campers and this was the first year at this camp for one, and this was the first year as a counselor for two of the three former campers. Despite the lack of former experiences with Christian Education Camp, they all did a wonderful job leading.

The Lord truly had His hand on all areas of the camp this year. Diana was not able to be as involved with Christian Education Camp this year as in years past. Johanna and Lily Rockwell and Janet Hammer, without hesitation or reservation, quickly volunteered their time and energy for planning and assisting with camp. Johanna performed the duties of camp nurse and craft director as well as some of the dorm duties Diana would have normally performed. Janet planned and led various outdoor activities to replace swimming at Bark Camp. Lily Rockwell and Katie Puterbaugh each taught Bible lessons.

The theme for this year's camp was “Being Transformed into Christ's Likeness.” The Bible lessons centered on metaphors of transformation, such as the potter and the clay, and frogs and butterflies. During the craft times, the campers transformed old items into wonderful new items. For example, egg cartons became trash cans and old T-shirts became new pillows.

Instead of swimming and doing other activities at Bark Camp, Janet led us on a nature walk in the Plummer Woods and Marie Bundy gave a short presentation off the history of the Plummer Place. The campers then enjoyed a tour of the house. Another afternoon, Janet, with the help of the counselors, orchestrated an Olympic like activity. Everyone was able to cool off when

we went swimming at the Barnesville pool a couple times. One and all enjoyed a campfire, made possible by the Guindons, in the Locust Grove. Roasting s'mores was a special treat. Another evening, a cross country walk to Richard Simon and Fran Taber's place for another campfire was fun and exciting.

Singing praises to the Lord, praying, and sharing of testimonies around the campfires and before Bible lessons and crafts brought the campers and counselors alike closer to each other and to the Lord.

The Christian Education Camp campers and counselors would like to sincerely thank everyone for their time, energy, craft supplies, snack items, financial contributions, and most importantly their prayers for this year's camp. It would not have happened without all the help received.

Though our numbers were small this year, with the renewed interest of our attenders, we anticipate a much larger group next year. We have the dates for Christian Education Camp set for Sixth Month 16-19, 2009 and request the continued assistance of our Yearly Meeting for this valuable ministry.

On behalf of the Christian Education Camp, Lily Rockwell

Financial Report 2008

Income		Expenses
Balance on hand, 8/31/2007	\$836.25	Deposit to Olney
\$250.00		
OYM Grant	1,500.00	Payment to Olney
1,529.00		
Camp Registrations	800.00	Other Expenses
149.40		
Donations	227.00	
Interest Income	5.33	
Totals	3,368.68	
1,928.40		

Balance remaining, 08/2008: \$1,440.18

On behalf of the Christian Education Camp Committee, Diana Kaul

Memorial Committee

The report of the Memorial Committee was read, followed by the reading of an early version of a proposed memorial for Jesse and Clara Starbuck. The Yearly Meeting approved the publication of the amended version.

Report

The committee has met and has worked on two memorials. One, for Jesse and Clara Starbuck, is ready. The other, for Floyd and Mary Hawkins, is not finished yet.

On behalf of the committee, Mike Kinch, convenor.

General Queries

The Meeting read the First through the Ninth Queries with the answers approved by the Quarterly Meetings. The following Yearly Meeting summaries were approved.

1st Query. Mindful that we are gathered together by Jesus Christ, we try to prayerfully support the corporate experience of His presence among us. We believe that all present can feel the blessing of the Lord's power as He works on our hearts during meeting and opens free gospel ministry. Most Friends are punctual. We welcome both visitors and members who rarely attend.

2nd Query. In general we have love and harmony among our members. When disturbing differences have arisen, we have made some progress in self-examination, patience, and forgiveness. We are grateful for God's healing power that restores in us Christ-like love and allows us to work through differences rather than denying them or withdrawing altogether. Sometimes our busyness keeps us from truly loving our neighbors in the larger community as ourselves.

3rd Query. Our homes are greatly blessed as places of peace, joy, and contentment both to our families and to visitors, though we are not always faithful. The quiet Christian life we live in our communities often has ripple effects far beyond our realization in the greater world of turmoil and distraction. Examples of Christian behavior include having prayer when hosting visitors and having a positive attitude when involved in family situations or community activities.

Time reveals that our example casts a positive influence in shaping the character of our youth, both our children and our grandchildren. Sometimes we feel our parenting is/was not effective, and youth are quick to identify when parents are inconsistent such as in setting limits or requiring help. We encourage our children to know our wise and loving Savior who will faithfully guide us through life as we accept and obey Him; we can fully trust Him and know that He will never give up on any one of us. Many Friends retain the tradition of reading the Bible as a family and thus discover its timeless wisdom.

4th Query. Having been created in God's image, Friends take responsibility to maintain our bodies for the purposes which God has for us and treat it in a way that honors Him. In order thereto, Friends are concerned to exercise temperance in our sleeping, the eating of nutritious foods and exercising both our bodies and our minds to promote the functioning of our physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional beings as a unit. In the past year, individual Friends have affirmed that Jesus Christ, the Source of our strength and our nurturer, helps us overcome the mental and emotional challenges we face in our daily lives.

All meetings oppose the improper use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Some Friends have cautioned others about the dangers of these habit-forming substances which contribute to the breakdown of family and community. We each have different temptations, which one may pass by with little effort, but another may feel a strong compulsion to indulge.

5th Query. Friends express their mindfulness of the needs of those around us through timely prayer, visitations, and assistance with money, food, or goods. This is not always simple because we sometimes neglect to share our burdens with one another or become reluctant to "intrude" in others' affairs. Identifying how to share another's burden is sometimes a delicate matter, particularly when we are considering requests from organizations operated by others. Some Friends express discomfort with the phrase "those in less fortunate circumstances" to refer to someone facing physical, financial, or spiritual difficulties. Indeed, our situations may leave us doubly blessed as we receive strength from our Lord, experience the caring support of Friends and family, and become mindful of the beneficial power of prayer under the guidance of our Lord. Neither Quarterly Meeting mentioned loving and prayerful counsel of members during the past year, though it has taken place.

6th Query. Our endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war is not always successful. We have experienced that Christ's sacrifice and power is the foundation for peaceful lives and our successful efforts to reduce conflict around us. We do not totally refuse to participate in or support the military effort. Some Friends make conscious economic and lifestyle choices to minimize their contributions to war, including purchasing fair trade goods and reducing our consumption. One Quarter mentioned Friends have sought to be clearer in stating our opposition to war as growing out of a deeper place where we know our love for and obedience to Christ. A portion of our taxes support military spending, but no meeting mentioned any Friend choosing not to pay that portion of their taxes. Friends are active in peace groups, FCNL, AFSC, and the Heifer Project, and some have experienced conflict resolution and mediation of disagreements at school and at home. The Lord helps us to live peacefully with those around us, to reflect and cultivate goodwill, mutual understanding and equal opportunity. "And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them" (Luke 6:31).

7th Query. We feel we can answer this query in the affirmative. Observing a simple manner of living, sincerity of speech, and doing a kindness for someone, no matter how small, lets our light shine on others even through the darkness. We each choose our clothing to be consistent with our individual callings and role in the Kingdom. Most Friends make time for prayer and spiritual reading / contemplation, both for our own spiritual growth and as a witness to others. Friends have known some of the excesses of ownership of unnecessary possessions and the distractions arising from spending too much time on the computer or watching television. Friends have taught their children to make our speech reflect our true intentions and to commit ourselves only to projects and tasks we can fulfill. For many, a handshake is an acceptable promise of responsibility and just dealing. Our example of living the Christian faith, of trusting the Lord in all we do, is our daily work.

8th Query. Friends were renewedly challenged, as some of us have been asked to swear or profess an oath in legal situations. All were able to decline – some being asked to give an explanation of the difference. We have been careful to witness to Christ's command to be honest at all times and in all things. Some Friends have discovered that forms of common greetings are most correctly answered in ways such as "The Lord has blessed me with good health."

We do not involve ourselves directly in gambling. Some give donations to worthwhile money-making events without purchasing lottery or raffle tickets. It has pained our hearts to see some individuals not connected with Friends play games of chance when the funds were needed for family necessities.

9th Query. Friends take family living seriously. The times of family trials and brokenness, joys and healings each of us has experienced have helped Friends empathize with family problems faced by others. We are concerned for our children and grandchildren and how they are living their lives. Our families today are being challenged by choices in rearing children, illness of members, and living with and/or caring for elderly parents. We listen prayerfully and carefully to discern the problem and suggest solutions when needs are made known or become apparent to us, whether the challenge is physical, spiritual, or financial. Both Quarterly Meetings admitted a reticence to make our needs known, even though we have experienced the strengthening that often results from seeking assistance. Friends have also regretted not being as sensitive to the trials of fellow members as they feel He expects of us, even when the Lord prompts us to action.

Some counseling of married couples has taken place during the past year. It has been conducted through notes of encouragement and sharing reading materials. Clearness committees,

Ministry and Oversight members, and prayer groups have offered support and guidance to members in need. Friends in one Quarter felt a need to state that clearness committees should not pass by tough questions due to discomfort.

As always, Friends pray for our families and members. Other ways of strengthening and enriching the lives of others include small fellowship groups, meeting or visiting in homes, providing assistance to travelling families, and communication with distant members. Greeting others with a positive attitude and showing a desire to know how they are doing was recommended as two means of showing our love for others. The Lord strengthens us and is patient in guiding us, and we remind each other to reach the place where all can hear and follow His perfect help and reflect His love for us. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

During the reading of the Fifth Query, one Friend mentioned that we need to work on our reluctance to share and ask about our burdens. It is a deep-seated, cultural habit that hinders our ability to know each other at a deeper level.

Administrative Queries

The Meeting read the Administrative Queries with the summaries approved by the Quarterly Meetings. We approve the following Yearly Meeting summaries.

1st Adm. Query. No new meetings have been established; Arbroath Worship group in Scotland has been discontinued. In addition to our monthly meetings, we offer support to several worship groups in the United States and elsewhere.

2nd Adm. Query. No school is under the care of any of our meetings, but Friends take an active interest in the quality of teaching and administration of the schools which their children attend. Educational choices include homeschooling, Barnesville Independent Elementary School, Faith Community High School, Olney Friends School, and private and public colleges. One meeting secures Friends materials for youth, and other meetings nurture the youth through midweek meetings and First Day schools.

3rd Adm. Query. All meetings report reading, deliberately pondering, and answering the General Queries. Answers from affiliate members are included in the summaries by some meetings. All meetings report the Advices are regularly read and carefully pondered.

4th Adm. Query. Most extant former minute books, interment charts, and other records of similar importance are stored in fireproof vaults or safes. Current minute books are usually stored in the homes of the clerks, sometimes in personal safes; several meetings have electronic versions of their minutes for fast reference and use. Many historic records in the safes at Olney, Salem, Malone, and Swarthmore have been microfilmed. Some interment charts are posted on the wall in the meeting house.

5th Adm. Query. All monthly and quarterly meetings are regularly held and attended, with monthly meetings well attended by resident members. Our business meetings are conducted with a concern for unity and to hear what the Lord is teaching us. The guidance of the Lord expressed through various gifts leads us into a unity of spirit.

During the answering of the Queries, a Friend expressed a concern that information on burial locations be reported to the Yearly Meeting Recorder.

Concern for Query Revision

One Friend mentioned a concern had been raised concerning whether the time has arrived to revise the Queries. He recommended that meetings during the coming year note changes they see appropriate for consideration. The Clerk is directed to notify Monthly Meeting Clerks of the concern. At our next Yearly Meeting, a time should be set aside to review the Monthly Meeting responses, at which time the meeting can discern what further action or labor is needed.

Reprinting the Discipline

A concern was expressed that the last print run of Disciplines (2007) may be exhausted. It is possible that some copies may be available at Middleton. We direct the printing committee to have up to 200 copies printed.

Epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting

The meeting read the following epistle from the 2008 Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting, dated 8/1/2008

Dear Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting,

Greetings from the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative), meeting on the campus of Scattergood Friends School in our 131st annual session. In our daily meetings for worship followed by attention to business, we listened reverently and patiently as reports were read aloud of people who are attempting to follow the leadings of the Spirit, and to do God's work in the world. We listened with special attention to the epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting. One Friend spoke, "We are reminded that we are an extended family of faith." We are grateful for the presence at your 2007 yearly meeting sessions of Roy and Martha Hampton, and we also welcome to our meeting David Eley, a member of your newest monthly meeting, the Keystone Fellowship.

We share your awareness that we are unable to be isolated from what is happening around us. Scattergood School is a sanctuary of peace and tranquility, but it sits between the Iowa and Cedar Rivers. We are especially mindful this year of our proximity to the human suffering caused by the flooding of those rivers, and the trauma of those who have lost homes and businesses, and suffer from the destruction of public and philanthropic institutions, especially in Cedar Rapids. We are also mindful of the needless suffering inflicted on the immigrant community in nearby Postville by the federal police forces who have incarcerated hundreds of wage earners and left thousands more of their dependents in desperate poverty.

We struggle to discern the leadings of the Spirit in the face of natural and human catastrophes, remembering the words of Jesus, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). How do we address suffering on our doorstep, as well as suffering in communities far away? We heard a powerful presentation from Theoneste Bizimana from Rwanda Yearly Meeting, the coordinator of HROC (Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities). In the midst of our own crises, we have much to learn about the healing and rebuilding of communities, whether they be in Postville, Cedar Rapids, or our home communities and meetings.

On behalf of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) and with Christ's love, Deborah Fisch, Clerk

We now adjourn until 10:00 tomorrow morning.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Fifth Day (Eighth Month 14th) morning session.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. John 1:1-4

We welcome among us at this time Jackie Speicher of Xenia Friends Meeting, who challenged us last evening on the topic of simplicity.

The following letter from Diann Herzog, an affiliate member of Stillwater Monthly Meeting, was read. We offer prayers to God for her during her family's grieving over the loss of her father-in-law.

Dear Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting:

Greetings in the love of our Lord. I regret that I am not able to be there with you, but I am holding Yearly Meeting in prayer with much love and tenderness.

I thank God for all of you, for your faithful and steadfast service in His name. Knowing that you are gathered together with Christ in your midst gives me strength and courage to keep on keeping on.

Love, Diann Herzog

Friends Center

The meeting heard the report of the Friends Center, along with a financial statement. Richard Simon reported that the committee is still paying taxes on the Morlan, though they are contesting it in tax court. The Fiduciary Trustees have been reimbursing the committee. Room charges for Yearly Meeting members have increased to \$10 per night and \$25 for non-members. The cost of attending events has increased to \$150 (with a 25% discount for OYM members). Brochures on planned events in the coming year are available for Friends to take to their home meetings.

Friends Center Report to Ohio Yearly Meeting 2008

The parable of the mustard seed tells us that when that tiny grain is planted it grows big enough to attract birds. The kingdom of Heaven is like that. Ohio Yearly Meeting has been given some of that seed. OYM Friends Center has helped to nurture its growth at this vitally important time in the unfolding of Friends and of Christianity.

Chris Ravndal led a thoughtful weekend on "Centering Prayer" in 10th Month. Chris, an excellent teacher, offered several small group exercises, including one in practicing good listening. Responses from participants were very positive.

The 3d Month Brian Drayton weekend, "Speaking of Christ in Liberal Meetings," held wide interest as 22 people registered and more were put on a waiting list. They ended up having 18 from Massachusetts to Wisconsin and Indiana. This is a timely topic for Friends everywhere. There is much interest in a second weekend with Brian building on the same theme, scheduled for next spring (3/6-8/2009).

Ken and Katharine Jacobsen led the Sojourning Weekend in 4th Month, which turned out to be 6 members of Friends Gathering in Jesus Christ from Evanston, Illinois. Special thanks are due Stillwater Friends who offered hospitality to the sojourners. Meetings for learning led by Stillwater members were high points. Listening to vocal ministry and sitting in on Meeting for Business were instructive and appreciated.

Last summer, some former members of Young Friends of North America organized a weeklong retreat with help from Friends Center committee members. It was so successful they asked to do it again. Susan Bailey agreed to be part of the planning committee for this year's Quaker-camp, which was held in 6th Month. Again, Friends Center committee members helped with the daily activities.

On 6th Month 20, a daylong session for OYM Elders was held. They focused on the challenges of keeping traditional ways and modifying them for new situations and how to reach out to Christ centered Friends in liberal meetings and how to help members who live far from any OYM meeting and want spiritual fellowship and support.

The Morlan continues to be put to good use. It was home for many overnights, including Yearly Meeting folks. A local Episcopalian group has used it several times. Stillwater Meeting held a New Year's party. Olney used it several times, including the gardener, who had a class in preparing meals from wild foods. It was also used by the Music Camp, the Gathering of Conservative Friends, and Quakercamp.

Two other weekends scheduled for next year are, "Answering God's Call for Simplicity" (11/7-9/2008) and "Journeys with Robert Barclay" (4/24-26/2009). The first will be led by Jackie Speicher, who is presently serving as Field Staff of Right Sharing of World Resources. She will examine biblical, Quaker, and other resources to guide reflections on responding to God's call for simplicity today. The Barclay weekend will be led by Deborah Haines, a member of Alexandria Meeting and Recording Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. She hopes to make his vision and experience of Truth come alive for present-day Quakers.

Friends Center Financial Report

	FY 07/08	FY 06/07
Income from Programs		
Events	3,437.00	1,808.75
Donations	420.00	70.00
Overnights/Use of Morlan	1,973.00	1,518.00
Totals	5,830.00	3,396.75
Other Income		
Interest from savings	0.00	9.14
OYM Contribution	25.00	25.00
Misc.	930.84	402.54
Total All Income	6,785.84	3,833.43
Expenses for Programs		
Promotions	775.15	260.90
Utilities	1,405.60	1,460.96
Food/Supplies	0.00	27.65
Maintenance supplies		

incl. housekeeping	488.19	475.37
OFS – Food/Mary Davis	2,145.00	1,229.50
Transportation/Honorarium	639.00	592.00
Misc.	316.10	402.54
Taxes	930.84	
Total All Expenses	6,699.88	4,448.92

Peace and Human Relations Committee

The report of the Peace and Human Relations Committee was read. The committee reported that donations formerly sent to the ACFIA should now be sent to yearly meetings sponsoring the centers. Lois Edgerton reported that Hominy is currently a Monthly Meeting of Great Plains Yearly Meeting. The committee referred to the planned Peace Conference to be held in Philadelphia First Month 13-17, 2009. A letter from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting outlining the reasons and purpose for the conference, asking this body to appoint someone to represent Ohio Friends at the conference. The meeting appreciates the work of the committee and directs the Nominating Committee to seek an appropriate Friend to attend the conference.

Peace and Human Relations, FCNL, FWCC, and Indian Affairs Report 2008

“We would be glad if our Nation, professing Christianity, could find no occasion to call in question the attitude of Government toward a subject upon which the teaching of Christ was so plain, direct, and emphatic, the subject of Peace!” Ohio Yearly Meeting, 1909. In that light, OYM continues to support Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Right Sharing of World Resources, and Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs. Peace and Human Relations Committee is included in this area.

FWCC has good representation from OYM, starting with Rebecca Hawkins going to the Triennial in Ireland. Midwest Regional Meeting gathered in 9th Month at Richmond IN, with Shawna Roberts in attendance. Annual Meeting was held in 3d Month at Morgantown IN. Rachel Stacy, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, was keynote speaker. David Male, Shawna Roberts, and Marie Kirk Hawkins attended. The theme was based on Romans 14:19. David, who is on the Planning Committee, reported a blessed time. David led a workshop on “Who Do You Say I Am?” Shawna and Robin Mohr of Pacific Yearly Meeting led an interest group on convergent Friends. Verna Cope and Rebecca Hawkins prepared a display for our Yearly Meeting. Marie Kirk Hawkins is on the Executive Committee, and Faye Chapman is part of the Wider Quaker Fellowship Committee. David Male writes “We may be outnumbered but our witness to Christ and the ancient ways of Friends is set upon a lamp stand at FWCC.”

David Nagle was our only representative this year to ACFIA. It convened in 4th Month at Kickapoo Friends Center, McCloud OK, for its 139th Annual Meeting. Brad and Christine Wood, center directors, hosted. Corey and Jennifer York are the new directors of Choctaw Friends Center. Victor and Brenda White continue at Mesquakie Friends Center, and David Nagle is pastor of Hominy Friends Meeting. Friends are now requested to send donations directly to North Carolina (FUM), Iowa (FUM), and Mid America YM designated respectively for MOWA, Mesquakie, and Kickapoo. Hominy donations should be sent directly to Hominy Friends Meeting. ACFIA will continue to pass on funds designated for the respective centers and any undesignated gifts will be divided equally among the three centers.

Although Peace and Human Relations members have been active in their own communities, they have not met as a committee since last year's Yearly Meeting. The absence of Randy Giffen is painfully evident. The spirit is there but there may be a need to reorganize. The committee encourages OYM members to think about what our input might be to the National Peace Gathering in 1st Month in Philadelphia. Thomas Swain is on the Planning Committee. There are still books of Statements Opposing War for sale.

Steven Geyer of Keystone meeting, OYM's representative to William Penn House, is planning to attend this year's FCNL annual meeting. We look forward to a report.

The 1909 tract concludes, "Let us be faithful to our high calling, if mayhap we be instrumental in the bringing in when 'Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Treasurer's Report 7/21/2008

Date

7/31/2007	Balance on hand	\$96.89
8/29/2007	Book Sales	12.00
12/6/2007	Deposit YM approp.	100.00
7/8/2008	Deposit Book Sales	19.00
7/8/2008	Balance on hand	227.89

Remarks from a speech Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in 4/1963: "Every gun that is made, every warship that is 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. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the cloud of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron."

Peace Committee Treasurer, Verna Cope

Fiduciary Trustees

The Meeting heard the report of the Fiduciary Trustees. We commend them for their faithful work. Their careful investment policy means that they are able to provide a 4.5% return, which is encouraging considering the current state of the economy. The funds are partially invested in socially conscious funds and a variety of instruments to make a conservative return. Income derived from the sale of the Olney main campus is being held in reserve and not being spent until the entire amount has been received and the Yearly Meeting decides what to do with it. We also heard that the Fiduciary Trustees have a "yellow book" setting forth where the funds are invested. Friends expressed a concern about one line item regarding the Yearly Meeting funds, and one Fiduciary will look into it and report back this week.

Fiduciary Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends Report for the Year Ending 6-30-2008

For the year ending 6-30-2008 the Fiduciary Trustees are managing trust funds as shown on next page:

Education Funds	\$557,182
Walton Retirement Home	\$774,322
Ohio Yearly Meeting	\$ 87,830
Monthly Meetings	\$392,222
Reserve Fund	\$138,253
Total Assets	\$1,949,809

We are thankful to be able to pay 4.5% return on the trust funds in our care for the year ended Sixth Month 30, 2008.

Total Income	\$ 73,770
Expenses	\$ 18,872
Distribution of Earnings:	
Return to Trust Funds	\$ 65,927
Added to Reserve Fund	\$ (-11,029)
Total same as above:	\$ 73,770

We currently have three (3) loans outstanding with Ohio Yearly Meeting members totaling \$232,268.

As directed by the Committee on Financing Educational Concerns, during the past year the Fiduciary Trustees distributed \$1,000 to the families of five (5) Ohio Yearly Meeting children attending private secondary schools: one (1) attending Olney and four (4) at other schools. Also as directed, \$6,821.38 was sent to Olney Friends School in support of scholarships, a Christian Quaker presence at Olney, the library, the farm, and for repairs and improvements.

Olney Friends School continues to faithfully make payments for the purchase of the Main Campus. Olney has completed five of the six annual payments. The total value of payments made and interest earned through 6-30-2008 is \$83,493.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Fiduciary Trustees,
David E. Warrington

Plummer House Management Committee

The Plummer House Management Committee (PHMC) reported on their work during the past year. They are nearing the end of their first lease from the Fiduciaries. The committee has made great strides in raising awareness of the building, including the production of a professional historic building report. Marie Bundy reported that the committee believes the bee problem to be corrected. The house has city water and a septic tank. The committee has operated as a self-sufficient body, though in the future it may ask the Yearly Meeting for funds. The Yearly Meeting commends the committee for their clear and through, positive report. We appreciate their decision to undertake this daunting project one step at a time.

Plummer House Report

The Plummer House Management Committee (hereafter referred to as PHMC) submits the following report of our activities this past year and our plans toward the goal of renovation of the Plummer House for useful purposes which will benefit OYM, OFS, and the local community.

A sublease was drawn up by the Fiduciary Trustees of OYM for one year beginning 9/1/2007, subject to automatic annual renewal unless either party gives three months written notice to non-renew (a copy of the lease is in the kitchen).

The PHMC established a checking account to deposit funds and pay bills. Funds were raised through two "yard sales" and a solicitation letter which requested funds for meeting current expenses and also for soliciting volunteer and other types of support. Fund raising for renovation will come after we have some solid figures of the amount of money needed for specific projects. Of the money that was raised by the solicitation letter, 50% was from Olney Alumni, 41% from active OYM members, and 9% from the local community.

Equally important to raising funds was determining the extent of support for this project. Both the Barnesville Enterprise and the daily Martins Ferry Times Leader published major features on the Plummer House. An article on the Plummer Place was also published in the Fall 2007 issue of the Olney Current (see copies in kitchen). Marie was invited specifically to speak on the Plummer House to the Barnesville Rotary Club. The result of the publicity has been very positive. Nearly everyone who came to our yard sale had heard about the house and were supportive of this project. Many alumni at commencement time indicated strong support.

The Building Preservation Technology Department of Belmont Technical College completed an Historic Building Report on the Plummer House; however, we didn't receive it until this summer. This significantly delayed any planning. This report addressed the structural needs of the building and did not deal with utility issues. Project priorities were identified as 1) Restoring the west exterior wall of the house, 2) Repair roof where shingles have blown off, 3) Repair or replace windows, 4) Fix concrete porch on south side of the house, 5) Repair or replace lean-to shed on north side, and 6) interior renovations. Quoting from the conclusion, "The Plummer House is in great shape for a building whose parts date back to the early 1800s. The second floor and much of the structure of the building is still original and is an excellent representation of early Quaker architecture in Ohio... The Plummer house is a physically stable structure, and with a little tender loving care should last another 100 years." (This report is also available in the kitchen.)

The PHMC has kept the grass mowed and has removed the debris from outside and inside the house. One of our members repaired the roof where shingles had blown off, and we believe we have the bee infestation under control. We have identified the primary need for repair as the northwest sill damage and the western exterior of the house. This is the side that gets the worst of the weather and is in greatest need to prevent further deterioration. We have obtained a quote for this work from some local renovators who have had significant experience with old building renovation and are very interested in assisting us with this project at minimal expense. The repair of the sill and the northwest corner post will cost \$1,740. To completely replace the back wall back to the studs including fiberglass and foil wrap insulation, eight windows and two doors replaced and 6" poplar siding installed is quoted as costing \$8,340. Half of that amount quoted is labor and can be reduced with volunteer labor.

The proposed steps laid out last year to be completed in a year's time have proven to be too ambitious. A completed feasibility study that addresses funding and a business plan is premature at this time. This project will need to be done a step at a time. We anticipate the next step is to make the house ready for habitation. The heating and electric need to be upgraded and some other necessary repair done before it is ready for someone to live there. The next fund raising will be for a specific amount needed to make the building ready for habitation and to repair or replace the west exterior wall of the house. When those things are accomplished, we

can focus our attention on preparing the two north upstairs bedrooms and adjacent stairs to be used as ‘hostel type’ lodging.

The Plummer Place is included in an application that has been submitted for the National Register of Historic Places which has been approved by the State of Ohio. This can be an asset for obtaining public grant monies. These funds would take longer to obtain and we will be laying the groundwork for application.

The PHMC asks the Ohio Yearly Meeting to allow us to continue next year with the goal of preparing the building for habitation. This will involve upgrading of the heating, electric, and other repairs as needed. Our long-term vision remains the same; for the house to be utilized not as an historic relic but as a Conservative Friends Homestead equipped for a wide variety of uses.

Financial report:

Income	Donations	\$3,485.00
	Yard sales	827.00
	Total Income	\$4,312.00
Expenses	Yard sale expense	\$70.00
	Mailing	110.00
	Insurance	392.00
	Checks	11.30
	Total expenses	\$584.12
Balance		\$3,727.88

Submitted by PHMC: John Benson, Marie Bundy, Martha Giffen, Don Guindon, Leonard Guindon, Thomas Rockwell, Debora Taber.

The meeting heard a brief report on the health status of Myrtle Bailey, who is in the hospital.

Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting

The following epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting was read.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends,

We send you greetings from our large gathering of Friends attending the 311th annual session of North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative held on the glorious tree-filled campus of Guilford College, Greensboro, NC. The prayer of an absent Friend, expressed in her letter to us, was answered as our hearts were indeed joined in praise and gratitude on this journey of “Coming Home to Creation.”

We were blessed with the presence of visiting Friends David Eley, Scott King and John Benson from Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Like the deepening assurance spoken of in your epistle to us that God is calling Ohio Friends to change, we know, if we truly seek a homecoming with the Earth, that change is necessary. Our present habitation of this biosphere is not working for the rich, the poor, or the earth. The beginnings of the change needed are growing within our Yearly Meeting.

We have been awakened to a call of respect for self and fellowship with Creation in morning Bible study, business sessions and plenary presentations by Carl Magruder and also Elder John Blackfeather Jeffries and his daughter Vivette Jeffries of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation. We hear the message that we have not carefully attended to our neighbors or mother Earth. Our carelessness has brought us to the edge of life on this planet. There is no option but to lay aside our destructive life patterns as we work to live into the Truth of a right relationship with Creator.

During the past year, Friends in NCYM-C have been blessed through increasing ministry within and around our Yearly Meeting and a desire to minister more broadly. Time for teaching, worship, fellowship and reaching out to others has been reported at this gathering. Yearly Meeting women have gathered together to nurture the Spirit within; Friends have introduced the wider community to Conservative Friends; George Fox's writings, coordinated with scripture, have been presented in workshops; those who travel in the ministry have gathered for rest and sharing; and workshops speaking to spiritual awareness have been held in monthly meetings.

Our monthly meetings are experiencing growth or are actively seeking ways to reach out to their surrounding communities. Through the blessing of the many children in attendance there is a freshness and spontaneity in our gathering this year. Reports of the faithfulness of young adult Friends attending FWCC's triennial and the Young Adult Friends Conference held at Earlham offer hope for the future of a Peculiar People.

While there is much to encourage us, much has also been revealed that calls for our continued faithfulness. Rational minds might say that what is required of us in the days ahead will overwhelm us, yet we leave this Yearly Meeting session in the belief that the Earth and all who dwell thereon are the testament to God's creation. Our purpose and capacity for wonder, love and awe of the Lord is our hope. We pray Ohio and North Carolina Friends can build on this hope.

"Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6: 9-10

In Christ's Love, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Clerk

We now adjourn until 2:00 this afternoon.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Fifth Day Afternoon (Eighth Month 14th) afternoon session.

[Jesus said] "Father, glorify thy name." Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, "An angel spake to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes" (John 12:28-30).

Walton Home

We read with joy the report of the Walton Home. The Walton is going through a time of transition with re-organization of its management. We were encouraged to hear that the Hayworth Estate has finally been settled after eight years. Nirmal's stewardship of Walton funds has been an excellent example to us all.

Nirmal and Diana have done an exemplary job in managing the Walton, and the ability of the Walton to operate well during his recent health problems points to the continued evidence of Christ's hand on their shoulders. While we are saddened that Diana is leaving the Walton, we join in wishing her all the Lord's blessings in her new teaching position. Words cannot describe our appreciation for her.

A scrapbook of photos of the Hayworth family was donated to the Walton by Becky Hawkins.

ALTON RETIREMENT HOME ANNUAL REPORT – 2008

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continuously be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

We have continued to praise the Lord for pouring out His blessings upon Walton and those of us who have the privilege of being involved in its ministry to people in their sunset years. In difficult situations, in good health and bad, He has stayed by our side, strengthening and encouraging us. We praise Him and bless His Holy Name. We give Him all the honor and glory for the ministry at Walton and the team of workers involved in this vital ministry to the elderly.

We praise the Lord continuously and are glad to report that Ohio Yearly Meeting's care and compassionate ministry to people in their golden years has enjoyed a good year, once again. One of our terminally ill residents did not want to leave Walton, but die in his own "Home" – the Walton Home. We were able to fulfill his wishes with the help of Hospice to take care of him. In this manner, we could take care of him without breaking any rules. He died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones and the staff. Almost all of the residents enjoy living at Walton and often tell us about how happy they are.

We were glad to welcome Richard and Maryon Hall back into our small community. Their old apartment was not available, but fortunately the one above it was. They arrived here on 12/28/2007, and seemed pleased with their apartment.

Our Director of Nursing, Mary Jo Moore, RN, has been a blessing all around. We are grateful to God she was on the team, for, she was of great help to Diana when Nirmal was in the hospital. She is well-accepted by the staff and takes good care of the residents. She will be given more responsibility as of 9/1/2008, as our new Assistant Manager. Diana plans to conclude her official full-time ministry with Walton by the end of August. She has accepted a teaching position at the New Covenant Academy in East Richland, but will continue to be involved and will help Nirmal as much as she can.

Diana's departure has been a part of the re-organization plan which was discussed by the Board of several occasions, and approved. We are moving away from the practice of hiring a couple to run Walton Home for several reasons. We need continuity in our ministry, so if one leaves or retires, the ministry does not suffer in any way. Also, with managers from two different families, we will be able to allow both families to enjoy family vacations as well share weekend responsibilities.

No one is going to miss Diana as much as Nirmal, as both have been working in the same missions since their marriage. She has worked side by side with Nirmal to make Walton what it is today. But, for the good of Walton, it is the right thing to do. We think, with the mounting regulations and all kinds of inspections, it is better to have two people at the helm of affairs at Walton, from different families. Diana had always wanted to teach, so this arrangement suits her wishes well.

It has also seemed prudent to have a nurse as the Assistant Manager / Director of Nursing. Mary Jo Moore has proven to us that she is well-suited for this role. She is efficiently assisted by Marian Doty, LPN, who has had many years of experience. We are glad they are part of the team.

We are grateful to Barnesville Ministerial Association, who continue to provide spiritual nurture to our residents by conducting Sunday worship services; Agnes Timmons, who continues to conduct the Sing Along with uplifting stories and a devotional each Thursday; Diana Polinski, who conducts a musical afternoon on Wednesdays and Saturdays, followed by fun games, especially Bingo; Janet Smith who fills in whenever someone is unable to come; Martha Giffen, for conducting the Bible Study on Saturdays, and when she was unable, at times, during Randy's illness, Diana Polinski happily filled in for her.

Randy Giffen's death on 1/14/2008 was a sad occasion for all of us. He is still missed by us all, especially by the residents who would tell him about their ailments. Even though he himself was suffering it never stopped him from comforting them and praying with them. We celebrate his life of prayer and devotion, and rejoice that he found relief from all his physical ailments and is now in a place where there is no pain. We thank God for his many contributions to the Walton community, and are grateful that Martha can continue to be involved. We are very grateful to Martha for the help she has given to us, especially Diana, when Nirmal was in the hospital. She continues to help Nirmal in the office as way opens.

For the first nine months of the year, we continued to experience low, low occupancy, resulting in low income. But we recovered considerably in the Fourth Quarter, not only because of improved occupancy, but also because three residents were approved for Medicaid Waiver as of 3/26/2008. This helped our finances. As of now we have four residents on Medicaid Waiver. We finished the year with a positive balance of \$1,047.29. We also managed to transfer \$20,000.00 to the Growth Fund to help pay the debt we owe to Huntington Bank. All in all, we paid to the bank \$56,595.13. As of 6/30/2008, we owed to the Huntington Bank \$301,169.54. You will find these figures in the Financial Profile.

We are grateful to God that the Haworth Estate has finally been settled, thanks to the labors of Ernest Hartley, who took over as the Executor two years ago, replacing the one who had been unable to accomplish his duties for over four years. As a result of his inaction, the estate lost a considerable amount of money. Ernie Hartley has earned our gratitude for being a "good steward" and salvaging what he could. As per the clear directions in the Haworth will, the money has been received by the OYM Fiduciary Trustees, and credited to the Walton Endowment Fund, which now stands at \$732,222.00. We hope and pray that many Friends will find it in their hearts to help us as Ed and Mary Haworth did, so that future residents, those whose means are meager, can enjoy the benefits. An Endowment Fund of two million dollars will make it possible for Walton to continue to care for the residents with modest means, as we do today. We have two thirds of the way to go yet, but with God's grace and help from like-minded Friends, we can reach that goal.

For instance, last year we spent \$23,587.00 on Ohio Yearly Meeting Subsidy to our residents. This year it will perhaps be a little less, but we cannot tell at this moment. So, dear Friends, we profoundly thank you, the members of Ohio Yearly Meeting, for the annual grant of \$14,000 you gave us last year. It proved to be very helpful to us, especially during the lowest season.

We undertook only the most important projects due to our financial situation. We extended the sewer line to the Manager's House and the Smith House, and made provision for future apartments to be connected. This cost us about \$10,000. And the new State Fire Inspector required us to make several changes, as per new codes, which cost us about \$8,000. So, as a result, we were not able to do the planned landscaping at a cost of about \$3,000. Also planned, but not undertaken, was the remodeling of the store rooms in the new building basement to construct a kitchenette as well as to turn the presently unused Fitness Room into a fully furnished Conference Room, at an estimated cost of \$20,000. Years ago, we postponed installing a new heating and cooling system in the Manager's House. The bid at that time was \$9,000 but would probably be a little higher now. Wesley Doudna is working on this project, which cannot be postponed any more, since the heating system shut down entirely in the month of March. We continue to pay \$24,808.68 annually as property tax. We submitted an appeal three years ago, but it has not been even acknowledged yet. This will continue to be a big drain on our resources until the matter is resolved.

Last year, in order to turn half of the Cooper Cottage basement into an Independent Living apartment for a Friend who later changed his mind, we drew plans and received an estimate of about \$40,000. However, if we were to go ahead and turn it into a guest house, it would cost no less. Recently, we have received some indication from the Department of the Aging that we may be required to have such a place for the guests of Medicaid Waiver residents. Of course, we will undertake the above mentioned projects only when we have the funds in hand. You are welcome to send earmarked donations for any of these projects. Your donations are tax deductible.

Our most ambitious projects – building an apartment building with two apartments, as well as rebuilding of the South Annex into a two story building – are on hold. As soon as funds become available we will build the Duplex for independent residents. However, we will undertake the rebuilding of the South Annex only when we experience more demand for Medicaid Waiver rooms. It will happen in God's own good time, we know. All the demographics indicate that the demand for assisted living and independent living will increase.

In conclusion, we would like to express our deep gratitude to the members of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, and the members of the Walton Retirement Home board who oversee OYM's vital ministry to the elderly, for the privilege of being the chief servants at Walton. Your appointed Board members are a wonderful and dedicated team, and it has been a great joy to work with them. Nirmal looks forward to continue to work with them to make Walton a viable, self-sufficient ministry. But it will always need your prayer support, and for some time yet, your financial support as well.

Our daughters, Leela and Anita, join us in extending our warm greetings to you and yours,

Respectfully Submitted,
Nirmal & Diana Kaul
Managers

Walton Home Board Annual Report

Dear Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends:

At our first meeting of the year, several committees were formed to work on specific projects. The use of committees worked well and should be used in the future. The standing committee on employees has fortunately not been needed this year to advise the manager on any serious employment issues.

One Committee reviewed the by-laws and considered changes that might ease the problem of adequate OYM members willing to serve on the board. Their efforts have resulted in a few recommended changes to the by-laws that will be discussed at the Corporation Meeting at the rise of this Meeting.

Another committee was asked to review and rewrite the job description for the manager. We started now in preparation for Nirmal's retirement in 2-3 years. This committee has produced a very comprehensive document that can continue to evolve as time and circumstances suggest.

One of the signs of a well-run, well-managed organization is that it can continue to run itself for quite a while. Nirmal's illness has in fact shown the efficiency of his management as well as the degree of support and loyalty from the staff that he enjoys. Even while he was in the hospital and later recuperating, the Walton continued to operate and serve its residents effectively.

While the board is sorry to lose Diana's services, we understand it is time for her to put her hard-earned Master's degree and her talent for teaching young people to use. The board had recognized some time ago that in the future the management team of the Walton should involve at least two families to make vacations and week end time off more available.

We are encouraged by the recent surge in interest and some increase in occupancy in recent months. The implementation by the state of Ohio to the Medicaid waiver was extremely slow but now is proving quite a relief to several of our residents and to our financial situation.

We are reminded that the Lord's blessings are timeless and boundless. James Walton befriended a Boarding School student, Ed Haworth, over 50 years ago. This year the Edward and Mary Haworth estate was settled with the Walton Home endowment fund receiving over \$400,000. We thank Ernest Hartley for his hard work in shepherding this estate through probate. The interest only from this money will be available for special projects or needs.

We thank the Yearly Meeting for its financial support of the Walton Home. We use the funds from OYM to help residents who can not pay the full amount of our modest room rates.

On behalf of the Walton Home Board,

Susan R. Price, President
Eighth Month 2008

WALTON RETIREMENT HOME
Financial Profile as of 6/30/2008

Fiscal Year	Income	Expenditure	Renovations & Loan Payments	Loss (-) or Gain (+)
1991-92	198,489.75	183,054.12	13,565.00	(+) 1,870.63
1992-93	199,916.94	183,064.66	15,200.00	(+) 1,652.28
1993-94	216,154.11	184,294.78	31,239.85	(+) 619.48
1994-95	245,124.33	198,950.70	43,000.00	(+) 3,173.63
1995-96	256,887.40	206,052.16	49,000.00	(+) 1,835.24
1996-97	272,583.76	231,438.12	38,000.00	(+) 3,145.64
1997-98	281,520.21	235,438.99	44,000.00	(+) 2,081.22
1998-99	283,681.28	252,802.85	35,000.00	(-) 4,121.57
1999-00	368,627.40	291,116.36	81,250.00	(-) 3,738.96
			Loan Payments	
2000-01	396,063.71	344,764.93	49,000.00	(+) 2,298.78
2001-02	439,072.47	369,105.97	69,200.00	(+) 766.50
2002-03	481,718.52	422,252.03	57,000.00	(+) 2,466.49
2003-04	444,849.60	385,354.44	58,000.00	(+) 1,495.16
2004-05	461,501.31	388,442.75	55,000.00	(+)18,058.56
2005-06	440,966.92	412,195.78	24,000.00	(+) 4,771.14
2006-07	450,051.22	433,332.84	16,000.00	(+) 718.38
2007-08	523,436.94	502,389.65	20,000.00	(+) 1,047.29

\$698,454.85

Deposited with the OYM Fiduciary Trustees

Endowment Fund (Restricted)	\$732,222.00
Building Fund (Unrestricted)	42,100.00
Outstanding debt to Sky Bank, as of 6/30/2008	\$301,169.54

Note: Since all the major renovations were completed by 6/2000, beginning with the 2000-2001 fiscal year, General Maintenance was added to the General Operating Account, and the Growth & Maintenance Fund was changed to GROWTH FUND account. This change made it possible to deal with loan repayment, lease refunds, and contingencies from the Growth Fund Account, which makes the accounting process less complicated. Hence the adjusted figures since 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Accountant's Compilation Report

To the Board of Trustees, Walton Retirement Home

We have compiled the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and equity (cash basis) of Walton Retirement Home as of June 30, 2008, and the related statements of revenues and expenses (cash basis) for the 2008 year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion for any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the Cash Basis of Accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Company's assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

William A. Knox
 August 8, 2008

Walton Retirement Home
Balance Sheet
Cash Basis, 6/30/2008

	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted Growth Fund	Restricted Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$36,809	\$18,961		\$55,770
Investments – Fiduciary Trustees		42,100	732,222	774,322
TOTAL ASSETS	36,809	61,061	732,222	830,092
LIABILITIES				
Note payable – Huntington Bank	0	301,170	0	301,070
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	301,170	0	301,070
FUND BALANCES:				
Unrestricted	36,809	(240,109)		(203,300)
Restricted			732,222	732,222
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	36,809	(240,109)	732,222	528,922
TOTAL LIABILITY AND FUND BALANCES	36,809	61,061	732,222	830,092

WALTON RETIREMENT HOME
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUES, AND EXPENSES, AND
FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended 6/30/2008

	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted Growth Fund	Restricted Endowment Fund	Total Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Room and Board	436,351			436,351
Apartment lease				0
Maintenance fees	60,941			60,941
Food	8,302			8,302
Donations	12,325	22,250	412,871	447,446
Interest/ investment income		30	16,387	16,417
		59	58,805	58,864
Other	5,518			5,518
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$523,437	\$22,280	\$429,258	\$974,975
EXPENSES				
Utilities	52,988			52,988
Provisions	38,264			38,264
Payroll (incl payroll taxes)	305,734			305,734
Taxes	24,786			24,786
Insurance	14,084			14,084
General operating expenses	26,326			26,326
Office supplies/equipment	2,144			2,144
Professional fees	1,000			1,000
Special projects				0
General maintenance	37,063			37,063
Interest		17,708		17,708
Principal payments		38,887		38,887
TOTAL EXPENSES	502,389	56,595	0	558,984
REVENUE & SUPPORT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	21,048	(34,315)	429,258	415,991
OPERATING TRANSFERS	(20,000)	36,387	(16,387)	0
FUND BAL., ENDING	36,809	(240,109)	732,222	528,922

Lewis Stratton gave an explanation of the Fiduciary Trustees report and recommended a slight adjustment to the report for clarification.

The Yearly Meeting now adjourns until tomorrow morning at 10:00, keeping in mind the Walton Corporation Meeting today at 3:30.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Sixth Day (Eighth Month 15th) morning session.

We are glad to have Nancy Craft from Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting with us.

The following note from our member Faye Chapman was read.

Have gotten the cast off of my left foot and leg and am now hobbling about with a kind of boot and a walker. The doctor seemed pleased and I am able to do wonderful things like take a bath. No soccer yet, but maybe ... soon. I miss you all and I pray that the spirit of peace and accord is over all there. In Christ, Faye

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee report was read. We appreciate their work in discerning which Friends to propose for the various committees during this time of transition for the Yearly Meeting. Conrad Lindes reported that Friends are still needed for the Adult Leaders of Young Friends. The proposed names are approved and will be incorporated into the list at the end of the Yearly Meeting minutes.

Ohio Yearly Meeting 2008 Nominating Committee Report

Following last year's annual meeting, the Nominating Committee has worked, not only to seek the Lord's guidance with regard to putting forth names, but to assure that no Friend, who felt a calling to one of the existing committees, was not considered for service. As in the past, however, we have found that those called, willing, and able to serve have been few. The size of some of the committees, as named, is therefore smaller than previously.

With regard to the Committee's recent assignment to propose one delegate to the up-coming peace conference in Philadelphia, First Month 13-17,2009, we ask for the Yearly Meeting's fervent and continuing prayers as we seek the Lord's will on which Friend to name among several excellent candidates. This is an assignment with which the Committee has little experience. We pray that we will rightly hear our Guide, and that those not named will be freed from any feelings of envy or disappointment, uniting with us all to pray that the one named will be able to faithfully represent not Ohio Yearly Meeting but Christ who has come to teach His people himself.

For the Committee, Conrad Lindes

Book and Children's Literature Committee

The meeting heard the report of the Book and Children's Literature Committee. That committee is one of the few official connections that the Yearly Meeting maintains with Olney Friends School, and we appreciate their work. Elvina Krekler mentioned that copies of the new pamphlet "A Special Place" are now available. We are glad to hear the report.

Book and Children's Literature Committee Report, 8th Month 2008

The Book and Children's Literature Committee met with the Olney School family for Meeting for Worship on 10/28/2007. Following meeting we passed out literature and served refreshments.

24 Seniors received *Mind the Heavenly Treasure* and “Welcome to Our Meeting.”

19 new students other than Seniors also received “Welcome to Our Meeting.”

12 new staff members were given *Mind the Heavenly Treasure*, “Welcome to Our Meeting,” and “Advices and Queries of Ohio Yearly Meeting.”

Two Seniors who are OYM members, and graduated from other schools, received *Mind the Heavenly Treasure*.

This year one Yearly Meeting child received a Bible.

We continue to sell some publications throughout the year. The pamphlet “A Special Place,” on teaching Quakerism to children, has been completed and printed, and is ready for distribution.

We appreciate the allocation from the Yearly Meeting.

Financial Report

Balance on Hand 8/13/2007	\$467.22
Income:	
Allocation from OYM	25.00
Publications sold	114.50
Interest on savings account	2.58
Total income	609.30
Expenses:	
Copies of <i>Mind the Heavenly Treasure</i>	18.00
Membership in QUIP	35.00
Printing “A Special Place”	75.00
Balance on hand, 8/11/2008	481.30

Elvina Krekler, Treasurer

Committee for Financing Educational Concerns

The Committee for Financing Educational Concerns gave the following report. We approve the report and thank them for their faithfulness.

Report of the Committee on Financing Educational Concerns

The Financing Educational Concerns Committee has listed five high school students eligible for scholarship assistance this year. These are yearly meeting members attending private schools or home schooled.

Our recommendation as to the amount to be distributed takes into account advice from the Fiduciary Trustees as well as their information on current earnings.

The committee: Marie Kirk Hawkins, Richard Simon, Carl Smith, and Fran Taber

Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach

The report of the Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach was read. The committee maintains the Yearly Meeting website, including the Yearly Meeting calendar. The committee is to be commended for their timely responses to inquirers. They challenge us to be open in receiving and nurturing the new growth taking place among us, including inquirers from afar. Conrad Lindes reported that inquirers who have come to know and experience the Lord continue to be directed to Conservative Friends. We need to be joyful in that truth and ready to share so newcomers will know they are not alone. It is an enormous task we undertake at His direction. A Friend asked if Monthly Meeting websites could be listed and reminded Friends to take care in web discussion groups. New meetings recently springing up include Chattahoochee Worship Group in Georgia, Greenville (South Carolina), Caprock Fellowship (Texas), Denver (Colorado), San Jose (Costa Rica), Shawnee (Oklahoma), Harrisville (Michigan), Shelbyville (Michigan), Salisbury (Maryland), Los Angeles (California), upstate New York, and Evanston (Illinois).

Report of the Committee to Encourage and Support Outreach

Effort has been made during this year to add materials to our yearly meeting website and to enhance its timeliness. Further improvement for timeliness now depends on the willingness of various Friends including meeting and committee clerks to report to Phil Helms dates of events, corrections and scheduling changes that have occurred. The calendar can list dates up to a year ahead. A new internet provider has been secured which will lead to cost savings of near \$500 while providing added capabilities. The website has as many as 200 hits a day. We hope to continue the website as user friendly and expressive of our testimony for simplicity.

We continue to receive inquiries to us by way of the website, and these inquiries have been timely and effectively answered. We note that new Conservative worship groups continue to form in several places that we should be helping and assisting.

It is important that we all recognize that outreach cannot be the sole responsibility or function of a committee alone but that we all as individual members by our words and actions have a role. We must be ready for opportunities that can present unexpectedly. We read in 1 Peter 3:15 that we should “be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” We are collectively involved in this important work in our monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings as well as that of such committees as the Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends, Friends Center, and the Christian Education Camp, to name a few, plus our various websites with a worldwide outreach that bring to us seekers hungering and thirsting for the Bread of Life and Living Waters that we have found answering our own needs. We in Ohio Yearly Meeting must recognize that we continue to have serious deficiencies and disconnects in our willingness and ability to receive into fellowship these precious souls the Lord has brought to our doors. It is a major mistake for us to draw the boundaries of fellowship in our meetings too tightly around those of us already in our meeting, to raise the bar of expectations for new individuals and worship groups unreasonably high, to allow former experiences to hinder our openness or to delay and obstruct our welcoming newcomers to our fellowship. The time of renewal and new growth of this yearly meeting is upon us now. The Lord is sending people our way. We need to search our hearts individually and collectively to see where we stand with the Lord in this matter, and to do as He directs.

We request an allocation of \$300 this year, \$500 less than last year.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Bank Balance	\$269.61
Income	
OYM Allocation	800.00
Total	1,069.61
Expenditures	
Website fees	827.48
Ending Bank balance 7-31-2008	242.13

A Friend expressed a concern that Monthly Meetings consider their roles in nurturing new Meetings through an ongoing, close relationship. Some grounding and anchor is critical for the life of new meetings. Another Friend pointed out that the Chesterfield Series might be quite useful for new groups. We were also encouraged to maintain connections with Conservative Friends in Canada.

Epistle Committee

The Epistle Committee drafted four proposed epistles. The meeting feels that the committee was favored in their deliberations and offered well-written epistles. We appreciate their willingness and faithfulness and approve the proposed epistles with one minor change.

Outgoing Epistles

To Friends Who Are Not Present:

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you.” John 14:26

Dear Friends:

As we have worshiped and labored together under the care of Christ Jesus this week, we have remarked the absence of many familiar faces. We regret you could not join us in our work and worship, which included much powerful ministry. During our business sessions, we were reminded that the Lord is in charge.

We began our days in small group gatherings centered on Bible reading, prayer, or sharing on the topic of charity before the business meetings. Our evening sessions included a panel of OYM Friends speaking about how the Lord has been present in their lives. Members of the audience also contributed examples from their lives as well. The other two evenings we had speakers who discussed aspects about the significant issues of simplicity and peace. Both left us with much to think about and consider as we left for our homes.

We are reminded of the words of Laban to Jacob: “May the Lord watch between thee and me while we are apart one from the other.” Genesis 31:49

*In Christ's Love,
Seth B. Hinshaw, Clerk*

To Friends Everywhere:

“Ye are my Friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.”

(John 15:14)

*“This is my commandment, that ye love one another
as I have loved you.”*

(John 15:12)

Greetings in the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We have gathered together at our Stillwater Meetinghouse near Barnesville, Ohio for our 196th annual session, and have been richly blessed, not only with the presence of Almighty God, but also with unseasonably mild and pleasant weather.

Though the world around us grows more troubled with each passing day, we have found ourselves blessed with peace. Our mornings began with a time of reading whatever passages of Scripture our Lord chose to give us, followed by times of gathered prayer or sharing on the theme of charity.

Each of our business sessions began with a lengthy time of waiting worship, often graced with vocal ministry, which was followed by consideration of our various matters of business.

While two of our evenings together consisted of meetings for worship, other evenings included presentations by various members and visitors. On one occasion, the sharing by three friends of some of their “Encounters with the Lord” led to spontaneous additional sharing by perhaps a dozen others. The sharing might easily have continued into the night had time permitted. Jackie Speicher of Right Sharing of World Resources gave a talk on “The Transforming Power of Simplicity,” and Thomas Swain another on “My Call to Labor for Peace.” Our last evening together included presentations by Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends, who have never failed to warm our hearts.

As the troubled world around us increasingly turns to teachers of various kinds, we continue to gather in the presence of our One Teacher, and to hear Him. Jesus Christ, the Word of God, continues to speak in and to our hearts, and we, as Friends, seek to do whatsoever He commands us.

We hope and pray that all Friends everywhere will be hearing and obeying Him – and loving one another as He has loved us—and that we increasingly will be living and serving in His Kingdom.

*In the love of Christ,
Seth B. Hinshaw, Clerk*

To Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative):

Dear Friends:

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, ‘Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said unto him, ‘What is written in the law? How readest thou?’ And he answering said, ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.’ And he said into him, ‘Thou has answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.’”

(Luke 10: 25-28)

Dear Friends:

As we gathered for the 196th Ohio Yearly Meeting in the beautifully wooded, rolling hills of southeastern Ohio, we again took thought for our Friends in Iowa Yearly Meeting. As we have followed the media coverage of the tragic flood damage and other crises besetting Iowa, we have held you up in prayer, in the hope that none of you have suffered, but offering the circumstances up to Our Lord and asking that He make His will and plan as clear to us all as He may deem possible.

During our Yearly Meeting from Eighth Month 11 through Eighth Month 17, 2008, we have appreciated presentations and programs which guide us to deeper contemplating of simplicity, charity, and peace. We are saddened by the state of the world and the human suffering which is to be found so widely, in so many regions of the world, and we welcome these presentations which invite us to consider the possibilities for relieving suffering through our actions or our support of programs organized by Friends and others.

We were glad to be joined by visitors and Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and those seeking for a deeper understanding of Conservative Friends and our abiding relationship with Our Lord. We welcome all visitors and rejoice in the leadings which brought them among us.

The Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends Committee organized a Gathering in Sixth Month which was attended by Friends from many parts of the country and beyond, including visiting Friends from locations as distant as Finland. We rejoiced with these Friends, too often isolated and remote from meetings, as they enjoyed Christian fellowship and spiritual refreshment during the Gathering in Barnesville. We were likewise encouraged by the presence of so many hearts, tender toward the leadings of the Holy Spirit.

Junior Yearly Meeting has been conducted concurrently with Yearly Meeting, with some adult Friends devoting their time to programs for younger Friends during meetings for worship with a concern for business. Their presentation on Seventh Day evening is always a time of special blessing for us all.

Christian Education Camp, held in Sixth Month each year, was again well attended by young people seeking knowledge of the truth and reality of a personal relationship with Jesus, and greater understanding of our Quaker faith and our practice of unprogrammed worship.

Our numbers remain modest, but stable, and we contend with the pressures of the world to change and “modernize” our practices and elements of our Book of Discipline. If we measure our success by the world’s yardstick, we may be tempted to equate success with sheer numbers and growth. Yet if we hold fast to Our Savior’s advice to us, we recall the parable of the single lost sheep and the ninety-and-nine sheep which were not in peril, and we cherish His assurance that wherever two or more are gathered in His Name, there is He in the midst.

“For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate’ saith the Lord, ‘and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters,’ saith the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:16-18)

*In Christ’s love,
Seth B. Hinshaw, Clerk*

To the Friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you.” John 14:26

Dear Friends,

When Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative) gathered for its 196th Session in Stillwater Meetinghouse at Barnesville, we were blessed with comfortable days and cooler nights as we undertook our business under care of the Holy Spirit. Our times of worship have been gifted with inspired, illuminating ministry. Some gathered in small groups in the morning for Bible reading, prayer, or sharing on the topic of charity before group worship and business. Following a meeting of clerks to consider how monthly meetings might answer the queries more succinctly, we were able to conclude our consideration of the queries in one session. We continue to ponder ways in which we may maintain our traditional forms and procedures to do the Lord’s will in our geographically widely-dispersed faith community.

We welcome Nancy Craft among us once again, for we treasure our shared fellowship. On Fourth Day afternoon, we were reminded of the many bonds of affection between our meetings during the reading of a proposed memorial for seasoned Friends, Jesse and Clara Starbuck. Jesse was a member of the North Carolina Concerns Committee nearly thirty years ago. Out of that committee’s work, the Lord fostered the Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends, many of whom gathered in Sixth Month at Stillwater. They witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit working among them as they worshiped, prayed, and enjoyed their fellowship in the Lord.

Evenings were spent experiencing programs of ministry and information. Third Day evening a panel of OYM members explained how the Lord has worked in their lives, with many in the audience contributing their experiences as well. Jackie Speicher addressed the topic, “The Transforming Power of Simplicity,” on Fourth Day. She gave us much to think about as we departed Barnesville. On Fifth Day evening, Thomas Swain spoke about “My Call to Labor for Peace.”

Our Christian Education Camp this year in Sixth Month was smaller than usual, but the adult leaders spoke about the power of God ministering through the high school and college counselors. The campers explored the theme of being transformed into Christ’s image while enjoying Bible reading, crafts, swimming, the annual campfire at the lake, and a nature walk through the Plummer woods and a tour of the house. We are thankful that the Lord has continued to bless our ministry at the Walton Home, whose staff continues providing quality health care for older citizens.

The Friends Center continues to provide insights into Conservative Quakerism. Three weekend events are planned for the coming year as well as the third structured sojourn to explore the relationship between religion and life with their OYM host families. “Answering God’s Call for Simplicity” will be led by Jackie Speicher in Eleventh Month, Brian Drayton’s “Speaking about Christ Among Liberal Friends” will occur in Third Month 2009, and in Fourth Month Deborah Haines will consider “Journeys with Robert Barclay.”

We experienced a week of joyful worship with others of like mind. Friends were reminded that we should live each day the old Quaker aphorism, “Let your life speak”, a quite apt aphorism in a world where there are many who do not know the power of a life lived in Christ Jesus.

In the love of Christ,

Seth B. Hinshaw, Clerk

After a time of announcements, the meeting adjourned until 2:00.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Sixth Day (Eighth Month 15th) afternoon session.

Ministry and Oversight

Ohio Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight reported on their work during the past year. We are grateful for their faithfulness both in their work mentioned in the report and the behind the scenes activity and discernment that is always taking place but is usually taken for granted. This was the first report read from a computer screen at Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Eighth Month 15, 2008

Dear Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting

We have met twice this week for worship and business. We want to share with you what we have considered.

In ministry we have heard that God calls us by His grace into His rest and peace and to do His work. For generations He has preserved here a protected place with a people who keep His peace within the raging fire of the outside world. The older Friends who have known and lived that peace here will go to the reward promised to peacemakers, while those who remain will be charged by God to give the cup of cooling peace to the parched, burning world. We have been admonished not to hold back from action because of uncertainty or fear of error, lest our bones bleach by the crossroads at which we sat down to wait could not choose to proceed. We need not be caught up in fear of making a mistake, for we have a forgiving Lord, who calls us to hearken to his bidding and prepare ourselves for the work of nurturing the new children of God who will be coming.

During the past year we were asked to bring our experience and gifts to some online Friends discussions. We see that these forums are useful for the expression of feelings and concerns about out meetings, practices, and faith. We encourage M&O members to respond in Truth and love with words that God gives them, including by writing privately to an individual in response to a posting that he or she has made. We were told that that we are called to show people the availability of the Living Water that will quench the great thirst of so many people who walk today in a dry, parched world. We cannot keep the world at bay, and the world needs desperately what we have – experience of the Living Christ Jesus. We were also told of a vision had by a Friend many years ago, a vision of Stillwater Meetinghouse with wires and cables stretching out from it all over the world. We now see some of those lines of communication in place, and we are called to use them to tell of the wisdom, the peace, and the power of the God who protects us all.

We had a called meeting in Sixth Month to support individuals feeling led to ministry outside our usual OYM meetings. In that meeting we noted that the yearly meeting is being called to modify some forms and structures to meet new situations, but that there must remain a balance between modifying our ways and maintaining what is useful in them. Friends from Salem Quarter noted that they have prayed for revival of their diminishing meetings, and that they have been sent people who, like ourselves, have both gifts and spiritual challenges. We feel called to both careful listening to those who come among us and a generous amount of Christ's overpowering love. We desire both to minister to and to be ministered unto by these new Friends. We also noted, from a different example, that the ways we take for granted can seem new and vitally useful to other Christians, and that the Holy Spirit can work powerfully among us as we do tangible work together. Our relationships will not be perfect, for we are all imperfect and needy people, whether we have identified as friends for generations, for de-

cedes, or for just a few months. We need to seek God's guidance and each other's help again and again. We are rarely aware of all the things that God is doing among us. We need not get discouraged by the challenges we are given, for God is with us always and continues to speak to us when we still our own thoughts to listen, when we still our own plans to act.

On behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight.
Susan S Smith, clerk

Representative Meeting

Dorothy Smith gave an overview of the actions and minutes of the Representative Meeting of the past year. Their minutes, previously distributed, were approved for publication in the Yearly Meeting minute book. We appreciate the work of that body's outgoing clerk and the Representative Meeting as a whole. One Friend, referring to the Rockingham Monthly Meeting concern in the Representative Meeting minutes, mentioned the need for a renewed commitment to our callings to nurture our members and meetings.

We are small because we are disobedient. Let us expand our vision, renew our inner strength with the Lord's help, and respond to the needs brought to us. An affiliate member reinforced the importance of personal connection being felt more strongly, in addition to care extended from a distance.

Representative Meeting Minutes 2007-2008

AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING OF OHIO
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD AT SHORT CREEK ON 11/17/07.

The meeting opened with the reading of Romans 12: 1-2 and a period of waiting worship.

Roll call shows that 17 members and 4 visitors are present. Your presence is appreciated. Minutes of the 4/21/07 meeting were read and considered. Following up on the Nominating Committee's concern to make our committee structure stronger, presented at our last meeting, Conrad Lindes has shared the following letter that he has prepared, which is to be sent to all of the Nominating Committee members and monthly meeting clerks. It is hoped that the process outlined for finding out what committee work Friends feel able for and interested in doing from the monthly meeting level on up will make our committees more effective. We are grateful that the Nominating Committee has continued its work on this matter of concern.

Nominating Committee Representative

Dear Friend,

The process that Nominating Committee has used with success in the past has not been effective recently; for some positions we have felt we had no willing or gifted candidates available, while willing and gifted candidates wondered why they has not been asked. The Yearly Meeting has directed us to develop new habits, that will better involve the monthly meetings and all their members in discerning what work is on Friends' hearts and who may be available and suited to do it. With our recent anguish over this still fresh in our minds, we should begin promptly to follow this directive. I propose the following steps:

I. Nominating Committee representatives should communicate with their Monthly Meeting Clerks to get this matter on to business meeting agenda soon as possible;

II. The Monthly Meeting should be asked, in session and by correspondence with all its members, to determine what work, if any, the Monthly Meeting feels led to do at the local level to complement the work of Yearly Meeting committees, and what Friends might feel lead and are willing and able to serve on the Yearly Meeting if named next year;

III. Perhaps there is work that some Monthly Meetings are, or will be, doing which would not fit under one of Yearly Meeting Committee roles, and which uses the gifts of Friends locally so that they are not lead or available for Yearly Meeting work.

It is unclear to me whether it should be the Nominating Committee Representative(s), the Clerk, or some other person on behalf of the Monthly Meetings who should correspond with members who do not attend regularly, to get their input on these matters, but it is clear that it must be done.

Please report your progress to me after each monthly meeting, and I will report to Representative Meeting. I know Friends are reluctant to "volunteer" themselves for meeting work because they feel to do so would be vain, or running ahead of the Spirit; that if they are truly led to some work, it will be revealed to some one else, who will name them. I understand this line of reasoning, but I do not agree with it. When a person feels lead by the Spirit to speak in Meeting, he or she does so. Over time, the meeting may discern that a particular Friend has sufficient gift (and faithfulness to that gift) to be recorded as a minister. Similarly, if Friends feel led to serve the Meeting in some way, they should speak up. Then it becomes the job of our committee to discern whose gifts may be best suited for the positions we have to fill.

Conrad Lindes, Convenor

A communication from Faye Chapman, who was unable to be with us today, informs us that our representatives to the Friends World Committee on Consultation have been asked to prepare a display at the next annual meeting, to be held in Richmond, IN, Fourth Month 2-6, 2008. This would involve setting up a table with information that will show those in attendance who we are. Since this is an important opportunity for outreach and sharing, she would be grateful to this body for making some decisions about the best way to develop such a display. After some discussion, suggestions of displaying Bill Taber's book, material on the Friends Center, and some historical background on the yearly meeting were made. The suggestion that each monthly meeting provide some material for this project seemed right to the group, too. Our representatives to the FWCC would also be grateful for others in the meeting to participate in these meetings, which are open to all.

It has come to our attention that the supply of the Book of Discipline is quite low. Since there is still some question whether or not all of the authorized changes have been included in the present printing, it is recommended that the text be gone over carefully to make certain it is accurate and complete before we do another printing. The Printing Committee will work on this with the help of some others. Conrad Lindes has offered to help facilitate some better communication among OYM clerks and personnel.

There is no report from the Plummer House Management Committee. They have arranged a sub-lease of the house from Olney and have set up a bank account, and had a yard sale in Tenth Month, which earned them \$400. Marie Bundy told the clerk, however, that there really hadn't been much progress to report at this time. We will expect to hear from the committee as the work develops.

We have read the following report from Becky Hawkins about her attendance at the FWCC Triennial in Ireland in Eighth Month. We appreciate this favored report and are glad that Becky was able to represent us.

22nd FWCC Triennial in Ireland

While our Yearly Meeting was conducting our annual business meetings this past Eighth Month, I was attending the Friends World committee for Consultation's 22nd Triennial in Dublin, Ireland. Some 315 Friends representing 40 countries attended the conference held on a school campus. I appreciated the written contributions many of you sent to me in response to the study booklet on the theme of the conference "Finding the Prophetic Voice of our Time". A number of speakers from the diverse Yearly Meetings around the world spoke on that topic. I found Ireland Yearly Meeting very hospitable. Their membership numbers 1500 today. They continue to hold unprogrammed worship. Many of them ministered in Gospel Love and boldly expressed their faith in Jesus Christ. This set the tone and was seen throughout the conference in a number of ways. There were various interest groups on topics of peace, justice, ministry, and outreach and growth.

There was good response to the literature I put on a display table. It included pamphlets and books published by OYM, New Foundation, and the Friends Tract Association.

Naomi Backes Kanimura and her mother Yukiko Backes attended from Osaka Monthly Meeting, Japan Yearly Meeting. Naomi's father was John Backes who

attended Olney in 1943-45. Naomi was at Olney when my brother Ben was there. She graduated in 1979. Julia Ryberg was a representative from Sweden. Her father was Robert Hinshaw, Principal of Olney in the early 60's. My roommate was a nurse from Belfast. She, two Kenyan nurses and I compared our working experiences and frustrations one evening during supper. The Scriptures were read aloud in a different language each evening. Friends brought a Bible in their own language and the reference was announced before it was read so that all could follow. The various languages included: Japanese, Swahili, Philippino, and Aymara.

The next world conference will be held in Kenya in the year 2012. This will be in five years rather than the usual three. Friends felt this was more practical due to the expense and work that goes into planning such a conference. It is my understanding that instead of Triennial they will now be referred to as Plenary Sessions.

I arrived in Ireland a few days before the conference and spent time with Marge and Charles Lamb. Because they were great hosts, I was quickly able to adapt to the change in time. The week following the Triennial I traveled with (F)riends Donald and Audrey Poole to the southern coast of Ireland. The Poole's are active members of the Portadown Monthly Meeting in Northern Ireland.

Many thanks to those of you who supported me both financially and in prayer.

Rebecca Hawkins.

We have read letters of thanks from Roland Kreager of Right Sharing of World Resources, and Louise Salinas or the Friends World Committee for Consultation for the donations they received from Ohio Yearly Meeting.

There being no further business, we adjourned with the reading of Numbers 7:24-26 and a period of worship. We will meet again at Salem on Fourth Month 19th, 2008, if so permitted.

Dorothy J. Smith and
Elvina M. Krekler, Clerks

AT A REGULAR SESSION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD AT SALEM ON 4/19/08.

The meeting opened with the reading of Hebrews 12:14-15 and a period of waiting worship.

Roll call shows that 13 members and 4 visitors are present. Thank you for coming.

Minutes of the 11/17/07 meeting were read and considered.

Conrad Lindes, from the OYM Nominating Committee, reports that 3 monthly meetings responded following their request that each monthly meeting correspond with its members about committee service, and that the number of Friends, not already on committees, who may be willing to serve, is minimal. He feels that it is good we have made this effort, showing an openness to involve members who have not been involved before, and perhaps will encourage us to reach out more beyond our current membership. The Nominating Committee will continue to seek the Lord's guidance on how to allocate the gifts that are offered. We appreciate hearing this report.

In recent years our OYM Minute books have been getting larger and larger. This past year, there were too many pages to be stapled, so we went with the coil binding, which cost a bit more, but made it so we could get everything in one book. In seeking a solution to the problem for another year, the Agenda Committee, at Seth's suggestion, plans to ask most committees to limit their reports to OYM to one page, with a written report on one side and the financial report on the other. This will also help to reduce the time we spend on business, with the possibility of returning to previous years' schedule—starting 4th Day morning. There are a few exceptions: Fiduciary Trustees, Nominating Committee, Audit & Budget, Walton Home, and committees submitting proposals. We hope that committees will keep this in mind as they consider their reports to OYM.

The Agenda Committee also informs us that, at the request of the OFS office, there are some changes in registration and billing procedures for yearly meeting that need to be brought to our attention. Sharon Helms will be handling all room and meals registrations. Requests should be mailed or e-mailed to her. Everyone should stop at the Meetinghouse porch upon arrival to get room assignments and to pay. All meals in the School dining room must be reserved in advance, preferably weeks in advance. Changes to advance requests can be made at yearly meeting up to a full day beforehand by contacting Sharon, Susan Bailey, or Susan Smith. Payment for meals will be by donation. This is to make everyone, including young families, welcome at the fellowship in the dining room. The Agenda Committee hopes that people who can donate a little extra will do so, to help those for whom meal costs are a burden. The numbers of adults and children eating each meal will be counted, and OFS will be paid accordingly out of the donations. The Agenda Committee is hoping to have the agendas printed and ready for distribution at Stillwater Quarterly Meeting on Fifth Month 3rd. We appreciate getting this information from the committee and hope things will go smoothly at yearly meeting time under the new procedure.

We have read a letter from Rockingham Monthly Meeting with a concern about nurturing new Conservative Friends worship groups and meetings as they are gathered together and begin to function. They feel that many OYM meetings do not have experience with affiliate members and do not respond quickly to sponsoring new meetings. They ask the question "When Conservative Friends respond to Jesus' command to spread the Gospel and invite people to become children of God through Christ Jesus, what can we then do to help those new Friends function well in the family of Conservative Friends? Most start-up worship groups begin with enthusiasm and energy, but may get distracted by some difficulty that arises, and may dissolve if there is not a more established group available to steady them through the trouble. Prayer, communication, and eldering need to be ongoing from a support group. Rockingham has found that nurturing new groups and individuals has been a spiritually uplifting and renewing experience. They would like the joy they have found in this to be more widely shared in other OYM meetings. They ask that those of us here today take this concern back to our meetings and continue in prayer, as led, about what God may require of us, looking toward more discussion on the matter at yearly meeting.

We have heard some interesting reports from those who attended the FWCC annual meeting in Indiana earlier this month. We are glad that those who went were able to be active participants in the program.

The Nominating Committee for this body is reminded that clerks need to be appointed before the Eleventh Month meeting.

Meeting closed with the reading of 2 Corinthians 13: 11 and a period of worship. Our next meeting will be held 11/15/08 at 1:00 p.m. at Short Creek Meetinghouse, if so permitted.

Dorothy J. Smith and
Elvina M. Krekler, Clerks

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends

The Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends provided the following report. Nearly 100 Friends attended the recent Gathering, which was a time of deep fellowship and worship. The Yearly Meeting has also been richly blessed by the publication *The Conservative Friend*.

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends Committee Report

As longtime members of this small, but unique, Yearly Meeting it is thrilling to hear from others drawn to our Yearly Meeting and with whom we feel so much spiritual connection. As John the Baptist preached to the elite of Israel in his time, it appears to us God can and is raising up a new people from the stones of the earth. Others of us who are the so-called 'birthright' must bring forth good fruit, lest the ax be laid to the root of our denomination. Our hearts cry out for an unpretentious repentant gathered people who desire to serve our Lord with all our heart, mind and soul.

Nearly one hundred people of varying ages attended our General Gathering of Conservative Friends this year. A young family came from Finland, three friends from Canada, one from Calgary, Alberta and two from Toronto, Ontario. Five members of a worship group in Atlanta Georgia drove up to be with us, Two came from Oregon, four from Massachusetts. Nancy Craft joined us from North Carolina Yearly Meeting. A family of 7 who attend the Crossroads Worship Group, as well as others, came from Michigan. Friends also joined us from North Carolina, Iowa, Texas, New Jersey, Maryland, New York, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Those gathered came seeking genuine fellowship in Christ Jesus. Many noted that they felt a particular peacefulness while attending the gathering. There was a good mix of those who had joined us other years and those who came for the first time.

We would like to print a new directory this year, including in it any who would like to keep in contact with an ever-widening community of Conservative Friends. Phil Helms willingly gives his time and skills to make the directory possible.

The Yearly Meeting periodical, "The Conservative Friend" also provides a useful connection between the Yearly Meeting and like-minded Friends. Our current editor, Susan Smith has truly been gifted with ability to continue this helpful paper.

We appreciate the allocation from the Yearly Meeting and are asking for \$250 this year. Thank you for supporting this committee.

Nancy Hawkins, Convenor

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends Financial Report, 8th Month 2008

Income

Balance on hand, 8/13/2007		601.96
Allocation from the YM	500.00	
Donations at Gathering	137.27	
Donations for TCF	905.00	
Interest on savings account	5.52	
Total income	1,547.79	2,149.75

Expenses

TCF, #30-33	935.15	
Gathering: advertising	354.40	
Gathering: child care	112.50	
Supplies	20.00	
Total expense		1,422.05
Balance on hand, 8/11/2008		727.70

Elvina Krekler, Treasurer

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee gave the following report on its activity. Friends attending our sessions have enjoyed the new display on the history of Stillwater Monthly Meeting and Barnesville, which were both established in 1808. We look forward to the presentation "Meet Our Quaker Ancestors," with a rehearsal on Seventh Day and performance First Day evening. Teddy Johnson asked Friends to be sure to sign the guest book during visits. She reported it took one year to make the new burial ground map for Stillwater, including time spent for verification.

Historical Committee Report 2008

The Historical Committee would like to thank the Short Creek Monthly Meeting for their wonderful, historical exhibit of the meeting. Since this was up to only two members, we think the exhibit was particular well done. Several visitors have expressed their feelings of the marvelous content of the exhibit.

The heritage rooms were started in 1967 by a committee, with Bernita Bundy as the convenor. It took a lot of volunteers and a great many hours to get this a functional and usable project.

This year, 2008, is Stillwater's bicentennial as well as Barnesville's. With this in mind, we have done a new and large display, in these heritage rooms. We asked some members to do a history of their families. In the north room on tables, you will find family histories and a scrap book has had several new entries. Another new addition, on the east wall near the entrance to the rooms, are three large frames containing maps of the graveyard. They should be of great help to many folks.

When starting this report, the guest register was looked at closely. We've had several visitors from all over the United States and also foreign countries, Ethiopia and Great Britain to name a few. When you visit these rooms, please sign the guest register, also remind others to sign the book. Any purchases you wish to make, please write down the item and leave funds to

cover the purchase plus a contribution, if you wish, in the basket provided.

As you will see, on First Day, Eighth Month 17, there will be a public presentation of “Meet Our Quaker Ancestors,” presented by the OYM Historical Committee at 7 p.m. in the meeting house. This will not be the same as the one we had before. We hope many of you will attend.

We have a need for two new filing cabinets at this time. The used ones that we now have are overflowing and open and close with great effort. New ones are over \$100 each, so we are asking OYM for a \$100 contribution.

Respectfully submitted by Theodora M. Johnson.

Treasurer’s Report

Balance on hand, 8/13/2007		\$454.58
Income		
Interest / savings account	\$1.06	
Heritage Room sales	108.85	
Donations	64.75	
Total Income	174.66	629.24
Expenses		
Ted Tawell Book	25.00	
Table display supplies	31.78	
“Presence in the Midst”	19.80	
Utilities / Heritage Room	150.00	
Total Expenses	266.58	\$402.66
In savings account, Wesbanco		\$352.66
In Heritage Room		50.00
Total		\$402.66

Loisanne Rockwell, Treasurer

Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School Donation

Friends heard the following report on the Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School.

Report of the Olney Hostess Fund and Donations to Monteverde Friends School

	Salem QM	Stillwater QM
Total		
Olney Hostess Fund	\$191.00	33.00
224.00		
Monteverde Friends School	103.00	48.00
151.00		

Yearly Meeting Schedule and Arrangements

The meeting discussed whether to drop the additional business session added at the beginning of this week. One Friend noted that more concise committee reports and a greater sense of unity might mean that we could complete next year's work in seven sessions rather than eight. The Agenda Committee is directed to visit staff at Olney and the Walton to discuss the timing of the yearly meeting for 2009. They are directed to report back tomorrow morning if possible, or otherwise to the next session of the Representative Meeting. One Friend noted that earlier, the Yearly Meeting was scheduled to maximize the ability of Friends to attend, historically between planting and harvest and the start of school.

The Nominating Committee has recommended Martha Giffen represent this Yearly Meeting at the upcoming Peace Conference, with Jack Smith as alternate. The Yearly Meeting approved the report.

The Yearly Meeting commends the Agenda Committee for its improved organization of committee timing. We especially thank Sharon Helms for her work in handling registration. The Yearly Meeting wishes to express our gratitude for the use of the Olney facilities and the assistance offered by the school staff during Yearly Meeting.

We now adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Seventh Day (Eighth Month 16th) morning session.

Early on, the world was dark. God said, "Let there be light." And God saw that it was good. Jesus calls us to share His light rather than hiding it under a bushel. This Light overcomes the darkness and transforms us into His disciples. We were encouraged to wait on the Lord, hear His word, and seek His inward presence, then be faithful in scattering the spiritual seed where we live as our small roles in the Kingdom of Heaven.

"But God, who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the fact of Jesus Christ. The Light of God is within, and the word of God is within. He lives through us as we turn our lives over to Him. We don't need to be the most talented, smartest, or best looking to be called for service. He sometimes chooses the humblest or most difficult for His work. He knows what we are able to do, regardless of age or condition. He demonstrated the humble, inward kingdom that still exists in our times.

We give thanks to the Lord for bringing Isabel Penreath of Colorado to be with us today.

Agenda Committee

The Agenda Committee gave the following initial report on scheduling the yearly meeting next year.

Two members of the Agenda Committee met yesterday with a representative from Olney's administration. Having yearly meeting starting 8/04 would fit into Olney's calendar and would be a help to them in freeing their resources in the following week for their own preparation for the opening of school.

Susan Smith and Susan Bailey

Junior Yearly Meeting

We heard the following interesting report from Junior Yearly Meeting. The meeting thanks the adult leaders who take the time to work with them. We heard that Sara Kirk and Elvina Krekler have assisted with the youngest children.

Report from Junior Yearly Meeting 2008

Griffin, Devra, and Paoli Roberts and Dulci Rockwell were joined this year by Sara Whipple, granddaughter of Vic and Anna Peacock. Sara's sister Jessie was with the Young Friends.

Fourth Day Morning – We each had copies of the Meeting Advices that we looked at and read. Then we made up our own advices that each one suggested. Our Bible verse is Matthew 5:48. We then talked about what we wanted for our play (almost). We had snacks. We picked up sticks for the lader craft.

Fourth Day Afternoon – We made “ojos de Dios” (eyes of God) which is a Mexican craft that symbolizes God's watchfulness over us. We had a snack. Our “eyes of God” are beautiful! We talked about advices some more and since we were up at the Activity Building we played with the little kids.

Fifth Day Morning – We had a reading from the Bible and prayer. We settled on what we were doing in our play and then practiced the play. Snack time is always good.

Fifth Day Afternoon – We practiced our play in the collecting room. We wrote some more advices. We practiced our Bible verse. Of course we had snack time.

Sixth Day Morning – Once again we had a Bible reading and prayer. Then each chose an advice from our list and wrote them on our plaques, decorating them with glitter glue. We snacked and practiced our play.

Sixth Day Afternoon – We thought and talked more about advices and what they mean to us. Then we practiced our play several times (working out the little problems). We had a snack. At 5:30 we had a pizza party with the younger children, Young Friends, and some of the parents attending.

We thank the Yearly Meeting for all of the support and care given to us.

For the Junior Yearly Meeting, Shawna Roberts and Anna Peacock.

Young Friends

David Male gave a verbal report on Young Friends, saying that a more full report would be apparent through their upcoming evening presentation.

Audit and Budget Committee

The report of the Audit and Budget Committee was read. We thank them for taking time to meet on our behalf and propose the budget, which was approved with some modifications.

Audit and Budget Committee Report 08-2008

Following is our proposed budget for 2008-2009

Balance 7/31/2007	Checking 3,288.37		
	2007/08 Budget	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Proposed
Income, 2007/08			
MM Donations		23,456.50	
Other Donations		1,950.00	
Interest Earned (checking)		3.19	
Book sales		95.17	
Total Income		25,504.86	
Expenses/Disbursements, 2007/08			
Walton Home	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Friends Center	25.00	25.00	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
OYM Travel Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00
ACFIA	400.00	400.00	100.00
Hominy	0.00	0.00	100.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00	500.00
Outreach Cte	800.00	800.00	300.00
Book & CL	25.00	25.00	25.00
WFCF	500.00	500.00	250.00
Peace & Hum Rel	100.00	100.00	100.00
Historical Cte	25.00	25.00a	100.00
Junior YM	100.00	100.00	100.00
RSWR	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fds Disaster Svc	500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing	1,500.00	1,708.40	2,000.00
Correspondent Exp	200.00	200.00	100.00
OYM Ppt Trustees	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Copy Machine Spls	100.00	100.00	100.00
Insurance	1,466.00	1,466.00	1,466.00
Water	100.00	100.00	100.00
Clerk Exp	300.00	300.00	200.00
Agenda Cte	1,400.00	1,215.60	1,400.00
Other		590.00	
Total Exp	27,041.00	27,655.00	25,466.00
Expense over income		[2,150.14]	
Balance 7/31/2008		Checking 1,138.23	

Ohio Yearly Meeting Funds Held by the Fiduciary Trustees

Fund	Beginning Balance	Interest	Distributions	Ending Bal
LJ & F Taber				
365/365	4,553.14	204.89	0	
69/365	(3,300.00)	28.07	0	4,786.10
Property Sale				
362/365	20,000.00	892.60	0	
365/365	43,493.38	1,957.20	0	66,343.18
General Funds	19,783.76	890.27	0	20,674.03
Totals	87,830.28	3,973.03	0	91,803.31

The following is a reconciliation of the amount of funds held by the Fiduciary Trustees as reflected in the minutes for 2007 with the amounts shown above as of 6/30/2008.

\$67,743.13	6/30/2007
\$20,000.00	Property Sale
\$3,387.15	Interest - for year ending 6/30/2007
\$3,973.03	Interest - for year ending 6/30/2008
- \$3,300.00	To Property Trustees

\$91,803.31 6/30/2008

The report of the Fiduciary Trustees shows that the total value of payments made to date and interest earned through 6/30/2008 is \$83,493.00. This amount can be reconciled with the \$66,343.18 shown above by adding to the latter amount a \$20,000.00 payment received after 6/30/2008, and by adding to the former the \$2,849.80 interest paid for the year ended 6/30/2008. This is shown as follows:

\$66,343.18	\$83,493.00	
+ 20,000.00	+ 2,850.00	(rounded)
\$86,343.18	\$86,343.00	

During the report, Friends expressed that speakers brought to our sessions should be given room and board and compensated for transportation. Dorothy Smith has agreed to serve as Yearly Meeting Treasurer for the following year. We thank Leonard Guindon for his many years of service as our Treasurer.

Quarterly Meeting Representatives

The Quarterly Meeting Representatives provided the following report.

Quarterly Meeting representatives met, and after conferring with our clerks are in agreement they should continue as our clerks for another year. Therefore, it is with gladness and appreciation for their service as clerks and participation in other ministries that we recommend Seth B. Hinshaw as Clerk and Robert Wilber as Yearly Meeting Reading Clerk for the coming year.

An extract from the epistle from Illinois Yearly Meeting was read.

Concluding Minute

We have now completed the business brought before the meeting. We have met in a place of peace, though surrounded by a world on fire. Our committees have reported on their work expressing our faith to others, whether through gatherings, visitation, planned activities, or discernment. In the face of outside obstacles, the

Walton Home continues to be richly blessed by the Lord in its ministry to the elderly, sharing hope and joy with those in their golden years. We shared our experiences of miracles in our lives that cannot be explained away or taken from us. Our many visitors have exercised their gifts as well, admonishing us to experience the transforming power of simplicity, to be more attentive in peacemaking, and to have a greater appreciation for the Creation provided us for this life. In answering the Queries, we have shared our joys and our failures, identifying shortcomings that prevent us from fulfilling what God has for us to do. In all our deliberations, we have earnestly sought to avoid the pitfalls of the man who, for all the right reasons, made the wrong decision and missed a marvelous experience the Lord had prepared for him in this life.

The week was also graced with ministry. The importance of life-changing faith was brought to our attention on many occasions. Faith takes a lot of focus and desire on our part. Reach out in confidence with both hands for the faith that Christ Jesus longs to give thee to meet the needs in thy life. God is a Spirit, seen with the inward eyes. He is a mystery with many clues, including His pulsating power, the fruit of His presence, and His beautiful voice speaking and singing in the soul.

We were reminded of the scripture regarding Christ Jesus, “This is my beloved Son. Hear Ye Him.” The One who made all things new also said “If thou knewedst the gift of God, thou shouldst have asked of Me, and I would have given thee living water.” Friend, Dip thy cup into this water and receive everlasting, spiritual life to cleanse thine inward soul and mind. The crystal clear, always overflowing spiritual water provided by our Creator witnesses that He loved us before we loved or even knew Him. Search and find the living God and experience the excitement from knowing that He works with thee and in thee right now. His grace is sufficient for thee to overcome any bondage of this life.

Christ Jesus wants thee to become His new creature – to live in His way of love and compassion with an open heart and mind. We know that we see through the glass darkly, but we long to be made whole. We have this treasure in earthen vessels, and we sometimes neglect the things of God. However, His inward presence creates a yearning to become a mirror of Christ Jesus. In terms of thy fulfillment, attentiveness to the inward work will always outweigh outward things, which attract thy attention away from Him.

As each of us takes up our role in the larger work, yielding our own ideas, let not hold us back when the Lord has directed us to go forward. Let us be encouragers and not discouragers; let us support the leadings of other sisters and brethren in Christ. Let us discover what He requires of thee as an individual as well as what He requires of thy meeting and of Ohio Yearly Meeting. Let us bear fruit meet for repentance and hear the word the Lord has for us. Let us join with Samuel in saying, “Speak, Lord – thy servant heareth.”

We now bring this yearly meeting to a close, purposing to meet again on Eighth Month 4, 2009, unless otherwise directed by the Lord.

VISITORS TO OHIO YEARLY MEETING 2008 SESSIONS

Dave Casterline, 1168 W. 8th St., S. Plainfield, NJ 07080
Eric Cleven, 901 N. Chauncey Ave., West Lafayette, IN 47906
Nancy Craft, 3112 New Bridge Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23456-4003
Joseph Conwill, P.O. Box 829, Rangeley, Maine 04970
Leroy Curtis, 2117 Fisher Drive, Wooster, OH 44691-2123
Eileen Kinch, 23 Fawn Drive, Quarryville, PA 17566
Hollister Knowlton, 34 West Evergreen Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118
Isabel Penreath , Sebastian & Tabitha , 19784 E. Baker Place, Aurora, CO 80013
Jackie Speicher, Xenia, OH
Esther Thatcher, 195 Jessica Lane, Afton, VA 22920
Robert Vetter, 1501 S. L Street, Richmond, IN 47374
Sarah and Jessie Whipple, 4360 Stoner Dr., Grove City, OH 43123

YEARLY MEETING FOR MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Clerk: Susan Smith, Assistant Clerk: Myrtle E. Bailey

SALEM QUARTER

Middleton: Mildred E. Cooper (E), Verna H. Cope (O), Anthony J. Edgerton (O),
Lois G. Edgerton (E), Nancy A. Hawkins (M), Rebecca J. Hawkins (E),
Marie Kirk (Hawkins) (O)
Salem: Eunice M. Burkey (O), Mildred S. Henderson (O), Archie L. Newlin (M, O),
Kimmerly A. Newlin (O), Robert W. Stratton (E), Winifred E. Stratton (E,M)
Winona: Myrtle E. Bailey (M, O) Conrad Lindes (M), Dean A Sidwell (O),
Evelyn I. Sidwell (O, E), Rose M. Sidwell (O)

STILLWATER QUARTER

Chesterfield: Susan D. Bailey (O), James L. Creighton (E),
Robert Rothwell (E), Richard D. Wetzel (E)
Chestnut Ridge: Kathleen Kovalick (E),
Keystone: Seth Hinshaw (M)
Rockingham: Faye M. Chapman (O), John C. Smith (M), Susan S. Smith (E)
Short Creek: D. Raye Hodgson (O), Sara L. Kirk (O), Elvina Kreckler (O)
Stillwater: John C. Benson (M), Martha M. Giffin (M), Richard Hall (M),
Diana Kaul (E),
Edward N. Kirk (M), Anna S. Peacock (E), Victor G. Peacock (O),
Louis F. Rockwell (O), Francis I. Taber (O), Karen L. Walsh (O),
Robert A. Wilber (M), Katharine Jacobsen (E), Richard A. Simon (E)

YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEES

(Date indicates expiration of term. Asterisk* indicates convenor.)

ADULT LEADERS FOR JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING AND YOUNG FRIENDS

2009 D. Raye Hodgson, Loisanne Rockwell
2010 Anna S. Peacock*, Diane Herzog

AGENDA COMMITTEE

ex officio: OYM Clerk: Seth B. Hinshaw
2009 Philip W. Helms, Kevin D. Roberts
2010 Arthur Berk, Susan S. Smith*
2011 Susan D. Bailey*, Rebecca J. Hawkins

AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

2009 Philip W. Helms, David Eley*, Mike Kinch, Rose M. Sidwell

BOOK AND CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

2009 Eunice M. Burkey, Anna S. Peacock, Johann Mae Rockwell
2010 Elvina M. Kreckler*, Nancy A. Hawkins, Seth B. Hinshaw
2011 Bernard Naylor

BOOK AND CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE

2009 Eunice M. Burkey, Anna S. Peacock, Johanna Mae Rockwell, Nancy A. Hawkins
2010 Elvina M. Kreckler*, Seth B. Hinshaw

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP OVERSIGHT

2009 Clifford J. Guindon, Diana L. Kaul, Lily Rockwell
2010 Elvina M. Kreckler*, Loisanne B. Rockwell, Johanna Mae Rockwell
2011 Martha Giffen, Edward N. Kirk, Janet Hammer

COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE AND SUPPORT OUTREACH

2009 Susan D. Bailey, Diane Herzog, Philip W. Helms, Scott King, Henry Logan
2010 D. Raye Hodgson, Conrad Lindes, Arthur Berk
2011 Nancy A. Hawkins, Themis Papaioannou, David Male, John C. Smith

DOCUMENT COMMITTEE

2009 Dorothy R. Guindon, Mike Kinch, Robert Wilbur*
2010 James Creighton, Arthur Berk

EPISTLE COMMITTEE - SERVED 2008

Jim Creighton, David Eley, and Phil Helms.

FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES

ex officio: Walton Home Manager (Nirmal Kaul)
2009 Dennis Rockwell, David E. Warrington*
2010 Carey E. Newlin, Dorothy J. Smith, Lewis G. Stratton
2011 David Male, Robert Stratton

FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

2009 Marie Kirk Hawkins, Frances I. Taber*
2010 Carl Smith, Richard A. Simon

FRIENDS CENTER

2009 John Benson, Frances I. Taber, Terry Wallace, Susan D. Bailey
2010 Lois G. Edgerton, Richard A. Simon, Katherine Jacobsen
2011 Eunice M. Burkey, John C. Smith, Susan S. Smith*

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

2009 Seth B. Hinshaw, Theodora M. Johnson*, Bernard Naylor
2010 Verna H. Cope, M. Marie Bundy, Raymond W. Stanley
2011 Gwen Giffen, Loisanne B. Rockwell

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

2009 Anthony J. Edgerton, Lois G. Edgerton*
2010 Eunice M. Burkey, Sharon A. Helms
2011 Kevin D. Roberts, Shawna Roberts

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

2009 Evelyn Groves
2010 Seth B. Hinshaw
2011 Mike Kinch*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2009 Mike Kinch Sara L. Kirk, Edward N. Kirk,
2010 Myrtle E. Bailey, David Eley, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Rebecca J. Hawkins,
Conrad Lindes*, Shawna Roberts, John C. Smith, and Winifred E. Stratton.

PEACE AND HUMAN RELATIONS

2009 Verna H. Cope, Anthony J. Edgerton, Richard D. Wetzel
2010 Lois G. Edgerton
2011 Gwen Giffen

PRINTING COMMITTEE

2009 John Benson, Rebecca J. Hawkins, Marie Kirk Hawkins
2010 Seth B. Hinshaw, Edward N. Kirk, Dorothy J. Smith
2011 Deborah Taber, Conrad Lindes*

TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE

2009 Robert W. Stratton
2010 Clifford J. Guindon*, Dennis Rockwell (treas.)
2011 Robert Rockwell

TRUSTEES OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY

2009 Leonard D. Guindon, Victor G. Peacock, Kevin D. Roberts
2010 Carl N. Smith, Raymond W. Stanley
2011 Robert Rockwell

WIDER FELLOWSHIP OF CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS

2009 Myrtle E. Bailey, Nancy A. Hawkins*, D. Raye Hodgson, John S. Smith
2010 Arthur Berk, Philip W. Helms, Mike Kinch, Edward N. Kirk,
Elvina M. Kreckler

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

Appointed 1990 - Loisanne B. Rockwell
Appointed 1997 - Clifford J. Guindon

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

2009 Faye M. Chapman, Lois G. Edgerton, Dennis Rockwell
2010 Evelyn Sidwell, Elvina M. Kreckler (asst*), James A. Warrington, Sr.,
Kathleen Kovalick
2011 Clifford J. Guindon, Mike Kinch, Conrad Lindes, Charles Thomas, Jr.
2012 Myrtle E. Bailey, Verna H. Cope, James L. Creighton, Edward N. Kirk,
Archie L. Newlin, Raymond W. Stanley
2013 Richard Patterson, Marie Kirk Hawkins, Phil Helms* (clerk)Kimberly
Newlin, Rose M. Sidwell, Lewis G. Stratton
(Ex- Officio: Clerk of OYM – Seth B. Hinshaw)

TREASURER OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING

2009 Dorothy J. Smith

WALTON HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2009 Susan Price*, Andrew Woods
2010 David Eley, Mary Ann Gallagher (Barnesville community), Victor G.
Peacock, Sharon A. Helms, Wanda Stratton
2011 Evelyn Groves, John Hanson, Dennis Rockwell, Richard A. Simon

YEARLY MEETING RECORDER

2009 Dorothy Smith

The following are appointees to meeting committees
outside of the Yearly Meeting

**ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
REPRESENTATIVES**

2009 David E. Nagle, Stanley Pennington

2010 Mary Alice Pino

2011 Anthony J. Edgerton, Lois G. Edgerton, Lily Rockwell

**FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND WILLIAM
PENN HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES**

2009 Anthony G. Edgerton

2010 Steven Geyer, Martha Giffen

2011 Raye Hodgson

**FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION
REPRESENTATIVES**

2009 Faye M. Chapman

2010 Marie Kirk Hawkins, Shawna Roberts

**CALENDAR OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS AND ITS
SUBORDINATE MEETINGS**

Ohio Yearly Meeting (opened 1813) is held in Stillwater Meetinghouse, near Barnesville, Ohio, and commences with a meeting for Ministry and Oversight on Third-day preceding the second Seventh-day in Eighth Month at 10:00 a.m. Yearly Meeting in 2009 is scheduled to be held as follows:

Meetings for Worship followed by business: Third-day through Seventh-day, Eighth Month 4th-9th, 2009.

Meetings for worship only: Second-day, Eighth Month 3rd, 7:30 p.m. and First-day, Eighth Month 9th, 10:30 a.m.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Meets the third Seventh-day in 11th Month at Short Creek at 1:00 p.m.; the third Seventh-day in 4th Month at Salem at 1:00 p.m. There will be no scheduled meeting on the Third Day before Yearly Meeting.

Clerks: Dorothy J. Smith, 108 Fowler Ave., Barnesville, OH 43713-1176, Elvina M. Krekler, assistant.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Held at Salem on the second Seventh-day in Second, Fifth, and Eleventh Months, and the last Seventh-day in Seventh Month, at 10:30 a.m.

Clerks: Myrtle E. Bailey, 4500 Whinnery Rd., Salem, OH 44460; Rose M. Sidwell, assistant.

Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, same day at 9 a.m.

STILLWATER QUARTERLY MEETING

Alternating schedule for Stillwater Quarterly Meeting , which meets the first Seventh Day of 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th Months, is as follows, with meetings at 11:00 a.m. when at Stillwater, Chestnut Ridge, Chesterfield and Short Creek and 2:00 p.m. when at Rockingham and Keystone:

	2 nd Mo	5 th Mo	8 th Mo	11 th Mo
2009	Chestnut Ridge	Stillwater	Keystone Fellowship	Rockingham
2010	Chestnut Ridge	Chesterfield	Stillwater	Rockingham
2011	Chestnut Ridge	Chesterfield	Keystone Fellowship	Stillwater
2012	Stillwater	Chesterfield	Keystone Fellowship	Rockingham

Clerks: Martha S. Giffen, 1260 E. Main, Barnesville, OH 43713, Elvina M. Krekler, assistant

Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, same day at 9:30 a.m. except at Keystone and Rockingham, when it meets at the rise of the business meeting..

MONTHLY MEETINGS

in Salem Quarter

Middleton: 7:30 p.m.-- Fourth-day preceding the third Seventh-day of each month.

Clerk: Lois G. Edgerton; Marlene Cooper, assistant

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: Fifth-day following the Monthly Meeting that precedes Quarterly Meeting, at 7:30 p.m.

Salem--Upper Springfield--First-day after the third Seventh-day of each month, after worship.

Clerk: Carey L. Newlin; Eunice M. Burkey, assistant; Archie L. Newlin, alternate.

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: 7 p.m. the Third-day preceding Monthly Meeting, in First, Fourth, Seventh & Tenth Months.

Winona--The second First-day of each month, following public worship.

Clerk: Rose M. Sidwell; Dean A. Sidwell, assistant.

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight held the third First-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth Months, following worship.

Meetings in the Salem Quarter plan to meet jointly on the fourth First-Day of each month as follows:

at Middleton - Ninth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months

at Salem - Tenth, First, Fourth, and Seventh Months

at Winona - Eleventh, Second, Fifth, and Eighth Months

in Stillwater Quarter

Chesterfield--The third First-day of each month following meeting for worship.

Clerk: James Creighton.

Chestnut Ridge--The second Seventh-Day at 7:00 p.m. at various homes. This may change so if you wish to attend, please call. Clerk: Burton Doudna (679-2245)

Keystone Fellowship--Contact Steven J. Geyer(717-481-9788) For time and place.

Rockingham--The first First-day of each month, at 1 p.m.

Clerk: Susan S. Smith.

Short Creek--The second First-day of each month, following the 10:30 worship.

Clerk: Elvina M. Krekler

Stillwater--First-day following the third Seventh-day of each month, after worship,

Clerk: Thomas F. Rockwell; Leonard D. Guindon, assistant.

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

First-day

At Chestnut Ridge, Middleton, Rockingham, Salem, Stillwater, and Winona: 10:30 a.m. At Chesterfield, 10:30 a.m.; at Crossroads Friends Worship Group, 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th First-days of each month; at Keystone Fellowship, usually on 7th Day or 1st Day (either in member's homes or in local meetinghouses). Contact Steven J. Geyer (717-481-9788 for time and place. at Short Creek, 10:30 a.m.: please call Sara Kirk, 740-546-3580 or Elvina Krekler, 740-546-3814 to make sure Meeting will be held that day if planning to visit, Seekers Haven, 3:00 p.m. on First Day of each week (see below for place)

First-day School: Stillwater, 9:30 a.m.

Bible study, First-day: Middleton, 9:30 a.m.
Chesterfield, 11:30 a.m.

Midweek Meetings for Worship

Middleton, Fourth-day, 7:30 p.m.; Stillwater, Fourth-day, 6:30 p.m.

Locations of Meeting Places

Athens Christian Allowed Friends Meeting: Clerk: Themistoklis J.

Papaioannou, P.O. Box 21121,

Athens 11410, Greece (under the care of Rockingham Meeting)

Chesterfield: Chesterhill, OH, on Rte. 555 east from Rte. 377.

Chestnut Ridge: From center of Barnesville, OH, 1.9 miles south on Rte. 800; turn left near top of hill, then 1/2 mile to meetinghouse (go right at 1st fork, left at 2nd fork).

Crossroads Friends Worship Group: Contact Phil Helms, 4108 Menton, And Flint, MI 48507 Telephone: (810) 743-1195 (under the care of Stillwater Meeting)

Keystone Fellowship Meeting: Meetings for worship on 7th Day or 1st Day either in members' homes or in local meetinghouses. For information contact Steven J. Geyer (717-481-9788)

Middleton: 44866 Crestview Rd., Columbiana, OH. 3 miles south of Rte. 14 on Rte. 7, west 1/4 mile on Crestview Rd.

Rockingham: near Harrisonburg, VA. From I-81 take Rte. 33W through Hinton, go right on Rte. 613 (Whitmore Shop Rd.) about 4 miles to the 'T'; turn left on Rte. 763 (Hopkins Gap Rd.). First farm on right, #3876 on mailbox (Smith).

Salem: Sixth St., east of North Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH.

Seekers' Haven - At the home of Conrad Lindes and Joan Kuczek, 13375 Old Pleasant Valley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130 (440)884-0338 (under the care of Winona Meeting)

Short Creek: 1/4 mile north of Harrisville, OH, on Adena Rd.

Stillwater: From Barnesville, OH, 1 mile east on E. Main St.; take right onto Shamrock Dr. opposite IGA; turn in to Olney Friends School at top of hill

Winona: 32114 Winona Rd., Winona, OH

OHIO YEARLY MEETING STATISTICS 2008

	Members Gained				Members Lost				Total Membership as of Seventh Month 1	
	Births	By Request	Transfer In	Deaths	Transfer Out	Request Release	Discontinued	Net Gain or Loss	2007	2008
Meeting										
Middleton MM	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	82	81
Salem-Upper Springfield MM	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1	58	57
Winona MM	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	67	67
Salem QM	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	-1	207	205
Chesterfield MM	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	20	21
Chestnut Ridge MM	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1	32	31
Keystone Fellowship	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	10
Rockingham MM	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	8	51	59
Short Creek MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-3	66	63
Stillwater MM	0	4	0	2	1	2	0	-1	144	143
Stillwater QM	1	16	0	4	1	2	4	6	321	327
OHIO YM	1	18	0	8	1	2	4	5	528	532

Sojourning Members from Outside OYM: None

The total membership includes 67 Affiliates

19 Affiliate Associate

29 Associates

7 Waiting