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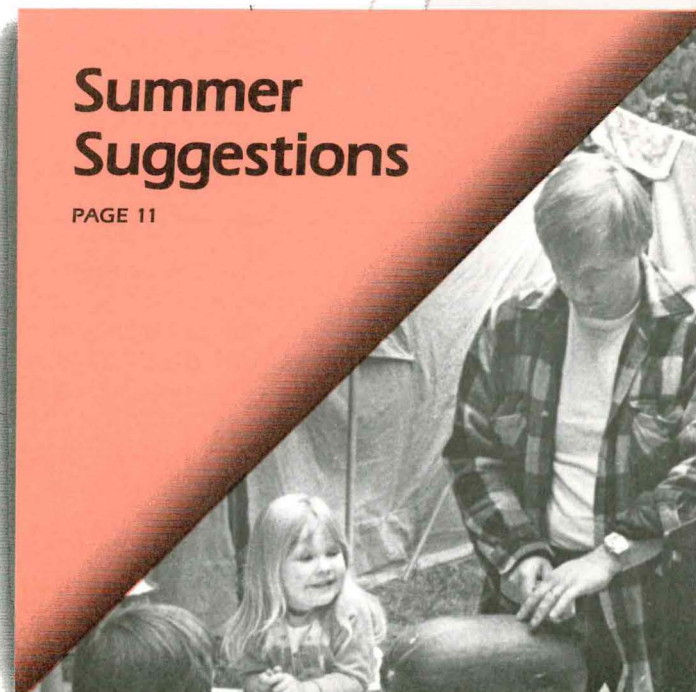
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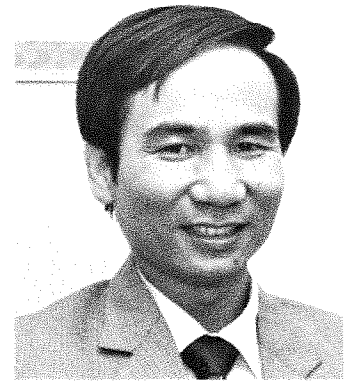
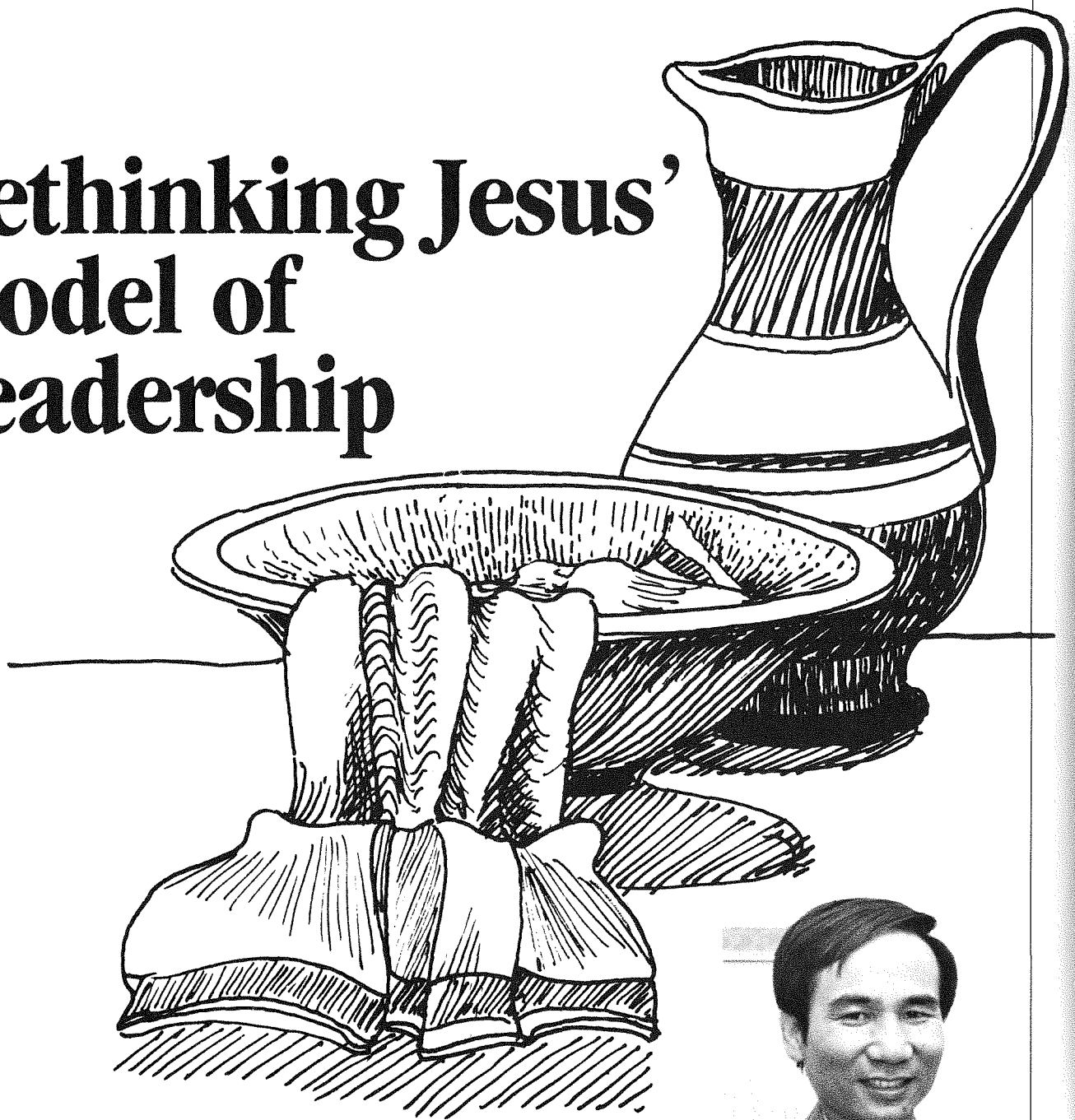


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Rethinking Jesus' Model of Leadership



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By HOWARD MOORE

WALKING with the disciples one day, Jesus turned to them and asked, "What about you? Who do you say I am?" After Peter replied with the answer so central to the faith, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus followed by giving them the great assurance that His mission "into all the world" would succeed. He declared, "...on this rock [great mass of rock] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:15-18 NIV)

This declaration of Jesus' true identity, along with His declaration about His Church, brings to us several important truths about the basic relational nature of the Church, truths that underlie the mission work undertaken in Taiwan by Eastern Region Friends. Briefly, they are:

(a) It is the Lord's Church created by His redemptive design, not man's. Therefore, He, that Prophet raised up like unto Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15), is the only rightful Head and Director of the Church.

(b) He will build His Church. We go in His authority, which is completely adequate for our ministry both of proclamation and service, within any and all cultures of earth. By keeping in focus the worldwide scope of the Great Commission we are set free from the hang-ups of thinking "foreign mission" vs. "home mission," neither of which can be neglected. The Good News is for all people, as early Quakers saw so clearly. Therefore the theology and all the activity of the Church should ring with the phrase "among all the nations." This brings the highest fulfillment to all we do as friends of Jesus, and thus it reduces the need for super promotional schemes to keep us at the task.

(c) Evil powers are not going to overcome His Church. Methods and people may fail, economics and other circumstances will change, but Jesus Christ is building, and will continue to build, His Church just as He declared. This promise has been claimed many times in Taiwan during the past 33 years of the beginning, growth, and development of the work.

Looking now at what has been happening among Friends on this *Island Beautiful*, first and foremost we must give glory and praise to God for the great things He has done. Closely akin to this is an expression of thanks for that great company of His special people across the

United States and in Taiwan, who pray regularly for His blessing upon the work. Today Taiwan Yearly Meeting has become the largest in Asia, with 2,745 members (end of 1986) among 30 congregations.

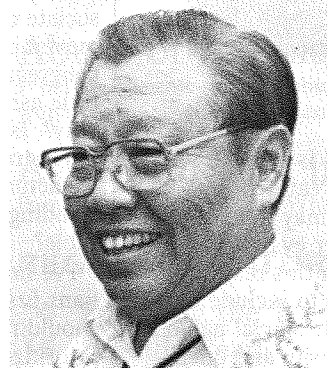
From the beginning, Friends in Taiwan have shared a major purpose with other evangelical



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Friends. It is to communicate as winsomely as possible God's love in Christ, calling alienated persons from all walks of life to reconciliation with Himself.

One of the strengths of the Friends movement in Taiwan is its emphasis on building a genuinely indigenous Friends Church. From the beginning the Mission did not impose Quaker organization from the West upon the Chinese Church. Findings from the study of missions around the world confirm the wisdom of this. The missionaries have kept a low-key profile by endeavoring in every possible constructive way to work with, but never over, Chinese co-workers. As a result, Chinese believers have had major leadership in the development and growth of each congregation from its inception. The underlying purpose has been to plant



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churches that are Chinese applications of the Gospel and not transplants from the West.

The Chinese leaders have been encouraged to minister in ways that make God's eternal Text (His Word revealed in the Scriptures and uniquely in His Son) most meaningful in their cultural context. Following the first congregation planted in Chiayi (March 1954), each succeeding congregation has been started from the vision and concern of Chinese Christians. Since it was set apart with its own organization in 1977, Taiwan Yearly Meeting has continued its forward look toward growth through evangelism and church planting.

The Church has invited the Mission to continue as partners in this urgent task in Taiwan where barely 2.5 percent are Christian. The quality of relationships the Lord has given within the fellowship of Taiwan Friends provides great potential for a breakthrough that can release the entire Body for service to an even greater degree than has yet been experienced. The Quaker heritage of the basics—Jesus Christ, the present living Head of the Body, in which each part ministers to the whole, with servant-leaders as equippers—may well be the greatest credential for cross-cultural communication of the Gospel anywhere in the world.

In exploring Jesus' model of leadership, two very simple items stand out, a towel and a basin. For three years Jesus had lived with His disciples. They had heard what He said as He preached and taught large crowds, small groups, and individuals. He had been a living model among them of a leadership style very different from the prevailing models in their day. For example, the mother of Zebedee's sons had come to Jesus, kneeling in an oriental act of respect, asking a favor of Jesus. She asked that her sons be given top positions on either side of Him in the Kingdom. Predictably, this angered the other ten disciples. By Jesus' time Greek influence had come into the synagogues, and the disciples had learned how to maneuver for positions in the religious hierarchy. They considered this worth fighting for, and they had spent a lot of time at it.

THEN came the last supper, described in John 13. "Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love." (v. 1 NIV) Fully confident in the power the Father had given Him and in His relationship to the Father, He removed His outer garment, wrapped a towel around His waist, poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet. With no servants available in the borrowed upper room, any one of His disciples could have seen the need and stepped in to meet it. But they were not programmed for it. They, followers of a great Teacher, could never stoop to such lowly service. It was Jesus, the Master, who modeled servant-leadership as He lovingly stooped down and served them.

After He finished, He said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you . . . no servant is greater than his master." (vv. 15-16 NIV) In the Chinese language, teaching by modeling is called *shen chiao*, or body teaching, because the teacher *does* before the

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What It Means to Be a Community Church



BY LON FENDALL

IF BEING a *birthright Quaker* is an important credential, I can barely claim this distinction. The church in which my family had long been active and in which I grew up is usually described as a community church, with more Baptist ancestry than any other. Sometime the year I was born the church affiliated with Northwest (Oregon) Yearly Meeting, becoming a Quaker church. Since I was born late in the year, maybe I can claim to have been born a Quaker (if there is any particular honor in that).

In any case, our church is still called a community church, in the sense that its Quaker roots are shallow and its members come from many denominational backgrounds. Our pastors conduct membership classes for those who wish to join our fellowship, and the history

and doctrine of Friends is treated respectfully, if not in great depth.

Actually, our church may not be much different from any other evangelical Friends congregation in this respect. In fact, some have chosen to include the word *community* in their official name, emphasizing their diversity and openness, hoping that people who aren't particularly attracted to Quakers will not think of their church as strongly Quaker.

TO A DEGREE, the emphasis on being a community church is healthy. Our main concern is to function as a part of the body of Christ, not to develop a doctrinaire, narrow version of Quakerism that seeks to exclude those who are not in sympathy with all that we are or have been. Our call to people is to become followers of Christ, not of George Fox or William Penn.

Moreover, the New Testament passages about the church as the body of Christ specifically emphasize the benefits of diversity. The differences are evident in the form of distinctive gifts and callings, which, if exercised sensitively and harmoniously, strengthen the body. The composite of these differing gifts is a healthy, functioning body. As the Apostle Paul pointed out to the believers in Corinth, the human body would be a bit ludicrous if it were one massive eye or ear.

The diversity in our backgrounds can be healthy as well. I recently heard someone describe participation in a foot-washing service, intended to re-enact Christ's startling demonstration of servanthood. That's an experience early Quakers did not choose to revive, since it might have seemed to be too much like the outward ceremonies they rejected. But we can benefit from people in our midst whose worship experiences have been different. If that's what it means to be a community church, let's welcome and treasure it.

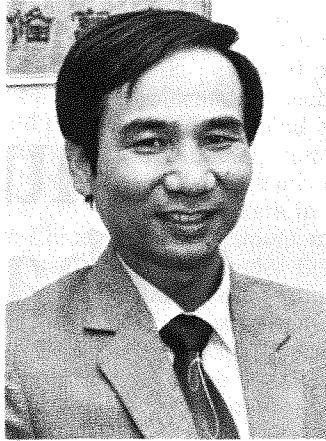
But there's another side to the tendency to identify ourselves as community churches, one that makes me a little uneasy. It seems to be an effort to disassociate ourselves from the Friends movement, to be more like the generic congregations down the street. Are we a little ashamed of being Quakers? If so, why? Is our problem with Quakers who have strayed into universalism, or are we actually rejecting the Quaker understandings that are well-grounded in the Bible?

I've heard people say they are Christians first and Quakers second. It shouldn't be necessary to separate and prioritize these categories. To be a true Quaker is to be a Christian in every sense. Not all Quakers agree, but I think all evangelical Quakers would agree.

So, let's go ahead and speak of our monthly meetings as community churches and let's continue to welcome everyone regardless of their background. But instead of distancing ourselves from the Friends movement, let's be a cleansing agent from within, calling all to a personal faith in Christ, which was central to the preaching of George Fox. **EF**

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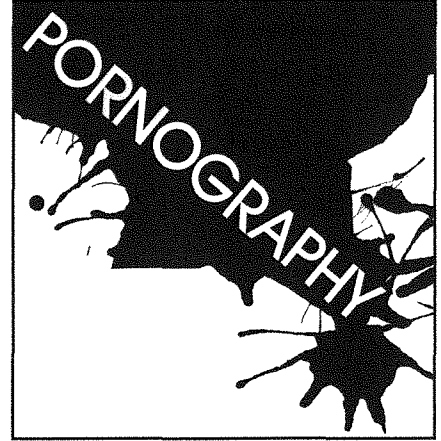
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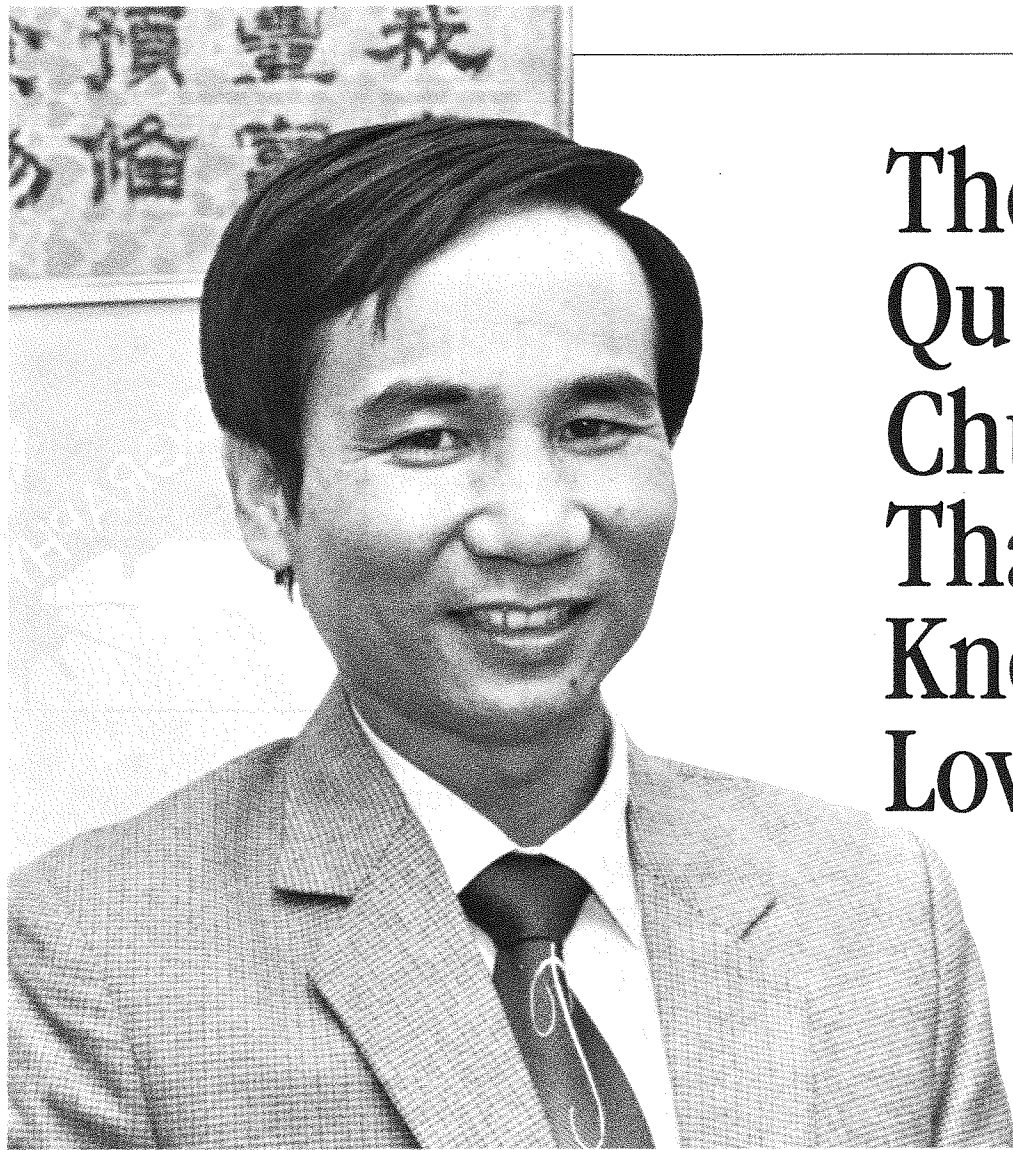
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The Quaker Church That I Know and Love

BY LUKE CHENG

THIRTYTHREE years ago Eastern Region Friends sent missionaries to Taiwan. Our Lord Jesus completed his work of redemption at thirty-three years of age. For Taiwan Yearly Meeting the 33rd year was when we took the step of self-support; and also the year the first congregation, West Gate, completed their new building. On this occasion of West Gate's dedication and 33rd anniversary celebration, I would like to report some things briefly about the Quaker Church as I know it.

1. Early Quakers' Witness and Mission

George Fox and his companions were self-giving contenders for the truth of the Gospel. Fox was a person of valiant character, strong faith, courageous and honest.

When at 19 he began searching for meaning in life he had nearly lost hope, but turning to Jesus Christ he made the amazing discovery that only Jesus Christ could meet the need of his distressed heart, and he received the "light of Christ within" revealed to him. From then on he gave everything and entered into a life of

witness to Jesus Christ, the Light, through much difficulty.

In seventeenth-century England, faith and morality were at a low ebb in the state church. When a people whose hearts thirsted after righteousness heard George Fox's witness given in the power of the Holy Spirit, a great multitude rose up and followed him. Before long those who repented and obeyed Christ were like a mighty wind going everywhere proclaiming the true light of the Gospel. In less than ten years, their steps had covered all of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and even parts of Europe.

Since the Gospel was proclaimed and spread so rapidly, persecution followed. Sitting in jails became a common experience for Fox and his followers. During the first 50 years of the movement more than 1,000 Quakers were in jail at a time and some 500 died in prison. This is only one indication of the spirit of courageous witness seen in the early Quakers. Today, when we have benefited so fully from abundant grace, how can we not remember? As recipients of the Quaker spirit—

of the spirit of Christ—how can we fail to imitate them?

2. The Model Given Us by Quaker Missionaries

Originally I did not know about Quakers, except from seeing the word *Quaker* in books. But after becoming part of the work and after a number of years of working with the missionaries, I gradually saw in them what Quakerism was all about.

QUAKERS are especially concerned about Christ's redeeming love for humanity. From very early times they became involved in world missions. It was about 100 years ago that they began sending high quality educators, doctors, and nurses from the eastern United States to China as missionaries. In Nanking and Luho they opened schools and established hospitals to serve the Chinese people.

Further, they brought the precious Gospel of Christ to our people. Drs. George and Isabella DeVol, parents of Charles DeVol, are examples of these great people of earlier days. Out of love for the

Chinese as a young man, Charles DeVol took upon himself the concern of his mother just before her death—to continue missionary work in China. Pastor DeVol gave his whole life for the Chinese, not retiring and returning to the United States until reaching 77 years of age. During those years he suffered under the Japanese and faced dangers from the Communists.

Now Pastor and Mrs. DeVol are 84, but still they think of us continually and pray for us daily. Last summer while not well physically, he returned to Taiwan to visit the churches.

The work of Quaker missions in China is being carried on by other great servants of the Lord: Ella Ruth Hutson, Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore, Russell and Esther Zinn, and John and Barbara Brantingham. Newer workers have also come to serve us: Mark and Terri Engle and



Taiwan Church leaders include (left to right) Luke Chen, Peter Huang, Luke Cheng, Titus Tung, James Chen, and Peter Peng.

affiliates Dennis and Michell Craker. For more than ten years I have seen our missionaries give us love, smiles, wishes for our happiness, forbearance, honesty, humility, service, in all situations having high regard for their fellow-workers, and in all things thinking of the good of fellow-workers. This has been their witness in large and small places, in the big things and small details of life. If they have had suggestions for a fellow-worker, they always have expressed their concerns in love and often have relied only upon prayer behind the scenes in place of words for seeing wrongs put right. I feel honored to be a Quaker and to have become a Quaker minister.

3. The Witness of Love for Each Other Among Our Quaker Ministers

"We love, because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) We take up the yoke together as the Lord's workers, and furthermore, we are recipients of this fine tradition as Quakers. With the model given us by missionaries, Quaker fellow-workers truly are a blessed group of workers. In actuality, all are seeking to put into practice the teaching about loving one another. Over ten years ago I was

like a soldier who ran away from the battlefield. When I returned to serve again, I was accepted, as Barnabas accepted Mark. What I received was love and caring.

AS FELLOW-WORKERS pastoring congregations, we all have difficulties to a greater or lesser degree. These include difficulties in gospel work, personnel problems, and financial problems. In such circumstances, by all having the mind of Christ, we constrain one another, comfort one another, and pray for each other, as well as give aid to fellow-workers in need. Whenever conflicting opinions might divide us, we are enabled under the Holy Spirit's light to confess our failings and support one another with mutual help and love. In all these years, no co-worker who has left us has done so saying Quakers were not good people.

4. Quakers Have Demonstrated Their Support for Sister Groups

The fact that Quakers are known among other groups in Taiwan for practicing love in supporting their sister groups is something for which we are grateful.

(1) Support of sister churches' building programs: Quakers in Taiwan have seen building after building go up, like spring following the rains. In the last ten years, 16 meetings have added buildings ranging in cost from NT\$1 million to NT\$10 million. However, in a miraculous way, each building has been completed, and it is because our brothers and sisters have given willingly out of grateful hearts. Even though at a given time more than one building project was underway, out of love for other parts of the Body, members of each meeting have given to help lift the load. Uniting hearts this way, building for the Lord has enabled us to become a strong team.

(2) Support of smaller churches unable to support themselves: Comparing all the wealth of the world with a human soul, Jesus considered one human life to be worth more than it all (Matthew 16:26). Therefore, proclaiming the Gospel and saving souls requires large investments of both human and financial resources over long periods of time in order to fulfill our mission. For a number of years, Eastern Region Quakers have stood behind us, helping to further the sacred work of the Gospel. Since the beginning of 1986, in order for the mission to give priorities to opening new work and assisting in the training of workers, Taiwan Yearly Meeting has taken over assistance to a number of weaker churches unable to fully support themselves. Thank the Lord, with all the other meetings and members giving out of loving hearts, these smaller meet-

ings have been able to receive support and continue to hold fast the truth of the Gospel, laboring together for the Gospel they believe.

(3) Support of other Gospel organizations: Parachurch organizations help promote the advance of the Gospel and are needed. The members of Taiwan Quaker churches give to literature work, such as *Cosmic Light* magazine and the Bible Society; to theological training, such as China Evangelical Seminary and Holy Light Theological College; to jail ministry, drug rehabilitation centers, leprosy clinics, orphanages, prayer mountain work, Campus Crusade for Christ, and Campus Evangelical Fellowship. To such groups, Quakers have given generously in personal concern and financial support.

5. Taiwan Quaker Church's Vision

The Quaker Church in Taiwan is full of hope, because her members are continually working together to preach the Gospel to others.

(1) Training of personnel: Since the Day of Pentecost, the power of the Gospel has been penetrating all corners of the world. The Taiwan Quaker Church is eager to press forward with the furtherance of this Good News. To do so calls for more and better quality personnel in order to be able to carry our share of the responsibility. During the last five years, with the cooperation of the Mission, we have been selecting those youth with vision and a clear sense of call for seminary training. At present, seven already have graduated and are serving with us. Another 17 are in training at four different seminaries. Looking to the future, we are believing that even more of our youth are going to be called to join in the task. This shows the great potential Taiwan Quakers have for the expansion of their Gospel work.

(2) Adding new congregations: Taiwan Yearly Meeting's Evangelism, Pastoral, and Extension Department plans to establish at least one to two new churches per year during the next ten years. We hope there will be a minimum of 15 new congregations during this period. To meet the needs of the personnel and finances, we are calling all Quakers in Taiwan to mobilization and involvement. May we all become a vital part of this great work of the Gospel.

In summary, for a person, a church, or a group to be built up and established calls for many behind the scene to pay the price of much love and prayer. God is love. I love God and I love the Quaker Church. For my life to have been guided into the Quaker fellowship to serve God is an honor. **EF**

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The Faces of Homelessness

BY MARJORIE HOPE (YOUNG) AND JAMES YOUNG

FOR MOST of us, home has a special connotation of warmth, security, sharing with loved ones, and retreat from the pressures of the world. For most of us, then, it is hard to imagine what it would be like to have no roof over our heads, no place to return to at night, no place to close the door and withdraw into the quiet recesses of the self.

We are often told that homeless people are different. They "prefer" to live that way. We tend to look past them as we walk down the street. They become invisible persons: the disheveled men slumped in the doorways, the "shopping bag ladies" rummaging in garbage cans, the human beings who clamber into odd receptacles as refuge from the cold. (One of them, a 34-year-old Chicago man, was crushed to death when the out-of-order trash compactor in which he had been sleeping for weeks was repaired without his knowing it.)

Even more invisible are the evicted families who huddle together in an armory or other shelter, or battered wives carefully protected from vengeful husbands in concealed shelters, or "throwaway kids," most of them abused youngsters, who stake out a home (without heat, electricity, or running water) in an abandoned building, or landlords who, after converting single-room occupancy hotels into luxury housing, permanently lock out tenants (many of whom are elderly) by securing heavy chains across apartment doors to drive people into wintry streets.

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Over the years many questions have concerned us. Why is it that homelessness became so widespread in the early 1980s? How do the causes interact with one another? Do all Americans have a *right* to shelter? To decent housing? To other subsistence needs? Which sector, public or private, bears the greater responsibility for meeting the needs of people with no place to live? Is homelessness the inevitable consequence of postindustrial capitalism? How can homelessness be prevented? These are some of the issues we have sought to explore.

In the past few years, growing numbers of Americans have demonstrated compassion and concern over the plight of the outcasts roaming the streets. What is needed now, we believe, is something that goes beyond compassion: a willingness to deal with the causes of homelessness and to recognize it as a symptom of problems that affect us all.

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Today the four principal causes of homelessness are the lack of low-income housing, the inadequacy of social benefits, unemployment, and the failure to provide a national network of integrated community-based mental health services.

What can Americans do to deal with the roots of these problems? Here are a few proposals.



The federal role. This is of prime importance. Homelessness is clearly a national problem. Many of the Americans with no place to live are transients who move from state to state in search of jobs. It is unrealistic to expect state or local governments to assume major responsibility for them. It hardly makes sense for a citizen of this country to be offered assistance in one city, but not in another. The federal government bears ultimate responsibility for guaranteeing basic services, although it need not administer them all.

For example, the federal government could begin by enunciating the *right* to shelter. It should provide emergency funds to a far greater extent than at present. Outreach programs, which are far too few and poorly publicized, should be expanded to include not only Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, but food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Medicare, Medicaid, and veterans cash and medical benefits.

The weaknesses of the social welfare system are many. Benefits are inadequate; they are inequitable; the system excludes needy persons, it stigmatizes people; it does little to help them get jobs; it lacks coordination. Until the system can be overhauled, the following reforms are called for. Unemploy-

ment insurance, which covers only a minority of the unemployed and varies from state to state, should be expanded and made more equitable. The minimum wage, which has not been raised since 1981, needs to be indexed for inflation. Since food stamps reach less than one-third of those eligible, food stamp guidelines need to be simplified and clarified. A more far-reaching proposal is that the federal government take the dominant role in financing, administering, and setting standards for AFDC.

The best way to get people off the welfare rolls is not to threaten them with loss of already inadequate benefits, but instead, offer genuine work and training opportunities, health care, child care, and family allowances. Countries that offer these as entitlements to everyone have a far smaller proportion of people on welfare.

Hence, the long-term goal should be a system that incorporates many programs designed for the average citizen, not for the poor alone. It would comprise more equitable income supports (including sickness benefits, parental benefits, and housing

allowances, as well as present insurance programs), comprehensive personal services, national health care, and a true family policy, one that would assure not only adequate income (primarily through child/family allowances) but also family planning, child care, preschool education, and maternity and health benefits. If all these sound utopian, it is worth bearing in mind that most European countries offer them.

Eventually, mental health care should become an integral part of the national health care system, and it should include supportive services, based on ability to pay, to anyone who has significant problems with everyday living. More urgent

are implementation of a full employment policy, and provision of low-income housing. Desperate people cannot wait for long-term solutions. A number of bills in Congress deal with these problems.

The state role. Since Washington will surely resist efforts to federalize AFDC and General Assistance/General Relief, state officials and concerned citizens, while continuing to press for federalization, should raise benefit levels for those programs. Given the fact that the Reagan Administration has cut public housing funds by 60 percent, states should do more to build and rehabilitate low-income housing. States can also offer financial assistance for several months to temporarily impoverished families unable to meet rent or utility payments, as well as assistance with mortgage payments to people in danger of eviction. In the field of mental health, states can plan a true continuity of services and will do so if citizens exert enough pressure.

Local government. Cities and counties remain the front line in work with the homeless. Using federal and state funds as well as their own, local governments can set up public shelters, provide vouchers for hotels, and make food equipment and technical assistance available. The preferred pattern is to channel public funds to nonprofit groups for shelter and longer-term accommodation.

But it is time that cities move away from the emergency shelter mind-set. The greatest need is for permanent, affordable

housing, and local government should provide more funding toward that end. Protection of low-income people from displacement also requires action to change or strengthen local housing laws such as controls on resale, demolition, rent increases, and eviction. Local governments can also act to prevent homelessness by offering more realistic supplements to federal and state benefits, setting up supportive housing for the mentally disabled, and providing jobs that would help the unemployed and clean up the environment—to cite only a few examples.

The private sector. America has a rich tradition of volunteer service, one indispensable to the achievement of true community. And efforts need not be confined to serving in soup lines and shelters. Individuals and groups can help alleviate or prevent homelessness by assisting families threatened by eviction until their lives are stabilized, sponsoring shared-living projects, opening boardinghouses, joining neighborhood associations to fight zoning that excludes the homeless or mentally ill, rehabilitating apartments, working with government seed money to run group residences for the handicapped homeless, sponsoring cooperative housing for low-income people, or forming advocacy groups to press for better housing, mental health services, and social programs. Volunteer work should be redefined to include advocacy.

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Would putting our proposals for government measures into action require large outlays of funds? Certainly. Any investment in human life costs money.

THE PROGRAMS we have outlined are affordable if we adjust our priorities. The first step would be to make major progressive cuts in the current level of spending for the military.

There is nothing inherently wrong in choosing to spend money on welfare services. On the contrary, expending resources on the "warfare" state creates consequences far more dangerous to individual liberties.

The economic resources exist. They require choices, however, choices between redistributing wealth and power upward and redistributing them downward, between planning for programs that enhance life and planning for a "defense" that brings us closer to death and universal destitution. Nuclear devastation would be the ultimate homelessness.

We do not need a policy on homelessness as much as a policy on poverty. We do not need a policy for the poor as much as policies that will protect us all.

The homeless are our other selves. They are the reflection of our own insecurity. They tell us that in the late twentieth century the American dream—the belief that anyone who tried hard enough in the competitive struggle could prosper—has become an illusion.

They are the face of our loneliness. They remind us of how estranged we have become from one another. In the large cities even neighbors can be strangers, and the human being who asks for help is someone to be feared.

The homeless recall something that seems to be missing from our lives: community. They challenge us to reach out, to forge those communal bonds, to imagine ourselves in their place. Deep down we sense that but for good fortune, we, too, could be those strangers huddled in the darkness of the cold street. **EF**

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What can
Americans
do to deal
with the
roots of
the
problem?



Summer

Recreation and Re-Creation

BY G. ROGER SCHOENHALS

MOST of us will squeeze in some time this summer for rest and recreation. Perhaps an extended vacation will take us many miles from home. Or maybe we'll simply relish the luxury of spending a week around the house, free from our normal work responsibilities. Whatever the case, here are a few suggestions to help make the most of this special time.

Rediscover one another. Throughout the year many forces pull the family apart. It's easy for communication to slip. Goodwill and mutual respect can waver. We can take each other for granted.

A family-centered vacation provides opportunity to study and appreciate those we live with day after day. By spending a block of time together, we can gain fresh understanding of those special qualities that make our loved ones precious to us.

So, take time for conversation and fellowship. Open your heart and relate your feelings. Express love and appreciation. Share yourself.

A word of caution: A sudden and prolonged togetherness can create problems of its own. You'll want to allow some breathing space for each member of the family.

Broaden your horizons. Turning off your brain and planting yourself in front of the

TV for a solid week will rob you of many vacation benefits. Instead of adopting the way of the sluggard, why not use these special days to ease yourself out of some old ruts?

Expand the borders of your life by doing something you've never done before. Visit a place you've never seen. Talk to a travel agent for ideas. Look at the advertising section of outdoor magazines. Ask your friends for input. Be adventuresome.

Use your spare time to read some good books. Delve into some of the classics. Attend a cultural event. Use your vacation to enrich and improve yourself.

Allow opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual renewal. Schedule time for being together with God. Take a long walk in the early morning and enjoy the sunrise. Go out in the stillness of the night and view the stars. Meditate on God's grace and goodness. Let His Spirit refresh and revive your soul.

Nature can draw us to the Creator. I remember sitting alone on a rocky beach, thinking of God's goodness to me. I was suddenly inspired to select a stone and to link it with a particular blessing. Then I took a second stone and let it represent another blessing. Soon I had a circle

of stones before me, each signifying something special in my life.

Then I thought of my needs and I began selecting stones to represent these. As I petitioned the Lord for each need, I placed the stone in the middle of the circle of blessings. The exercise gave me perspective in viewing my needs in light of God's goodness and faithfulness.

THEN I recalled the verse in 1 Peter: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (5:7) I looked out at the water and thought of the "sea of His infinite love." And so I took each stone from the inside of the circle and, with a prayer of commitment, tossed it far into the water. I felt a sense of release.

A sunset has reminded me of God's beauty. A mountain has reminded me of His strength. A cascading stream has prompted thoughts of His refreshing presence. A star-filled sky has spoken to me of His greatness. Nature never fails to speak if we will stop and listen.

Remember your church. Though your vacation may take you away from services of worship, you can continue to support your spiritual family with prayer. Remember those who carry on the ministries of teaching, visita-

tion, music, administration, and preaching.

When you visit another church on your vacation, look for ideas that can enrich your home church. Your pastor will appreciate receiving bulletins and other printed material from different churches.

You'll also want to remember the financial needs of your church family. Summer-time can be a slack period in financial support. Make plans to keep up your giving, even during your absence.

Relax. If you return to work or school exhausted and tense, your vacation has been a flop. So, whatever you do, lay back and soak in some sunshine. Breathe deeply. Don't overplan or overplay. Rest your body, mind, and spirit.

Recreation means re-creation. And that's what a good vacation does. With a little planning and discipline, you'll return home renewed, refreshed, and ready to begin a new chapter of personal and family life. Have yourself a great vacation! **EF**

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Abuse of the Elderly

Understanding It and Preventing It

BY GRANT MARTIN

AN ELDERLY couple lived in an apartment with their 22-year-old son, who had physically abused them for years. During one incident he struck his mother in the back with a frying pan and clubbed his father with a stick. The father had a heart attack following the incident. The son was eventually placed in a mental hospital.

Anyone who attacks his father or his mother must be put to death. (Exodus 21:15)

Incidence of Elder Abuse

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 1980 there were about 25½ million Americans who were age 65 or over. Our society is rapidly becoming one characterized by adult children caring for frail, elderly parents. Unfortunately, this is sometimes tragic for the elderly.

The House Select Committee on Aging concluded that about 4 percent of the

nation's elderly may be victims of some sort of abuse—from moderate to severe. This would include one out of every 25 older Americans.

While these figures are high, they may only be a fraction of the total problem. The published reports are based only on cases reported to social service agencies. The Committee on Aging reported that while one out of three child-abuse cases is reported, only one out of six cases of adult abuse ever comes to the attention of authorities.

The average person may find it hard to believe how widespread the problem really seems to be. It cuts across all classes of society. Abuse of the elderly occurs in small towns, large cities, suburbs, and in rural areas. It is a shameful and hidden problem. Although alien to the American ideal, it is a full-scale national problem.

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A 68-year-old widow with a heart condition and crippled with arthritis was physically and financially abused by her heroin-addicted son. An investigation revealed that the son stole money and sold the woman's property, including her color television and stereo system. The son also ran up huge bills on the woman's credit cards. Caseworkers intervened and got the son to move out, but the widow refused to press charges.

He who robs his father or mother and says, "It's not wrong"—he is partner to him who destroys. (Proverbs 28:24)

Types of Elder Abuse

THE MOST commonly accepted categories and definitions of abuse include:

Physical. This includes willful infliction of physical pain, malnutrition, mental anguish, or injuries such as bruises, welts, sprains, dislocations, abrasions, or lacerations. The use of disciplinary restraints, such as straps, chains, or locked rooms are additional examples. Willful deprivation of services necessary to maintain physical or mental health, such as meals, clothing, or adequate shelter, constitute other examples of physical abuse. Also included are sexual abuse, restrictions on freedom of movement, unreasonable confinement, and murder.

Psychological Abuse. Verbal assaults, threats, taunting, condemnation, provocation of fear, and isolation—either physical or emotional—can leave deep emotional scars. Equally damaging is degradation or ridicule, insults, and demonstrated or spoken hostility. Ignoring or leaving the elder out of normal conversations is another example.

Material Abuse. This form of abuse includes the illegal, improper, or unautho-

rized use of the resources of an adult for monetary or personal gain. It is a form of abuse that deprives the aged person of the use of resources accumulated for basic needs in retirement. Material abuse can involve the theft or misuse of money or property. It can be accomplished by force or through misrepresentation. Other examples include fraud, misuse of Social Security funds, or forcing the elderly person to sign over legal title to property.

Medical Abuse. This involves the withholding of medications or essential items, such as false teeth, glasses, or hearing aids.

Although not usually listed as a formal category, other types of abuse could occur under a general heading such as *violation of rights*. Examples would include having one's mail opened and censored, refusing access to a telephone, and not allowing the person to receive visitors.

Description of the Victim

Most often the abused victim is a woman of 75 or more years, with one or more

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physical or mental impairments. Women are more likely to be abused than men simply because they live longer than men. Also, men who lose their wives tend to remarry younger women, who take care of them. As a result, these men are not dependent on their children for help.

The female victim is found at all socioeconomic levels, and in both urban and rural settings. She is most often widowed or single, and is heavily dependent upon the family for her physical and emotional needs.

Most nursing care of the elderly occurs in a home. A majority of the elderly are

routinely being attended to by nonprofessional caretakers. This increases the chances for improper care, especially when the situation becomes chronic.

Who Abuses and Why?

About 84 percent of the physical abuse of the elderly is committed by relatives. Also, the vast majority, about 75 percent, of those who are abused live in the same home as their abusers.

The abuser and his family will usually be experiencing a great deal of stress. Alcoholism, drug addition, marital problems, unemployment, and long-term financial difficulties all seem to play a role in bringing a person to abuse his or her parent. Like child and spouse abusers, most people who are violent toward the elderly have histories of difficulty in dealing with stress. They lack the ability to channel their anger in appropriate ways, and they aren't very effective at problem solving.

The most likely abuser is the son of the victim. His form of abuse is usually physical. Daughters are the second most likely abuser, but they tend to resort to psychological assault or neglect.

Abusers can also include spouses, grandchildren, siblings, roomers, and landlords.

It is interesting to note that the abuser, in many cases, was abused by his or her parents as a child. One child in four hundred who came from nonabusive homes will later attack his or her parent. In contrast, one out of two children who are mistreated by their parents will later resort to violence toward the parent. The abuse directed toward the elder could be revenge for the abuser's own childhood experiences. Another possibility is that violent behavior is a learned stress response transmitted from one generation to another. Either way, the sins of one generation are passed down to another (Exodus 20:5).

Their progressive and severe dependency also makes the elderly person vulnerable to abuse. Human nature tends to tolerate unkind treatment directed toward a more unfortunate person. An adult who mistreats an invalid is demonstrating the same quality that causes some people to beat up on a drunken bum in an alley or make fun of a handicapped person.

Perhaps we are paying the price for not following the Old Testament injunction—"Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God..." (Leviticus 19:32)

Caring for a dependent elderly relative can lead to cumulative stress for the family. When one parent dies or becomes disabled, leaving the other alone and

dependent, a sudden and added responsibility is placed on the adult children.

Out of obligation, the first step toward potential abuse is taken. The children make a hasty decision to have the aging parent come and live with them, but later come to regret that decision. The increasing disability of the parent may interfere with the status quo of the family. Financial and emotional resources may become drained. Children may have to share rooms, or the parents may lose privacy. This triggers a combination of guilt and resentment that can be expressed in abuse of the aged parent.

These adult children, sometimes called the "sandwich generation" because of their position between their elderly parents and their children, are exposed to unique sources of stress. They are confronted with the loss of youth, the recognition of their own aging, and the impact of an empty nest. All of this takes place on top of caring for two sets of dependents.

With the trend toward both spouses working, there are fewer daughters or daughters-in-law free to be at home to care for the parent. This creates added work and fatigue. After a stroke, for example, the adult children know they can't leave their parent alone. But they feel guilt, rage, frustration, and enormous fatigue after caring for him or her all night long and then having to go to work the next morning. This can make people frustrated, angry, and even violent.

Detecting Abuse of the Elderly

Abuse of the elderly seems more probable when the needs of the aged parent are great and the ability of the family to meet those needs is inadequate. This suggests the two main categories for observation: the needs and demands of the elder adult and the resources of the caretaker.

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Severe abusers often have a history of violence, crime, or drug abuse. If you observe a family situation where the caretaker(s) have such a history, be aware of the potential for abuse and neglect.

It is a good idea, if concerned about a situation, to discuss it with the child protective workers in your area. If there has been any report of abuse to children, then elder abuse should also be suspect.

Pastors will often have opportunities to talk with members of families who consult them for a variety of reasons. As you talk with the caretaker, try to get an idea of the amount of stress present in his or her life. Look for the caretaker who is burning out. If your impression suggests high levels of stress and minimal levels of coping ability, look further at the implications for abuse or neglect.

The Christian community should also be taking the lead to initiate programs

such as home-delivered meals, home nursing care, homemaker, home health aids, home repair, home visitation, adult day care, transportation, and counseling about the emotional and physical needs of the elderly. Such efforts will go a long way toward meeting the needs of the older generation.

We each need to ask ourselves what we can do to help fulfill the following biblical injunctions regarding the elderly. May God bless our efforts.

Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone. (Psalm 71:9)

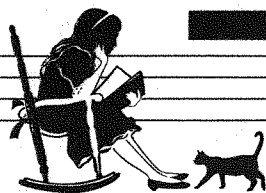
Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12) EF

This article is an excerpt from Dr. Martin's book for pastors and counselors, Counseling for Family Violence and Abuse, Waco: Word, 1987.

PARADOX

Think twice and thrice where great thoughts intersect,
Escape the dead-end trap of either-or,
With sharpened mind strike there for richer ore;
From deeper source truth rises tall, erect.
Heed well the voice from Galilean shore:
Give, lose your life that Life indeed might be,
Then you shall know the truth that sets men free;
That all they lose, in turn, love will restore.
So this is Life, to hazard and to gain,
In which the giving is its own reward,
And love renews what self and greed had marred;
Then Life for all is lived from deeper vein.
It is not sacrifice one's self to give,
If in the giving he has learned to live!

—Errol T. Elliott
from *The Deepening Stream:
Poems of the Spirit, II*
(Dublin, Indiana: Print Press, 1982)



A Guide to Compassionate Care of the Aging

John Gillies

Thomas Nelson Publishers, 225 pages, paperback, \$7.95

The author and his wife were caregivers for two of their aging parents for ten years. During that time, they experienced the gamut of available care. They realized many others face the same problems and questions. From this firsthand experience, which led to further research, John Gillies presents a thorough and readable account of the kinds of care available today for the elderly. The book deals with a broader scope than just the frail or incapacitated elderly. He not only describes many actual programs available currently, he also gives actual examples, even to phone numbers and addresses where readers can get further information.

The book is divided into six parts, each detailing a certain basic need of all elderly people.

Anyone who is facing the possibility of becoming a caregiver, or who is interested in assisting someone who is, or who wishes to organize a program for the elderly will find this book helpful.

—Betty M. Hockett

Healing the Wounded, The Costly Love of Church Discipline

John White and Ken Blue

InterVarsity Press, 238 pages, \$6.95

The people in Christ's church want to help and nurture those "wounded by sin," but as it happens, we dislike the cost that we have to pay. Historically, "the church" has met Christ's call and commands to confront sinners by either ignoring the sin or overreacting with extreme measures. The authors of this book have evaluated, studied, and written it to return church discipline to its biblical balance, helping the church to show care and concern for friends in sin.

In this well-researched book the authors face the tough, often neglected, questions surrounding church discipline: What if the person does not acknowledge wrong doing? What if sin persists? What can be done about gossip? What if the pastor refuses to help? What if the problem is with the pastor? And

many more. Generally, I think Friends are working through these problems in, hopefully, a biblical and benefiting way already. However, this book could give insights and methods that might be helpful.

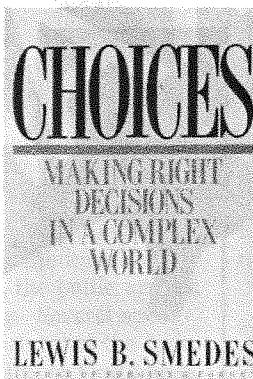
—Jannelle W. Loewen

Choices: Making Right Decisions in a Complex World

Lewis B. Smedes

Harper and Row, 121 pages, \$13.95.

For anyone who is fed up with the legalistic moral approach to living, that



of do and don't, this book is an appeal to reason and reasonableness. Built on a foundation of morality stemming from absolute values, its superstructure is put solidly in place. If being right is good and being wrong is not so

good, Smedes says that being wrong is not all bad. This will speak powerfully to those who want to be right all of the time but somehow find it impossible. There is no reason to give up but a challenge to seek continual improvement.

We all, including us Christians, have to make choices in this very difficult world, and this book will help us do that.

—Philip E. Taylor

When Your Child

John M. Drescher (and others)

Herald Press, 155 pages, paperback

"Practical advice from experienced parents" is the subtitle for this book that covers the time from baby's birth until adulthood. Everything from how to adapt to the presence of the new baby to how to cope with that child who goes astray as a grown-up is covered in the 25 chapters. The situations are realistic ones, and the writers speak out of their personal encounters with them. Each subject is dealt with briefly.

Parents will find the book useful but will have to look elsewhere for more in-depth help.

—Betty M. Hockett

Making Sunday Special

Karen Burton Mains

Word Books, 191 pages

"We must learn how to observe Sunday with a Sabbath understanding," writes Karen Mains. Along with many other Christians she deplores the secularization of Sunday, the Lord's Day.

The first half of the book gives practical helps to "revolutionizing Sunday observance," including suggestions for preparations beginning on Wednesday. There is a description of a monthly Saturday evening Lord's Day welcome dinner, as well as an especially worthwhile exercise, "the Sunday Search." Other suggestions provide a framework for our creative expressions and plans that may fit into our lifestyle and circumstances.

Part II of the book is a more theoretical presentation of heart attitudes of experiencing God's love and learning to worship.

The author and her husband (a radio minister) were inspired in their project of restoring sanctity to the Lord's Day during a trip to Israel with a tour group of Jews. Their Sabbath observance was very meaningful, and since that time the couple have studied Scripture and Jewish writings to discover many attitudes and patterns that can make our Sunday truly a Lord's Day observance.

"To encounter the living Christ, Sunday after Sunday, is the crux of meaningful Sunday worship."

This is recommended reading.

—Phyllis Cammack

The Message of Ecclesiastes

Derek Kidner

InterVarsity, 110 pages, \$5.95.

Have you had a hard time making sense of *Ecclesiastes* and maybe wondered why it was in the Bible? Kidner will help you. He sees this book as the picture of life "under the sun" written to win secular minds to God. "Under the sun," often repeated in *Ecclesiastes*, is the key. It is a signal that the author is talking about a life without thought of God, a life made pointless, because all ends in death. *Ecclesiastes* is, under this interpretation, a book for the secular culture in which we live. —Lauren King

PORNOGRAPHY

A Helpful Tool in Fighting

BY JIM FOSTER

PORNOGRAPHY: *A Human Tragedy**, edited by Tom Minnery, serves an important function of making the conclusions of the Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography available to the public. The book is a well-thought-out collection of case studies, scientific data, the opinions of national figures, and selections from the report itself. Christians and non-Christians wanting to address the problem of pornography will find this book helpful in defining what pornography is, the effect it has on individuals and society, and what can be done about it.

What is pornography?

When people think about pornography they typically think of *Playboy* magazine, which, while offensive, is the publication closest to the old-fashioned "girlie magazines." More people would be concerned about pornography, though, if they knew how far pornography has moved from the "pin-up girl" days. While Minnery necessarily avoided the worst examples, the examples he includes will quickly shatter the playboy image that people form when pornography is discussed. Even people who feel they are familiar with the evils of pornography may be shocked.

Particularly persuasive and descriptive is the testimony of Andrea Dworkin, a New York writer and feminist, who is active in the antipornography movement. In her testimony she points out the range of ways that women and children are degraded for entertainment: "In this country where I live as a citizen, women are penetrated by animals and objects for public entertainment, women are urinated on and defecated on, women and girls are used interchangeably... there is trafficking in pornography that exploits mentally and physically disabled women, women who are maimed; there is amputee pornography..." While Minnery's book leaves out the illustrations that are included in the Attorney General's report, the descriptions and testimonies adequately convey the content of pornography.

What Is the Effect of Pornography?

Minnery includes both social science research and the testimony of people involved in the industry to detail the effect of pornography. The personal testimonies are included because too often social scientists do not provide statements that are emphatic enough for legislation or enforcement. Worse yet, their statements may be ambivalent and are used by both sides on an issue. This problem can be seen in the chapter "Pornography and Violence." In discussing the link between pornography and violence, David Scott points out that his conclusions are contradicted by the so-called "Canadian Report." According to Scott, this report, prepared for the Canadian Government, is biased and ignores much of the important research conducted on pornography. This is reassuring to those readers who agree with Scott's position that

pornography is harmful, but someone with a pro-pornography position could conclude instead that Scott himself is biased.

To help complete the picture of the effect of pornography, the Meese Commission held six public hearings allowing individuals to testify on the impact of pornography. Minnery includes the testimony of some of these individuals in his book. The stories told by these people are particularly persuasive. The cases include a teenager forced into pornography after running away from home, a mother who blames pornography for playing a part in the molestation of her two daughters, a male actor who left the X-rated movie business, and others.

Minnery's book not only deals with individuals, but also helps the reader see the impact of pornography on a community by detailing the vicious cycle that it creates. The presence of pornography creates a market. To provide for the market, women and children are recruited or forced into creating the product.

The addictive and desensitizing nature of pornography creates a demand for more and varied pornography, resulting in more people becoming involved in the production of the materials in increasingly degrading ways. In order to avoid this downward spiral, Minnery's book also serves as a "how to do it" guide for those wanting to stop pornography as it struggles for a foothold.

What Can Be Done About Pornography?

The section of the book dealing with fighting pornography is the most encouraging and yet the most frustrating. Reluctant prosecutors, legal entanglements, accusations of censorship and labels like "religious fanatic" await those who want to stop the spread of pornography. While Minnery's book makes it clear that fighting pornography is not for the fainthearted, it also includes successful cases that should encourage those considering the task.

Since the principal argument in defense of pornography is the first amendment right to freedom of speech, some people may feel that they have no legal right to oppose pornography.

Minnery's book addresses this in two ways. First, by arguing for a legal basis to antiobscenity laws, and second, by suggesting that even if pornography is protected by the First Amendment, it makes no difference.

Those defending pornography on a First Amendment basis reason that infringement of any right opens the door to infringement of all rights. Rather than give up any of their freedom, they would defend the rights of pornographers.

The concerns over "freedom of speech" and "censorship" are addressed throughout the book, with the chapter "The View from the Supreme Court" devoted to addressing this issue directly. In this chapter, David Leigh traces the legal decisions that serve as the foundation of the antipornography movement, concluding that pornography has never been protected by the First Amendment and that prosecuting publishers of pornography is not censorship. While Leigh's presentation is a good introduction to the legal issues involved, the interested reader might also want to take note of the legal arguments put forward by the other side of the

pronography debate. The American Civil Liberties Union presents a distinctly different perspective on the Meese Commission, in *Polluting the Censorship Debate*, by Barry W. Lynn.

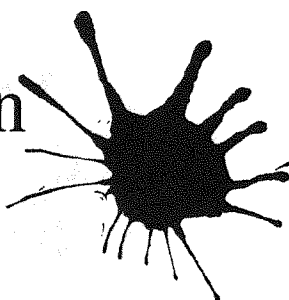
The second answer to the First Amendment question is to conclude that it makes no difference. Even if *Playboy* has a right to publish, opponents have a right to demonstrate, testify, and write letters. The removal of pornography from 7-Eleven stores is a good example of the power of freedom of speech working against pornography. The examples of the success of picketing and letter writing, combined with important legal decisions, leave the reader with a sense of hope.

Minnery's material is carefully selected and presented in such a way that both Christians and non-Christians concerned about pornography will find this an engaging and informative book. Minnery seems to have designed the book to broaden the fight against pornography by distancing the issue from Christianity. The sympathetic reader will come away with a sense that pornography is a problem that everyone needs to deal with, regardless of their religious beliefs. Nevertheless, the book retains a clear Christian character and is a useful introduction to the pornography problem. **EF**

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Highlights of Convention on Pornography



BY PAUL LANGDON

THE 30TH Conference of Citizens for Decency Through Law, held in Phoenix, Arizona, January 22-24, 1987, included a strong emphasis on the importance of prayer in the battle against pornography. Several speakers emphasized that the task is too big without God's help. One must first give himself to God.

In the opening session, Governor Evan Mecham asserted that the government has the responsibility to protect itself from inner decay. Eighty-three percent of the American people are against pornography; 90 percent are against child pornography.

Diane Cusack, a member of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, stressed that porno shops hurt property values. Porn is one of the biggest evils facing us today, comparable in some ways to drug abuse.

Alan Spears, executive director of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, stated that the content of pornography has become much worse in the last ten years.

Other speakers mentioned that countries where pornography is readily available,

such as Switzerland, Sweden, and Denmark, have the highest number of AIDS cases. They lead in an increase in teenage pregnancy and in rape.

Those present gave accounts of victories in getting laws passed and city ordinances adopted against porn. Porn shops are being closed. Stores are withdrawing porn magazines. An example is the action of the 7-Eleven stores.

Dr. Jerry Kirk, president of the National Coalition Against Pornography and copastor of the College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, closed the conference. He stated that we are in a winnable war. God is performing miracles.

Citizens for Decency Through Law, Inc., has considerable resources of technical assistance on obscenity prosecution and control. It provides consultation services to concerned citizens, law enforcement officials, and prosecutive agencies. It has a most extensive library on the subject. Its address is 11000 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 210, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Phone: (602) 483-8787. **EF**

Rethinking

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learners what is to be learned. This is in contrast to *yen chiao*, or teaching, with words, in which the teacher with superior knowledge pours it into empty heads. Having modeled in life the servant-leadership that was to characterize His Kingdom, He concluded with, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (v. 17 NIV)



Taiwan pastors retreat held near Taipei in February includes several missionaries and retreat speaker Wayne Ickes, president of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region Executive Board.

The next symbol of Jesus' leadership is a detailed medical drawing. It shows the human nervous system extending to every part of the anatomy. The longer the chart is studied, the more fascinating it becomes. Most amazing is to realize that every action and activity anywhere over the body, from wiggling a little toe to the most complex movement, is directed by the brain. Anytime a body function is not under the control of the brain, that body is sick.

So it is with the Church. In Colossians 1:18 we read that "he is the head of the body, the church... so that in everything he might have the supremacy." George Fox based his priorities on this verse and modeled that quality of life to those he discipled. Again in Ephesians 1:22-23, Paul writes, "And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." In Ephesians 4:1-16 we read that the one Body is given unity by one Spirit; with one Lord; and with one God and Father of all. Christ the Head gives to His Church servant-leaders with functions, rather than titles, to equip the parts of the Body for their service.

The result is that the parts of the Body grow up into Christ who is the Head, and from Him the whole Body, joined together so each part does its work, grows by building itself up in love.

The next symbol of Jesus' leadership is a highway sign warning placed there to warn us of pitfalls. When He had finished answering the mother and sons who sought special positions, Jesus turned to the disciples and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them.... Not so among you." (Matthew 20:25-26 NIV) Moving on to Matthew 23:1-12, Christ gave instructions to observe all that the teachers of the law and the Pharisees commanded, but not to copy their behavior. Their error was that of the Greeks, separating knowledge from action. By contrast, the Hebrew concept was that what is believed must be done. The truth that one *does* is truth indeed. Jesus pointed out that they had but one Master and one Teacher, therefore they all were brothers and should not seek or receive titles that flatter and puff up the ego. In both references, He emphasizes that in the Kingdom, the great ones are those who become the servants.

Paul warns the Colossian believers by writing, "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." (Colossians 2:8 NIV) The need for this warning is seen in the history of the Christian Church. It started out as the Body of our Lord and grew rapidly in the fellowship of His love. Servant leaders were qualified by the gifts the Holy Spirit gave to them. They functioned according to the biblical model of "edification" in building up and equipping the believers.

THE SECOND and third centuries saw a shift away from the biblical model, however, to one in which the Church's leaders came to be looked upon as pedagogues who taught cognitive knowledge as the means of integrating life. Clement of Alexandria and his school added ideas of priestly hierarchy to the strong intellectual emphasis for forming ministry. By the fourth century and beyond, the servant-leader model had faded into the background. Hierarchy had taken over, with status determined by intellectual attainment. Leaders gave less emphasis to spiritual development as ruling with administrative authority took over.

In summary, Christ's model of leadership includes these elements: (1) Sound teaching of and reflection upon the Scriptures, especially concerning Christ and the Church, is what removes the barrier between clergy and laity. (2) Servant-leaders are trained by modeling in life situations, as shown in such references as 1 Timothy 4:6-16 and 1 Peter 5:1-6. (3) Look for those to equip for ministry who show evidence of and are exercising their gift(s) for ministry from the Holy Spirit. (4) Response to the Great Commission, i.e., evangelizing, discipling, and planting congregations, should ever be the ultimate goal of all the training, rather than perpetuating organizations. The urgency is that the King is coming soon, the needs are vast, and there is to be an accounting. **EF**

Howard Moore has served as a missionary on Taiwan for Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region since 1954.



MID-AMERICA YEARLY MEETING

Summer Youth Activities

Besides summer camps the Yearly Meeting youth are involved in other ministries: Cornerstone—a musical ministry that will travel June 22-July 19; Quaker Wheels—a bicycle tour leaving Des Moines July 6 and traveling to Portland, Maine; Operation Saltshaker—a work-and-witness mission to the Navajo at Rough Rock. All of these groups will join with other youth at the annual youth meeting during Mid-America Yearly Meeting. One of the features of yearly meeting is a concert by Morgan Cryar.

MAYM Pastor's Retreat

Friends Ministers' Retreat was held May 4-7, 1987, at the Stonecroft Conference Center near Branson, Missouri.

John Williams, Jr., senior pastor at First Friends Church in Canton, Ohio, and his wife, Carol, ministered to the pastors and their wives. They spoke on the topic "Ministry of Encouragement" and how to experience encouragement for ourselves, our families, and our church.

Small group discussions gave the pastors opportunity to understand, grow, encourage, and support each other in Christian love and fellowship.

Browns Move to St. Louis

Stan and Eloise Brown, Wichita, are moving to St. Louis, where Stan will be Director and Consultant for Planned Giving for NBA (National Benevolent Association). NBA has 68

regions in the U.S. and is an outreach arm for the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. NBA is responsible for orphanages, handicapped children's homes, retirement centers, and an Alzheimer's research center. Stan will begin his new duties on July 1, 1987. For the past 20 years Stan has worked for Friends University; before that he held several positions at Friends Bible College, including president of the school. Eloise has been employed at Friends Village Retirement home and was on the pastoral team at Northridge Friends Church. Stan and Eloise will be greatly missed in our Yearly Meeting.

Farm Crisis Taskforce Formed

The Mid-America Yearly Meeting Farm Crisis Taskforce was formed last year to examine ways to help pastors, churches, and families affected by the farm crisis. The Taskforce, chaired by Ed Roberts of Dodge City, Kansas, has gathered results from a questionnaire mailed to the churches, has drafted a statement of concern, and has sponsored pastor training.

The training was held in Liberal, Kansas, on April 4, and was attended by Taskforce members and Friends pastors from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Kansas. A panel presented views on the farm

crisis and ways to help from pastoral, financial, mental health, and state program perspectives. The videotape *Another Family Farm* was shown. If anyone would like more information, contact Ed Roberts, 105 E. Vine, Apt. B, Dodge City, KS 67801. Phone (316) 225-0618—Home, or (316) 225-0510—office.

Women's Retreat

Trinity Pines Conference Center in Trinity, Texas, will be the site of the annual Women's Retreat. Ann Ortlund will be speaking on the topic "Three Priorities to Shape Your Life."

MAYM Camps

Over 500 young people from MAYM churches invaded Camp Quaker Haven during the Senior High, Junior High, and Junior Camps. Junior Camp was the largest with 250 in attendance. Kevin Mortimer, Youth Pastor at Northridge Friends in Wichita, reported he had 21 Senior High and 7 Junior High in attendance. He felt that many commitments and recommitments were made during that time.

Yearly Meeting

"Holy Obedience to Spiritual Guidance" is the theme of the 116th session of MAYM yearly meeting session. Billy Britt will be guest speaker. He has served as general superin-

tendent of North Carolina Yearly Meeting since 1975, and prior to that time he pastored there for 24 years. Yearly Meeting will be held on Friends University campus August 5-8.

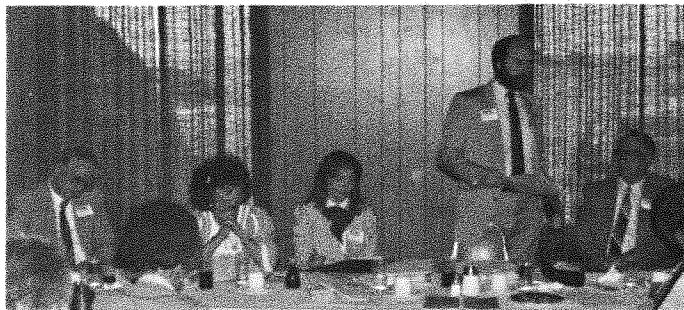
Pastoral Changes

Several pastor replacements have taken place this year. Some of them are as follows: Glenn and Verla Mae Armstrong are returning after 24 years and are at Bayshore in Texas. After being away for five years John and Betty Robinson are now at home at League City. Dennis Long, assistant pastor at Northshore, has assumed the pastorate along with his wife, Matey. Cliff Loesch, who served as assistant at Friends Community Church at Austin, has become full-time pastor there. Sheldon and Elda Ann Cox have moved to Derby Friends Church. Jim Pitts has joined the pastoral team at University Friends in Wichita. Home Ministries Division and Westside have called Jeff and Lori Blackburn as pastors.

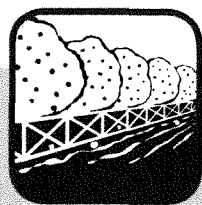
The churches in the Haviland Area are supporting a new pastor for the Great Bend Friends Church. Larry and Teresa Trezise and daughter are moving July 1 to begin this ministry. They are from Hutchinson Friends Church and are graduates of Friends University.

Young Women's Retreat

"Practicing the Presence of God" is the theme for the second annual Young Women's Retreat, September 12-13 at Corner's Farm Retreat Center near Pratt, Kansas. This retreat is designed to meet the needs of young women in their teens and twenties. Workshops will focus on topics as "Relationships and Inner Healing," "Listening to God," and "Practicing the Power of the Holy Spirit."



A panel at the pastor training on the farm crisis included area Friends Voyle Chance, left (Fowler, Kansas); Sheldon Carpenter, standing (Pratt, Kansas); and Francis Ross, right (Booker, Texas).



NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING

The Pastor as Leader

John and Carol Williams will be guest speakers at the Focus Conference for pastors and spouses this fall. John is senior pastor and Carol is on the ministry team at First Friends Church, Canton, Ohio. "The Pastor as Leader" is the theme for the conference being held September 22-24 in Umatilla, Oregon.

Queries and Gifts

New materials are now available from the Department of Christian Testimonies. A tract titled "The Gifts of the Spirit" is a reprint of an article by Everett Cattell first published in the *Evangelical Friend*. The 12-page tract presents a study from the four New Testament passages that list gifts of the Spirit.

The queries approved for the new *Faith and Practice* have been reproduced on label paper so they can easily be attached in hymnbooks, thus making them available in worship service for meditation and

instruction. A supply is available for each local church.

Queries for children have been specially written to ask thoughtful questions about spiritual behavior and development. They have been produced in poster form and in a smaller size that can be carried in a Bible. These new items are available through Barclay Press.

New Pastors

West Chehalem Friends near Newberg has welcomed Gary Routon from Hugoton, Kansas, as their new pastor. Allen Cole is now pastor at Hillsboro, Oregon; and Gene Cherrington has assumed the pastorate of Silver Valley Friends Church in Kellogg, Idaho.



ROCKY MT. YEARLY MEETING

Four Become Short-Term Missionaries

Four young men from Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting spent time this summer as short-term missionaries.

Tim Jenkins of First Denver Friends played baseball with Athletes In Action in Europe and Steve Street of Northwest (Arvada, Colorado) Friends traveled with the Continental Singers. Jody Huff of Paonia Friends was part of "Destination Summit" with New Tribes Mission, which ministered in Puraquequara, Brazil. Part of the Brazilian work was constructing and remodeling church buildings. Brian Schroeder, also from Paonia, traveled with a summer team from Jimmy Swaggart Bible College to Zambia, Africa, where they testified about Christ to local people.

Paonia Holds Supper Club

Can strangers become fast friends? Paonia Friends is investigating to find out.

The church has formed supper clubs that consist of groups of three families or singles. The threesomes are randomly formed from names of church attenders that were collected. Each group is to meet monthly for some type of meal, with each entity taking a turn as host or hostess.

At the end of three months, the names are reshuffled to form new groups. Additions and deletions of names can occur at this time.

RYM Prayer Opportunities

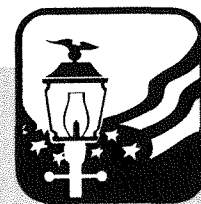
1. Ask the Lord to work mightily in the lives of the young people who made commitments to Jesus during the youth camps at Quaker Ridge.

2. Spend some time praising God. Acknowledge His worthiness and meditate on the many good things He has done in your life.

3. Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the world. Ask for more committed believers to arise from Friends churches in the U.S.

who are willing to be involved in God's plan here and overseas.

4. The Billy Graham Crusade concluded July 26 in Denver. Bind Satan from the lives of those individuals who received Christ or resanctified their lives. Pray that these individuals would become firmly established in their faith in God.



E.F.C.- EASTERN REGION

Retreats

Friends Men experienced an inspiring retreat in May with Fred Jones of Rough Rock Friends Mission as speaker. At a touching service, the men raised an offering sufficient to cover the \$2,500 cost of providing evangelism videotapes for the Mexico field.

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The retreat for Friends Women is scheduled for September 25-27 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, West Virginia. Dotsey Welliver, homemaker, free-lance writer, speaker, and editorial coordinator for the Institute of Chinese Studies at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Illinois, will be the speaker.

New Books

Five books are being published by the EFC-ER Publications Board this year. Three of these will be available by Yearly Meeting time (August 1): *Rich Heritage of Quakerism* by Walter R. Williams, an edited reprint; *The 175th Anniversary Book*, a publication honoring

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the past, the present, and a future look at what is known as the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region; and a third book entitled *A History of the Doctrine of Sanctification Among Evangelical Friends from George Fox to the Present Time* by Philip Taylor (master's thesis).

The other two will be available later in the year—a manuscript by Anna Nixon telling the intensely moving story of Dr. Ezra and Frances DeVol, medical missionaries to India and Nepal; and the other is the account of the Friends Mission in China since 1937, plus the history of the Taiwan work, and concluding with the opening of China in recent years, written by Charles DeVol.

Yearly Meeting Celebrates Anniversary

Anniversary plans have all been made for Friends to celebrate their 175th birthday! The dates are August 1-6, and the place is Canton, Ohio. Malone College is the focal point for lodging, meals, banquets, workshops, and exhibits. Because of the large crowd expected on Sunday, August 1, the 2,000-capacity First Christian Church has been secured for the Sunday afternoon Anniversary Concert (3:00 p.m.) and for the Anniversary Service in the evening (6:30). Dr. David Le Shana,

president of Seattle Pacific University, will speak on "A Heritage to Save . . . A Future to Serve."

From Monday through Thursday the place for services and business sessions will be First Church of the Nazarene—just two blocks north of the Malone campus. Brochures with the complete schedule of events are available from the EFC—ER Office, 1201 30th St. NW, Canton, OH 44709.

News in Camping

Camp Gideon is progressing, and the Development Committee expects to have the finishing work on the main building completed in order to schedule the camp in the fall. Gary Fawver, camp director at Camp Tilkum near Newberg, Oregon, will visit Canton in August and lead a workshop on Christian Camping during Yearly Meeting. Personnel on the Camp Management Committee were recently named and include Richard Worden, chairman; Kim Knowles, secretary; Gerald Teague, Adrian Halverstadt, Don Harvey, and Jack Harris, representing Malone. Western Ohio and Pennsylvania District representatives are still to be named.

Pastoral Changes

Eastern Area—Larry Kinser, Damascus; David Goode, Lisbon Trinity; Greg Violi, Winona; Ted Barnes, Broadview Heights; Gerald Virden (assistant), West Park; J. Daniel Frost, North Olmsted; Michael Brown, Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Southern Area—Neil Orchard (church planter), Morningside; John Williams, Sr., Sarasota (Extension); Roy Taylor, Longview; Kenneth Albright, Eden Immanuel; D. L. Hussey, Putnam; William Lawson, New Point; David Tebbs, Newport News, now renamed Hampton

since relocating their church; Tom Steel, Peniel; David Smith and Steven Savage, West End Richmond (Extension); Don Murray, Jr., Providence.

Western Area—Clifford Heckman, Raisin Center; Douglas Burch, Ypsilanti; Sid Boyd, Tecumseh; Eric Woods, Columbus Westgate (assistant).

Churches yet to make decisions are Boston Heights, Byhalia, Grinnell, West Mansfield-Somersville.



George Fox Establishes English Language Institute

George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, is establishing an English Language Institute, a program designed to prepare international students for college studies in the United States.

The institute began in July and emphasizes conversation, vocabulary, writing, and preparation for the taking of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination of the Educational Testing Service, considered the nationwide standard for English ability.

The program serves students who have studied English as an additional language in their native country and who want to attend college in the United States.

While in the program students will be given assistance with American customs and practices, including banking, shopping, and social life.

George Fox Athletic Director Paul Berry will head the Institute. Berry has been involved in overseas study and recruit-

ment as an affiliate with Athletes in Action, coordinating Asian and Pacific work.

New Hymn Arrangements, Annual Sale, and Summer Tour

Timeless Tribute, the second book of sacred piano arrangements by Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, professor Marilyn Ham has just been released by Lillenas Publishing Company. They may be purchased at music stores across the nation or by writing to Friends Bible College, Haviland, KS 67059.

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The 56th Annual Friends Bible College Ladies Auxiliary Sale will be held Saturday, October 3, 1987.


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One ensemble of the Friends Bible College Singers presented concerts throughout a ten-state area, including California and Oregon, during July and August. Members are Jon Bridges, Brockie Harvey, Kim Jacks, Charles and Chelle Leininger, and Randy Vandenhoeck. A second group of FBC Singers consisting of Greg and Sandy Bierbaum, Lonny and Brenda Choate, and Steve and Marieta Davis is presenting concerts locally on weekends.

College Offers Three-night Bible Study

Three nights with Jesus, a three-night Bible study seminar, was offered by Malone College, Canton, Ohio, in May as part of the college's summer school session.

John Geib, instructor of religion at Malone College and director of the Stark County Crisis Pregnancy Center, led the seminar. Topics for discussion included the Scriptures; God and Satan; the Holy Spirit; Race Relations; Women;



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Marriage and Divorce; Money; Prayer and Himself.

Middle East Seminar

Glen Lipely and Ron Johnson represented Malone College in the Middle East Seminar June 6-20. The two-week seminar included meetings with Israeli government officials and guided tours throughout the country. The trip was sponsored by the PEW Foundation of the Christian College Consortium in its program of helping member colleges internationalize their curricula.

Alumnus of the Year

Elizabeth Osborne Robinson was named Alumnus of the Year for Malone College and was awarded a plaque during Alumni Day activities on commencement weekend. Betty, as she is known by her friends, was honored for her contribution to Christian leadership both here and abroad. She is a graduate of Cleveland Bible College (1940). She and her husband, the late Clifton Robinson, served for many years as missionaries to India.

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Woman President a First

St. Davids, Pennsylvania—Dr. Roberta Hestenes, associate professor of Christian formation and discipleship at Fuller Theological Seminary, will become president of Eastern College on August 1. Hestenes, 48, also chairs the board of World Vision International. She will be the first woman president of a four-year, evangelical, liberal arts college.

Hestenes was the first female professor at Fuller Seminary and the first woman to head World Vision International's 16-member board.

—E.P. News Service

Hong Kong's Future Impact on Churches Assessed

Hong Kong—According to the Chinese Church Research Center (CCRC), most respondents to a poll believe that the 1997 transition of Hong Kong from a British colony to part of mainland China will have a positive effect on the churches. Three-fourths see it as a reminder for self-evaluation and two-fifths as a stimulant for revival.

Although two-thirds think that "1997" has no influence on evangelistic zeal, one-third think it does. Nearly eight out of ten urge more discussion between churches, to prepare for "1997." One-third called for setting aside denominational differences. Eighty-one percent said seminaries should do more to train laymen.

—Missionary News Service

Graham Plans China Trip

Beijing, China—The Rev. Billy Graham plans to visit China in September, according to an official of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. The trip, which is expected to last up to ten days, will not feature large crusades as many Graham tours do. It will be a low-key preaching tour and will also give Graham an opportunity to visit top Chinese leaders. Graham's wife spent her childhood in China as the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries.

—E.P. News Service

Two Organizations, One Executive Director

Washington, D.C.—The board of directors of Evangelicals for Social Action (ESA) and Justlife have named Ron Sider as new

executive director of both organizations, effective September 1, 1987. ESA, an educational organization, and Justlife, a political action committee, are organizations that seek an end to abortion, the nuclear arms race, and economic injustice. Sider, a professor of theology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been president and later chairperson of ESA since 1978, and served as Justlife's secretary since it began. Sider says both organizations will retain separate boards and finances, but will work together toward complementary goals.

—E.P. News Service

Christian Textbook Due in September

Washington, D.C.—The first of a series of texts prepared for Christian college students is set for release in September. The book is part of a series being developed by the Christian College Coalition.

Issues in psychology will be explored in this first book, and others are planned for biology, sociology, literature, history, and business. The books are designed primarily for entering students at Christian colleges, but will also be marketed to secular schools.

The project is directed by Calvin College philosophy professor Nicholas Wolterstorff, who

said the books will "raise and discuss some of the basic issues a Christian student should be reflecting on as he or she begins to study whatever discipline."

—E.P. News Service

Color Listing Too Exclusive

Nashville, Tennessee—"Jesus loves the little children," a popular children's chorus, is being left out of the new hymnal of the United Methodist Church, after a committee determined that the song was racially offensive.

The 25-member committee said the song message that Christ's love transcended racial boundaries—"red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight"—offended some races and excluded others.

Hope Kawashima, a Japanese-American committee member from New York, explained, "Most Asians don't want to be called yellow. It has bad connotations. Yellow means cowardice. If anything, we prefer gold, golden or tan."

Raquel Achon, a Hispanic committee member from California, said brown people are omitted in the song.

—E.P. News Service

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JOB OPENING DAY CARE ADMINISTRATOR

Quaker Day Care Center, located in Willoughby Hills Friends Church (eastern suburb of Cleveland, Ohio), is seeking to fill the position of Day Care Administrator. A resume must be submitted with an application. For an application, please write: Quaker Day Care Center, 2846 S.O.M. Center Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094.

Minimal Requirements

1. Must meet state law requirements (minimal education), high school graduate with two years experience in day care work, or a degree in area of early childhood education.
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3. Must be a member of a Friends Church.

Special meetings include missions and revival

Left to right: Lucy Stindrd, missionary society program chairman; Jeanette Naylor, missionary president; Barbara and Wayne Ickes

OUR FRIENDS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

(Editor's note: With first mention of a church, the name of its pastor is noted in parentheses.)

Missions

Christina Paulhamus of **HUGHESVILLE**, Pennsylvania, Friends (Ernest Lauffenburger) is now serving as a missionary with the Arctic Missions in Palmer, Alaska. She is running video equipment to share the Good News with native Alaskans.

Mike Christensen of **HAVILAND** Friends, Kansas (Dave Robinson), has been selected to travel with Athletes in Action, a Christian basketball team, to Africa.

Terry Hibbs of **GREENLEAF**, Idaho, Friends (Don Lamm) left for Mali, Africa, Wednesday, May 20, for another MAF project.

Warren Betz, Robert Bowlin, and Jeff Yeagley of **ALLIANCE**, Ohio, Friends (Rick Sams) shared their testimonies and some of their experiences at the Men-in-Missions retreat at Ripley, West Virginia. Marion and Wilma Merryman made a trip to the Mexican border to deliver supplies and assist in various ways at a border mission. Marion spoke to the Alliance Friends Men-in-Missions group.

Mid-America Friends Women named May as Gerry Custer month. She was showered with cards and gifts as the women remembered her years of service in Burundi.

The recent Missions Weekend of **BOISE**, Idaho (Harold Antrim), featured Friday, South of the Border Potluck with Ben Fitch as speaker; Saturday, Father-Son Breakfast with Ben; Sunday morning worship with

missionary emphasis, and Sunday evening, Missions' Fair with a variety of outreach projects being displayed.

Pastor and Mrs. Wayne Ickes of **EAST RICHLAND** Friends spoke of their experiences in Taiwan to a meeting of the Norma Freer Missionary Society, **SMITHFIELD**, Ohio, Friends (William Waltz).

EUGENE, Oregon, Friends (Scotty Clark and Clyde Parker) was host to six Friends churches in the Salem-Eugene area in an area rally May 3. Janelle Baron, recently back from Peru, spoke at the ladies tea in the afternoon.

Arden Sanders, missionary with Wycliffe, spoke to the **NORTHRIDGE**, Wichita, Kansas (Duane Hansen), congregation. Arden is the son of Glen Sanders, a retired MAYM pastor.

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet of **WEST PARK** Friends, Cleveland, Ohio (Chris Jackson), was held at the church on May 9, sponsored by the Mary Martha Missionary League. A skit "This Is Your Life" was presented, and the main speaker for the evening was Nancy Jackson.

FIRST DENVER Friends (Chuck Orwiler) Women's group earned \$147.50 from selling baked goods to voters during the Denver mayoral elections May 19. The monies will go toward missions.

The children at **LIBERAL**, Kansas (Paul Shugart), are learning about missions as they watch the Mission Flower Plant grow. For each dollar given, a new flower is added.

Spiritual Life and Growth

A Passover dinner was held Friday evening at **EUGENE** April 17, followed by a special service led by Pastor Clyde Parker.

Dr. Merrill Thomas, son of Alvin and Mildred Thomas, shared with **MIAMI**, Oklahoma,



Friends (Merl Kinser) on the medical side of the suffering of Jesus.

NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio, Friends (Neil Orchard) has been experiencing heaven-sent revival following the three-day series of meetings by the Sutura Twins, Lou and Ralph, of Mansfield, Ohio, May 29-31. Sister churches of the district were also invited and shared in this healing ministry.

WESTSIDE, Kansas City, Kansas, Friends (Jeff Blackburn) joined five other churches in the community for an evening service of praise and prayer. The intent was to share the concern for the needs of the community and to pray for a spiritual awakening.

Max Huffman led a leadership seminar in March at **SOUTHWEST**, Ohio, Friends (Kenneth Hinshaw) designed to stimulate the use of the spiritual gifts given to each member. The pastor also had a series of Sunday evening services on spiritual gifts.

ROSE HILL, Kansas (Charles Neifert), reports that 16 new family units have been added to the church, representing nearly 60 people. This has resulted in three new Sunday school classes.

Gary Wright from **HAVILAND** was invited by Friends United

Meeting to hold revivals in 15 Friends churches in Jamaica July 1-23.

Manny Chavarria of **TRINITY**, Van Wert, Ohio, Friends (Duane Rice) has been ordained at Bethany Fellowship in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

A weekly Bible study has been started for the men at **ARGONIA**, Kansas (Francis McKinney). The study is on the book of Mark, and an average of 12 men attend.

Youth and Christian Education

Several young people from Mid-America Yearly Meeting have received honors this year. Denise Smith, her parents, Raymond and Zelma Smith, and her teacher Richard Irby, all members at **NORTHRIDGE** Friends, were guests of Governor Hayden for a buffet in Topeka, Kansas. Denise was valedictorian at Valley Center High School.

The Sunday school picnic of **CALVARY** Friends, Columbus, Ohio (Robert Stroup), was held June 7. Activities included a potluck lunch, games, ice cream, and vespers. Calvary's vacation Bible school July 13-17 was led by June Immel, a VBS specialist.

PAONIA, Colorado, Friends pastor, Eldon Cox, spoke May

Can a parking lot be paved with newspapers?

17 at the Paonia High School baccalaureate. His topic was "Success, Contentment, and Happiness: How to Find It."

HAVILAND (Paul Romoser, youth pastor) hosted a volleyball tournament, hamburger fry, and a concert by a Christian rock group for several of the churches in the area.

The youth of **YPSILANTI**, Michigan, Friends (C. Wesley Sheldon) have participated in several activities such as a walk-a-thon to earn money for attending Camp Caesar or Yearly Meeting.

FORT COLLINS, Colorado, Friends (Lowell Weinacht) began a summer schedule for their Sunday school program June 7. Sunday school was oriented toward families with a time of devotion and Scripture memorizing.

Seventeen youth and sponsors from **ALUM CREEK**, Marengo, Ohio, Friends (Dan Ruff) took an inspirational tour of WCVO, a Christian radio station in New Albany, Ohio.

NORTHRIDGE (Kevin Mortimer, youth pastor) sponsored an all-church auction on May 10 for camp and mission projects.

A "first Sunday of every month" offering plus some special fund raisers allowed 21 kids from **RIVERTON**, Kansas, Friends (Paul Snyder) to attend camp at Camp Quaker Haven with their fees paid in full. There were 13 adults also involved in the camping program as counselors and staff.

ROCK HILL, Eagle Springs, North Carolina, Friends (Scott Wendy) completed a successful "Friend Day" campaign on April 22, with 92 in Sunday school and 104 in worship.

SPRINGBANK, Allen, Nebraska, Friends (Roger Green) combined forces with the Allen Lutheran and Methodist churches for Bible school.

WESTSIDE enjoyed a Children's Day Program entitled "God Keeps His Promise." Robbyn Golubski wrote the skit, and 21 children were involved in the simple but inspiring presentation—including four-month-old Cody Swift as "Moses hid in the bullrushes."

The youth ministry of **TRINITY**, Van Wert, hosted an intern for a ten-week period—Craig Edgerton of Battle Creek.

BENKELMAN, Nebraska, Friends (Robert Sander) vacation Bible school was June 1-5. The John Coffey family held evangelistic services May 19-24.

Four young men from **HAVILAND** were involved in the Quaker Wheels tour this summer—Craig Clarkson, Monty Corbet, Kendall Lothman, and Brandon Thompson.

URBANA, Ohio, Friends (James Chess) held their annual cook-off Saturday, April 17. The money raised helped the teens for camp and other activities.

Colen and Lisa Bigham are new youth sponsors at **BETHEL**, Hugoton, Kansas, Friends (Terry Worthington). They were broken in on a weekend retreat to John Martin Dam in Colorado.

At **SOUTHWEST**, the "Children of Light" are earning points for Bibles brought, verses memorized, and attendance at Wednesday night meetings to raise money to help them go to Quaker Canyon. The senior high youth are also raising money to help them go to summer camps.

Jennifer Mustain of **MIAMI** graduated with honors and was valedictorian of her class at Commerce High School. She plans to attend Northeastern A and M College in Miami as a premedical major. Korey Cantwell, also of Miami Friends, won first place in the VICA Dis-

trict Auto Body Contest in Tulsa.

The Children's Choir under the direction of Diane Thompson presented their spring musical, *I Am God's Project*, at **CANTON**, Ohio, Friends (John Williams, Jr.) on May 3.

COUNCIL HOUSE, Wyandotte, Oklahoma (Darwin King), reports that their Bible school was a tremendous success with 55 children. Council House is part of the Indian work in Oklahoma.

Family Life

CANTON Friends concluded its "Mom's Morning Out" program for the spring. The ten-week program enabled the mothers to leave their preschoolers one morning a week for a program of stories, music, recreation, and snacks. Leadership was provided by volunteers for the first six weeks and by mothers for the last four weeks. Around 80 people were involved.

Joe and Fay Burkholder of **SALEM FIRST** Friends, Ohio (Richard Sartwell), celebrated their 50th anniversary May 29.

Building and Improvements

SPRINGBANK Friends had a "spring cleaning," which included drywall replacement and painting.

The east side parking lot of **CLACKAMAS PARK**, Milwaukie, Oregon, Friends (Gil George) is being paved. Many tons of newspapers over the past six years have been sold to pay for this area, which will accommodate about 45 cars.

WILLOW CREEK, Kansas City, Missouri, Friends (Gary Dameron) put a new roof on their church and installed two new metal doors in the basement.

Through memorial funds and donations, a new sound system and cabinet have been installed at **SOUTHWEST** Friends.

NEWBERG, Oregon, Friends (Ron Woodward) repaired a number of sidewalks at the church and Yearly Meeting Headquarters property recently. Volunteers assisted the church maintenance supervisor in removing the old sidewalks.

FRIENDS CHAPEL, Coyle, Oklahoma (Charles Armstrong), recarpeted the sanctuary and did some painting.

The parking lot at **NORTH OLMSTED** Friends has undergone several coats of sealing, giving it longer life and attractiveness.

VERA, Oklahoma, Friends (Roger Malone) recently completed an addition to their building including a fellowship hall and kitchen.

Outreach

Outreach activities at **SOUTHEAST** Friends include a Ladies Fun Night, meeting once a month to teach a particular craft, and a Men's Fellowship Group recently organized.

Chris Powell of **URBANA** Friends spent two weeks in Georgia helping older people paint their homes, mow grass, and other odd jobs as needed.

RAISIN VALLEY, Adrian, Michigan, Friends (Dale Chryst) is proud to announce its oldest member, Lelia Valentine, is "100 years young."

RIVERTON Friends have started a ministry to members and Friends 60 years and older on the last Thursday of every month. Those attending bring a covered dish, and a special program is planned. At the first "Silver and Gold Dinner" there were 31 in attendance.

Other Special Events

May 17 was "Senior Appreciation Day" at **NEWBERG**. As the "seniors" came into the service, a pink or white carnation was pinned on each one. The message for the two

morning services was brought by the minister to the third age, John Fankhauser. In the afternoon a reception was held at Friends Center. The Young Friends Singers (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders) sang several numbers with recorded accompaniment and directed by Mauri Macy, minister of music. The musical numbers were followed by dessert and fellowship around the tables.

Beverly Carr of **NEWBERG** (daughter of Roscoe and Tina Knight) spent two weeks in Brazil in early May working through adoption procedures for 2½-year-old Bria Rose, abandoned as a baby and badly malnourished. Six-year-old Brook, who lost her father when she was just a few months old, is delighted to have a sister. Bria, who has many health problems, is responding beautifully to medical treatment and to the love of family and friends.

Palm Sunday evening at **RAISIN VALLEY** Friends found approximately 100 persons spellbound by a slide-and-lecture presentation given by the Second District Judge James Sheridan on "The Shroud."

Jerry and Bea Davis of **DENVER** have been invited to participate in the First National Senior Olympics in St. Louis June 27-July 2. They will be entered in swimming events—the 50-meter free style, backstroke, breast, and butterfly.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, Friends (Sheldon Cox) celebrated their 25th anniversary June 13 and 14.

One hundred **EUGENE** ladies with daughters attended the Mother-Daughter Salad Luncheon May 9. Nancy Lamm was the speaker for the afternoon. Music was furnished by Quaker Notes and the Sofa Singers. Special feature was Doris Lokken and her daughter Paula

showing their handmade teddy bears and baskets.

"Faithful Followers," the senior citizens group at **ORANGE ROAD**, Westerville, Ohio, Friends (Tim Kelley) had a busy schedule this summer with luncheons, trips to Inniswood Gardens, Zoar Village, Portside in Toledo, and Mohican State Park.

GREENLEAF Friends report that May 31 was Greenleaf Friends Academy Baccalaureate and Commencement. Ron Emry was chosen as "Teacher of the Year" at Kuna High School. John and Grace Roberts spent several weeks with their daughter Juanita Eoff, husband Bill, and family, in Kodiak, Alaska. Lee Belt left in May for Alaska, where he will be working in the fishing industry. Mike Tuning, Jr., with leukemia in remission, left the Seattle hospital May 19.

SOUTHEAST Friends hosted a series of four summer lawn concerts. The first concert was given by the youth choir from **CANTON** Friends, presenting the musical *Surrender* under the direction of Stan Hinshaw, son of Southeast's pastor.

LONE STAR, Hugoton, Kansas, Friends and the community held a Going Away party for their pastor, Gary Routon, and family, who have moved to West Chehalis Friends in Northwest Yearly Meeting.

"Sing for Joy" was the theme for the annual ladies' spring banquet at **ALUM CREEK** Friends. Lenora Barrett from North Carolina shared and sang, accompanying herself on the dulcimer. Sixty-five women and girls attended the banquet.

A record offering was received Easter Sunday at **TRINITY**, Van Wert, Friends. The goal of \$25,000 was surpassed with a total offering of \$25,519.46. A tithe of this was

sent for the missionaries in Mexico, Dave and Joyce Byrne. The remainder went toward the fund for a new building.

BAYSHORE, Texas, Friends honored their pastor, Mahlon Macy and his wife, Hazel, in a special celebration on June 7. Mahlon and Hazel are retiring after 45 years in the ministry. They have been at Bayshore five years, now moving to Newberg, Oregon.

Twenty mothers and daughters of **URBANA** Friends attended a banquet for Mothers and Daughters at **BELLEFONTAINE**, Ohio, Friends (Royal Runyon). The speaker was Ruth Ann Raymond speaking on the topic of women in her life who had influenced her and biblical women who were brave enough to speak up for their "rights."

On April 22 members of **PAONIA**, Colorado, Friends (Eldon Cox), along with other churches in Delta County, businessmen and individuals, spent time in prayer over the economic conditions of the North Fork Valley.

GAHANNA, Westerville, Ohio, Friends (Jerry Wenger) and **ORANGE ROAD** joined together for a Singspiration at Gahanna church.

OUR RECORD OF FRIENDS

Births

ADAMS—To Mr. and Mrs. Chris Adams, a daughter, Emily Beth, May 15, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

ANDERSON—To Bill and Cathy Anderson, a son, Colin Timothy, May 5, 1987, Orange Road Friends, Westerville, Ohio.

BARINGER—To Lester and Diane Baringer, a daughter, Shelly Marie, March 29, 1987, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio.

BATES—To Randy and Lisa Bates, twin daughters, Samantha Jo and Ashley Nicole, April 11, 1987, Winona Friends, Ohio.

BAUMAN—To Bill and Rhonda Bauman, a son, Andrew Herbert, March 5, 1987, Winona Friends, Ohio.

BROWN—To Mike and Kenda Brown, a son, Cody Ray, May 18, 1987, Haviland Friends, Haviland, Kansas.

CARR—To Beverly Carr, by adoption, a daughter, Bria Rose, May 7, 1987 (born in Brazil September 26, 1984).

CHAPMAN—To Dick and Robin Chapman, a son, Justin Scott, April 19, 1987, Paonia, Colorado.

CLOPTON—To Darrell and Jacquelyn Clopton, a daughter, Dara Ann, May 12, 1987, Emporia Friends, Kansas.

COLES—To Thomas and Julie Coles, a son, Daniel Steven, April 5, 1987, Ypsilanti Friends, Michigan.

COX—To Gary and Kim Cox, a son, Joshua Bartley, February 14, 1987, Winona Friends, Ohio.



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DeBUSK—To Dwight and Patty DeBusk, a daughter, Christine Annaliese, March 26, 1987, Riverton Friends, Kansas.

EGOLF—To Jeff and Carol Egolf, a daughter, Holly Jean, January 13, 1987, Winona Friends, Ohio.

ELLIS—To Erin Ellis, a son, Michael Scott Traeger, May 4, 1987, Silverton, Oregon.

GARRISON—To Rick and Linda Garrison, a daughter, Meredith Hope, March 14, 1987, League City Friends, Texas.

GRUETZMACHER—To David and Joannie Gruetzmacher, a son, Paul William, April 30, 1987, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

GWINN—To Ronica Gwinn, a daughter, Kasey Elisabeth, April 16, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

HEIN—To Mike and Diane Hein, a daughter, Heather Marie, April 16, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

HENRY—To Mark and Catherine Henry, a son, Matthew David, April 17, 1987, Alum Creek Friends, Cincinnati, Ohio.

HIEBERT—To Lyle and Mary Hiebert, a son, Joseph Lyle, May 12, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

HILLYER—To Jeff and Barb Hillyer, a son, Matthew Joseph, February 3, 1987, Winona Friends, Ohio.

KRICK—To Mr. and Mrs. Kevan Krick, a daughter, Kevanna Marie, May 1, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

LaFORCE—To Bill and Annette LaForce, a daughter, Bethany Brooke, April 17, 1987, Battle Creek Friends, Michigan.

LEHMAN—To Norman and Beth Lehman, a daughter, Anne Marie, February 20, 1987, Canton Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

LINDER—To John and Cheryl Linder, a son, Russell Andrew, April 24, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

LOGAN—To Shadie and Fonda Logan, a daughter, Tiffany Amanda, May 28,

1987, Trinity Friends, Martinsville, Virginia.

MCCOLLUM—To Shawn and Rebecca McCollum, a son, Shawn DeLane, November 21, 1986, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

MALMSBERRY—To Scott and Cheryl Malmsberry, a daughter, Deborah Lian, April 23, 1987, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio.

MARKWARD—To Mr. and Mrs. Tim Markward, a daughter, Magdalene Crystal, May 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

MARQUEZ—To John and Sondra Marquez, a daughter, Mallory Jean, April 12, 1987, Willow Creek Friends, Kansas City, Missouri.

NEVILLE—To Paul and Candy Neville, a son, Noah Paul, April 9, Eugene Friends, Oregon.

PERKINS—To David and Laura Perkins, a daughter, Chelsea Ann, June 5, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

PHILLIPS—To Joseph and Betty Phillips, a son, Joseph Benjamin, Jr., May 6, 1987, Hughesville Friends, Pennsylvania.

PRICE—To John and Kelly Price, a son, Jordan Dean, March 28, 1987, Winona Friends, Ohio.

RIFE—To Clinton and Kena Rife, a daughter, Kristal Rose, May 22, 1987, Emporia Friends, Kansas.

THAYER—To Ken and Janelle Thayer, a son, Evan Michael, May 11, 1987, Spokane Friends, Washington.

THOMPSON—To Ric and Bonnie Thompson, a son, Seth David, May 6, 1987, Canton Friends, Ohio.

WAGNER—To Jeff and Yolanda Wagner, a son, Anthony Thomas, February 19, 1987, Ypsilanti Friends, Michigan.

WILSON—To Bob and Martha Wilson, a daughter, Sarah Jane, April 14, 1987, Canton Friends, Ohio.

WINE—To John and Sue Wine, a daughter, Sarah Ellen, April 6, 1987, Topeka Friends, Kansas.

Marriages

BROWN—TERHUNE. Jana Brown and Harold David Terhune, June 6, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

CARELOCK—OBERT. Gwen Carelock and Chuck Obert, May 23, 1987, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

DAVIS—DAVIS. Marieta Sue Davis and Steven Edward Davis, June 6, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

FOLEY—TAYLOR. Sue Ann Foley and Robert Daniel Taylor, May 9, 1987, Hutchinson Friends, Kansas.

GREER—HOPPOCK. Lori Ann Greer and Kevin Charles Hoppock, June 20, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

HARSH—DUNN. Lori Harsh and Glen Dunn, August 23, 1986, Winona Friends, Ohio.

HURLESS—RICE. Becky Hurless and Wayne Rice, May 22, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

LOESCH—COXWELL. Colleen Gayle Loesch and Norman Scott Coxwell, June 13, 1987, Booker Friends, Texas.

McMICHAEL—RAUDABAUGH. Tina McMichael and Mark Raudabaugh, May 23, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

MARQUARDT—PHILLIPS. April Marquardt and Danny Phillips, April 18, 1987, Hughesville Friends, Pennsylvania.

METZGER—SCHULZ. Kelly Anne Metzger and Kenneth Lee Schulz, June 20, 1987, Bethel Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

MILKS—MORTON. Kay Milks and Mark Morton, June 13, 1987, Monroe, Michigan.

MILLER—MILES. Marlene Miller and Carroll Miles, May 16, 1987, Salem First Friends, Ohio.

ODOM—JACKSON. Laura Odom and Rod Jackson, May 2, 1987, Eugene Friends, Oregon.

POLSON—POLSON. Scott and Gloria Polson were remarried in Panoia Friends, Colorado, April 28, 1987.

PUTT—BLACK. Lori Putt and Robert Black, June 6, 1987, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

RENDER—McCALLUM. Renee Render and John McCallum, April 18, 1987, Winona, Ohio.

RIDGEWAY—BLACKBURN. Cheryl Ridgeway and Kenny Blackburn, September 20, 1986, Winona, Ohio.

REMINICK—WADE. Kelly Reminick and William S. Wade, May 9, 1987, North Olmsted Friends, Ohio.

SANDER—TOMPKINS. Becky Sander and Mark Tompkins, May 18, 1987, Benkelman, Nebraska.

SINGH—SMITH. Sheila Singh and Brad Smith, June 20, 1987, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

SMITH—BAILEY. Sharon Smith and Tim Bailey, September 6, 1986, Winona, Ohio.

TERWEY—PENDERGRASS. Sherri Terwey and John Pendergrass, May 2, 1987, Hutchinson Friends, Kansas.

WILLIAMS—STOFFER. Joyce Williams and Vic Stoffer, April 25, 1987, Winona, Ohio.

Deaths

ANDERSON—Earle Anderson, April 17, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

COBB—Della Cobb, 80, April 22, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

FOLWELL—Ethel N. Folwell, 82, April 21, 1987, Boise Friends, Idaho.

FOX—Howard Fox, February 8, 1987, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

HAIN—Adah Hain, June 3, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

HAYNES—Elsie C. Haynes, 96, March 29, Trinity Friends, Martinsville, Virginia.

HINSHAW—Imogene Hinshaw, April 30, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

JOHNSON—Don Johnson, April 3, 1987, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

KEMPER—Eugene LaVelle Kemper, May 8, 1987, Milwaukie, Oregon.

KINION—Riley Kinion, April 1987, Miami Friends, Oklahoma.

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Bridges between generations at Yearly Meeting

MILLARD—Olga Millard, 70, May 4, 1987, Alliance, Ohio.

MILLER—Ivan Miller, May 9, 1987, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

NEUFER—Ocie Neuffer, March 28, 1987, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

PULLIN—Eleanor Pullin, 56, May 3, 1987, Boise, Idaho.

SELLER—Archie Seller, retired minister, June 18, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

SMITH—Cecil Smith, April 22, 1987, Canton, Ohio.

TRAXLER—Bertha Traxler, April 28, 1987, Bayshore, Bacliff, Texas.

VAN PELT—Faye Van Pelt, May 23, 1987, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

WILKINS—Howard F. Wilkins, 81, May 2, 1987, Mt. Carmel Friends, Cable, Ohio.

OUR WIDER FAMILY OF FRIENDS

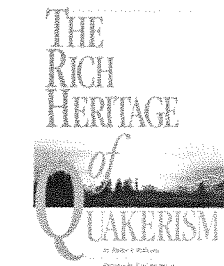
'GreatFriends' Reach Across Generations

Attendees at New England Yearly Meeting will be given opportunity to be a "Great-Friend." The program is a joint effort of Junior Yearly Meeting and the Committee on Aging. Older Friends who come to yearly meeting without children will have a chance to get acquainted with a child from Junior Yearly Meeting.

Juniors and older Friends will be informally matched and introduced to each other. The "GreatFriends" are then on their own. Some might have a lunch or play a game together some afternoon. "Great-Friends" do as much, or as little, together as they desire.

Indian Affairs

The Friends Committee on Indian Affairs will be holding its 1988 meeting at Wyandotte, Oklahoma, April 9-10. Encour-



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aging reports were heard from the various Friends works as 181 people gathered for this year's annual meeting at Ridge farm, Illinois. The 1989 meeting is scheduled to be held in Haviland, Kansas.

Quakerism 101

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting offers its monthly meetings a traveling course on Quakerism. Quakerism 101 is designed as a six-week course for meetings to orient new members and attendees to the beliefs and practices of Friends and to deepen the understanding of experienced Friends. This year the course has been given at a third of the Yearly Meeting's 100 monthly meetings. Quakerism 101 usually includes early Quaker history, basic beliefs, meeting for worship and for business, testimonies and concerns, and diversity among Friends.

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releases as well as long-popular titles still in print. The catalog lists books, pamphlets, tapes, and periodicals.

The 1987 catalog is the first publication sponsored by the organization. It will be available at yearly meeting sessions or from Friends publishers and book distributors. There is no charge for the catalog except for a \$2 postage and handling fee if ordered by mail.

QRT Features Benson Tribute

The summer 1987 issue of *Quaker Religious Thought* is devoted to Lewis Benson, a key figure in the interpretation of Quakerism since the 1930s. Since he died August 23, 1986, this issue is not only the intended evaluation of his contribution but a memorial to him. Wilmer A. Cooper in the introduction presents several interpretative portraits of his work by three Quakers—T. Canby Jones, Arthur O. Roberts, John Punshon—and the Mennonite scholar John Howard Yoder.

The issue includes articles by Dorlan Bales and Lisa Kuenning, who give critiques of his work; Hugh Barbour, who presents the challenge of Lewis Benson; and Terry S. Wallace and John H. McCandless, who give personal testimonials on Lewis Benson's life and work. This booklet concludes with a "Partial Bibliography of Lewis Benson." Copies can be ordered from Quaker Religious Thought, Route 4, Box 471-A, Easton, PA 18042 at a cost of \$3.



"And here's a quarter for you and the... uh... child!"



Cows, Quilts, and the Mad Mouse

At the start of the day, I thought that there wasn't much more life could offer me. But I soon found myself wondering, after only a few spins on the

bottles. I wanted to meet and talk with each artist.

WHAT does all this tell me? Am I getting too "mature" to have fun? Losing my sense of adventure? Or are my values just different now? Perhaps it's just a matter of accepting the seasons of life, and in my season, Sky Dives aren't appropriate?

I love Ecclesiastes 3, the poem on "times" and "seasons." "There is an appointed time for everything," says the Preacher. "A time to give birth, and a time to die A time to weep, and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance A time to search, and a time to give up as lost A time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to love, and a time to hate" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-9) Perhaps there's also a time for the Sky Dive and a time for the cow barn. "He has made everything appropriate in its time." (Ecclesiastes 3:11) Joy comes with accepting appropriate change and living fully each of life's seasons.

(Really, I enjoy the rides. I still like to go fast. It's just that I now prefer to be right-side-up while doing so.)

We didn't spend much time in the barns. I was very aware of Kristin's impatience, of her you've-seen-one-you've-seen-them-all attitude. I understood. After all, why rendezvous with a Holstein when the Mad Mouse awaits? **EF**

BY NANCY THOMAS

THE LAST year we were home on furlough, our family took in the Tillamook County Fair, and I discovered some things about myself.

I've always loved fairs. The music, the crowds, the hot dogs, and unattainable teddy bears, even the dust, all contributed to my high sense of excitement. I remember somewhat impatiently enduring the cows and quilts, if the people I was with insisted on seeing them (and they inevitably did). But the rides—that's what it was really all about! Flying through the air, braids streaming behind me, screaming and laughing, half terrified, and wholly hysterical! That was life for one ten-year-old-girl. I remember saving my money for weeks to be able to spend it all on ten consecutive rounds on the Caterpillar.


Two summers ago we blew it. Just home from the mission field, we wanted our kids to have this very all-American experience (although that was an excuse; I was the one who wanted to go). We bought four open tickets for all the rides, as many of them as we wanted.

Matterhorn and the Roundup, if this day wasn't going to be rather long. I didn't seem to fit quite as well in those little cars and my purse kept banging my knees. (I noticed that no one under 25 carries a purse to the fair.) I screamed at first, more from nostalgia than terror, but that seemed silly, so I stopped. My feet got tired. My face felt sunburnt and my hair stringy. Still, the kids were having fun, so, off to the Sky Dive!

Actually, and much to my surprise, the best part of the fair was the cow barn. It didn't smell like a real barn, thanks to the pooper-scoopers. The hay was fresh and sweet, and the cows glowed with health and cleanliness. Their large limpid eyes spoke of the patient endurance of all this foolishness.

I enjoyed just walking slowly past the stalls, looking at each animal, noting the unique arrangement of spot and color, trying to detect personality, seeing intelligence in the different expressions. I'd never really appreciated a cow before.

After the animals, we visited the craft exhibitions and I wished I could spend more time looking at cross-stitched pillows, elaborate quilts, and tiny ships in



update

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For Your Information

NORM WHAN, director of church planting for Southwest Yearly Meeting, will present techni-growth methods during one day of the Focus Conference, September 22-24. The annual conference for pastors and spouses is being held in Umatilla, Oregon. **John and Carol Williams** of Canton, Ohio, will be the guest speakers with the theme of "The Pastor as Leader."

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY is October 18.

Friends churches across the country plan to use this day to encourage unchurched friends and relatives to visit our churches. Plan to use this day to introduce a friend to your church family.

TIO KELLEY, associate pastor at South Salem Friends, died of a heart attack August 1. A memorial service was held August 4 at South Salem.

BILL ELLIS, pastor of Silverton, Oregon, Friends, was critically injured in an auto accident July 25 while returning home after the Yearly Meeting Friends Men banquet. He passed away August 5, and the memorial service was held August 9.

FAITH AND PRACTICE, the book of Christian discipline approved at Yearly Meeting, is scheduled to be available in October. By sending in your order right now with payment, Faith and Practice will be sent to you without charge for postage and handling. Send \$4.95 per copy to Barclay Press, P. O. Box 232, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

THE TRANSITION of our fiscal year to calendar year, for accounting purposes, rather than July 1-June 30 is in process. We are presently operating with a six-month budget prior to the beginning of the 1988 budget. Local church pledges to the 1988 budget should be considered in October and November.

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'New Things' at Yearly Meeting

"New things I declare. . . says the Lord." The theme for the 95th sessions of Northwest Yearly Meeting July 25-31, 1987, at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, reflected the many new things that are happening.

New people include a new general superintendent, assistant superintendent, and youth superintendent. Howard Harmon, Retha McCutchen, and Bruce Bishop shared with boards and plenary sessions the concerns and vision they bring to their new leadership positions. New missionaries to Bolivia and Peru commissioned in the Sunday afternoon missions rally were Dan and Tami Cammack and Ken and Tonya Comfort. Tim Fox, newly appointed with his wife, Kathy, to serve in Mexico, was also present.

A new attendance record was set with more than 1,000 present on Sunday evening when Howard Harmon called Friends to go "Onward, Upward, Outward" in his keynote message.

A new tool for church planting was also presented Sunday evening when the Board of Evangelism announced plans to start three new churches this year using the concept of techni-growth -- the use of tele-marketing in the starting of new churches.

A new title -- Minister-at-large -- was given to Jack L. Willcuts along with a traveling minute for Jack and Geraldine as they travel to England for ministry there during the coming year.

A new element in the evening services was a short video presentation highlighting various aspects of the sessions. These presentations were compiled into one videotape for use in local churches and 44 of these have already been purchased. Copies are still available from the George Fox College Video Communication Center.

The speaker was new to the Northwest as he had just come to his new position as president of Western Evangelical Seminary. The ministry of Duane Beals in the evening services and morning inspirational hour was much appreciated.

Five pastors were recorded as ministers of the Gospel: Denny Anderson, Arequipa, Peru; Richard Benham, Entiat, Washington; Rob King, Homedale, Idaho; Gregg Lamm, Klamath Falls, Oregon; and Fred Ness, Quincy, Washington.

Although not new to the members of the Discipline Revision Committee and others who have given time, thought, and prayer to the proposed Faith and Practice, the new book was given final approval by the Yearly Meeting.

Yearly Meeting includes a lot of meals. Some of particular interest were the Womens Missionary Fellowship Banquet with 325 women attending and \$2,500 raised for sending six of our missionaries to Guatemala '87. The Friends Men Banquet raised \$2,600 for church planting. Special dinners for teachers and for writers were held on Monday and Tuesday evenings with guest speakers. Pastors had dinner together on Wednesday.

Twenty of the 25 high schoolers who participated in the YCEW program with mission trips to Mexico and Rough Rock, Arizona, were present for Youth Yearly Meeting. Yearly Meeting activities for young people included a service project at Tilikum that made a much-appreciated contribution of work on the grounds.

Yearly Meeting continues to grow as a family event as both parents and children discover the quality program that is offered for every age group. Child care on campus, day camp at Tilikum, Youth Yearly Meeting, and a good variety of interesting workshops provide something for everyone.

The sense of Christ's Spirit within meetings for business and meetings for worship made Yearly Meeting a launching point for new things in the Northwest.

October Is Stewardship Month

How can we best use the time, talents, and resources God has given us? The Yearly Meeting Department of Stewardship Promotion would like to help you know how you and your church can most effectively carry out the Great Commission.

October is halfway through the six-month budget for 1987, and right at the time for planning 1988 budgets. The month will include teaching on stewardship and information on our ministry opportunities in Northwest Yearly Meeting.

Superintendents Visit Pastors in Area Luncheons

The new general superintendent and assistant superintendent will be visiting each Area of the Yearly Meeting during September and October. Howard and Beth Harmon and Retha McCutchen will have a luncheon with pastors and spouses in each Area and also have opportunity to visit with each pastor on a personal basis.

Techni-growth Information Available

We are looking forward to a church-planting thrust this fall. One planting method to be used will be Techni-growth which is successfully being done in several parts of the country.

By modifying the approach, Techni-growth is also a helpful church growth method for established churches. We are planning a spring training to enable churches to use these materials in the most efficient way. If you have questions, call Retha McCutchen at the Yearly Meeting office (503) 538-9419.