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# EVANGELICAL **FRIEND**

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During the past year the editors of *Quaker Life* and *Evangelical Friend* have met several times to discuss some ways they might cooperate more actively. From those discussions has come a procedure for exchanging articles which might appropriately appear in each publication. This special joint issue is also a product of that cooperation. The theme, "Friends Today" seemed to fit with the editors' desire to emphasize the ways some of our people are serving the Lord in unusual ways and some of the ways our Friends bodies are working together. We welcome our readers' comments on this joint endeavor.

## FROM THE EDITORS

# Letting Go of Suspicions

BY J. STANLEY BANKER, EDITOR  
QUAKER LIFE

**O**NCE UPON a time several groups of Friends went their separate ways. Time and structure increased the distance.

Then a funny thing happened on the way to puritanical polarization—a few people questioned the prejudices and suspicions. Such questioning led to face-to-face encounters, and of all things, friendships.

Yes, there were differences. But there were similarities as well. The suspicions inbred over the years began faltering under the reality of Christian fellowship.

Hierarchical turf protection was in serious jeopardy. What would such friendship among Friends mean? At that point the "unequally yoked" mentality kicked into high gear to search out the sins and shortcomings of the other.

Thankfully, grace proved stronger and short-circuited the effort as Friends began to pray and pray together.

Suspicion then raised its ugly head peppering the field with enough sectarian semantics and lingo to gag the breath of even the fittest. Are THEY really Christ-centered? Are THEY really holistic? Are THEY too interested in social issues? Are THEY too pious?

As the self-righteous debate roared on, a few Friends here and there began to talk using terms such as "we" and "our" and "us." Are WE as Friends seriously heeding the calls of Christ? Do OUR testimonies bear witness of the love of Christ? Is God wanting to work through US as Friends?

Again, polarization and doubting were thwarted by communication and friendship.

Yet suspicion, prejudice, and self-righteousness are, like some of the grave moral sins, perpetual invaders of spirituality.

This time suspicion wore the name "Protector." Advocating a platform of doctrinal purity and uprightness of interpretation, suspicion promised to stand at the door to cast out any potential invaders. Soon everything and everyone were seen as invaders. Doubt, not trust, became the fundamental practice. Separateness, not fellowship, became the hallmark. Suspicion, not love, was the password.

Nonetheless, what the "suspicionists" had failed to comprehend was that true faith is tougher than doubt and stronger than separation. In such a spirit, a few Quaker souls led the Society of Friends in letting go of suspicions and embracing both the love of God and one another in Christ.

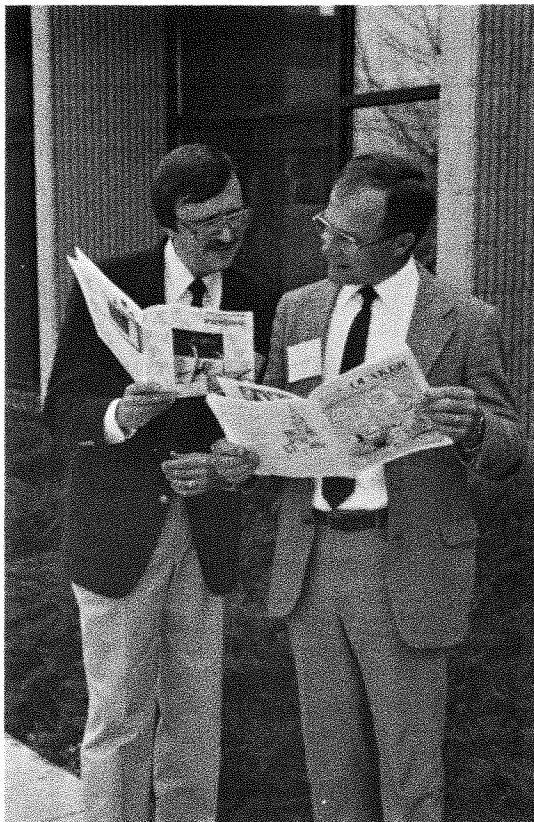
Today, despite some lingering suspicion, a similar love is overcoming the human-made barriers among Friends.

For those who like to busy themselves with organizational barriers, the message is simple—don't worry. The move afoot is not one of organizations. The Lord knows we've botched that one up royally anyway.

The new movement is one that replaces suspicions, doubts, fears, and questioning about one another with the love of God working afresh in our midst.

The July-August issues of *Quaker Life* and the *Evangelical Friend* have been cooperatively produced to encourage Friends to celebrate our common commitment to Jesus Christ.

For it is through Christ we can let go of wholly unholy suspicions and speak together the good news... the Kingdom of God is at hand. **EF**



**Editors Stan Banker (left), Quaker Life, and Lon Fendall, Evangelical Friend, sharing articles and ideas at Fourth Friends Ministers Conference**

# Called to the Gates

BY LON FENDALL

**L**OUISE WILSON concluded her message at the recent National Friends Ministers Conference by repeating the phrase "in the marketplace." She had spoken of the spiritual strength so essential if we are to be used in the Lord's service. She went on to emphasize that spiritual growth has value not just for its own sake but for our preparation to serve "in the marketplace."

The Holy Spirit took Louise's words and transposed them for me into another needy area of service that had not been directly covered in her message. The Holy Spirit has a way of doing that, making one message into dozens of different, but equally valid, messages. To my hearing, the idea of the marketplace or the world of work around us took on the meaning of the

place where decisions are made. We call it government, but in the Old Testament they called it the "gates." The message to me that night in Denver was that we are called to be God's presence and God's prophetic voice in the city gates as well as in the marketplaces.

People in the Hebrew world knew where to find their leaders, the people of authority and wisdom. When a penalty needed to be determined for criminal behavior, they went to the elders in the city gates. When a sensitive decision had to be made about matters of law or tradition, people went to the gates. That's where Boaz went to make sure he would be doing the proper thing if he married Ruth.

It may have been that the gates became the gathering point for decision makers because the gates were so crucial to the defense of the cities. If an enemy approached, it was important that the leaders be available to authorize the closing of the gates and mobilizing the defenses. The gates were something of a hybrid of the Pentagon and the White House.

The gates were also places of intrigue and competition for power, as we read in 2 Samuel 15. That was where Absalom knew he needed to go to try to win the loyalties of the people away from his father, David. In fact, Absalom carried on a blatantly disloyal scheme by stationing himself near the gates and telling people he could take care of their needs much better than David if only he were selected as the next king. Absalom's

strategy sounds a lot like contemporary political campaigns—discrediting the incumbent and promising wonderful benefits under new leadership.

Some Christians consider political intrigue and strategies to be distasteful if not sinful. They can see the validity and necessity of Christians providing a Christian witness and a model of integrity in the business world but do not feel the same about Christians in government and politics.

Of course we no longer have gates in most cities, but there are the modern counterparts—city halls, county courthouses, state capitol buildings, and, of course, Washington, D.C. Our national capital is a gigantic "gate" where decisions are made that have great consequences for our country and our world.

In 1 Kings 22 there is a fascinating story that took place at the city gates, an account of courage and boldness worth emulating today. King Jehoshaphat of Judah went to Samaria to meet with King Ahab of Israel to discuss the idea of retaking Ramoth Gilead from Aram. Their deliberations naturally took place at the city gates. It was there that Ahab called on his 400 pseudoprophets to rubber-stamp the ill-conceived plan. And it was to the city gates that the genuine prophet Micaiah was summoned when Jehoshaphat became nervous about the glibness of Ahab's prophets. It was with considerable reluctance that Ahab agreed to send for Micaiah, though, since Micaiah's messages invariably contained bad news for Ahab.

**T**HE KING'S messenger who was sent for Micaiah tried to talk him into voting with the majority in favor of the effort to conquer Ramoth Gilead. Micaiah pretended to do just that when he first arrived, but Jehoshaphat could see that the prophet was actually mocking the system that was intended to make him into a rubber stamp. When Micaiah delivered the real message, predicting a disastrous outcome of the battle, Ahab blew up at him. God's prophet ended up with a slap in the face and an immediate prison sentence.

No wonder some would prefer not to respond to the call to the gates. But Friends have not let such dangers stand in their way in being obedient to the Lord. The boldness of the proclamation of the Gospel during Quakerism's first generation included many instances of Friends ministering to the kings and other rulers of the day. Sometimes it was to plead for relief from persecution. Sometimes it was to present the Gospel to the ruler. Always it was a bold and clear proclamation of truth from God, very much in the tradition of the Prophet Micaiah.

Friends today have a voice in Washington in the Friends Committee on National Legislation. As effective as that organization is and has been, it is not a substitute for our individual response to the call to go to the gates, to be God's messengers to our local and national leaders. The call that came to the Prophet Jeremiah is still relevant: "Go and stand at the gate of the people, through which the kings of Judah go in and out; stand also at all the other gates of Jerusalem. Say to them, 'Hear the word of the Lord . . .'" (Jeremiah 17:19-20) **EF**





## Freedom to Worship Appreciated

Each Sunday millions across America attend worship services in hundreds of different kinds of churches without a thought of what a privilege it is to worship so freely. Europeans first migrated to America to escape the persecution they felt in their homeland because of their disagreement with the accepted church and customs associated with it. Among those who were persecuted were the Quakers who valiantly sought freedom to worship as they pleased, suffering physical punishment, imprisonment, and even death to gain that right. Others fled to America seeking to escape the persecution.

What a discouragement it must have been to realize that the persecution persisted even in America! Early Quakers were thought to be heretics because they believed differently from those who gained control of the new governments in America.

Quakers were stripped to the waist and beaten, had their tongues bored through with hot irons, and a few were even hanged because they refused to give up their right to worship and preach as they believed.

Even though these were trying times for the early Quakers, the body was not entirely without benefit. These early Quakers were zealous in their quest for freedom! When they found places of refuge in America their zeal did not wane. They protected the rights of the Native Americans and later became involved with helping the slaves to gain their freedom.

Their belief in "that of God in every man" included ALL men of all races. Later involvement brought prison reform, humane treatment for the mentally ill, and aid to the poor.

In America today, Quakers have total freedom to worship as they please.

*Livia McCoy's appreciation for Quaker worship began recently when New Hope Friends Church contacted her as the church was initiated through telemarketing. Her study of Friends inspired the above "epistle."*

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There is no concern for safety and no worry about any type of persecution because of personal belief.

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When we gather together for worship let us not forget what others gave for us so we can have this privilege. Let us regain some of the enthusiasm of our early brothers. And let us not forget to praise God for this precious right to worship Him.

LIVIA MCCOY  
Richmond, Virginia

## Defending Distinctives

In the March 1989 number of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, we must once again suffer another "Evangelical" Quaker's complaints that "... [there is] ... a trend throughout the world [toward] an overemphasis on what we call 'Friends distinctives' ..." ("Friends Distinctives and the Coming Revival", Nancy Thomas). Though Bolivia is famous for its high elevation, is it possible to view the entire world from its heights? On what basis does the poet from La Paz complain that Friends "throughout the

world" emphasize Quaker "distinctives" too much?

First of all, I haven't the faintest interest in "distinctives"—as if they are merely occasional topics of discussion at historical society teas. Conservative Christian "friends" of the Quakers try to relegate to "distinctives" those Quaker truths that they are uncomfortable with, like women in ministry and nonviolence. Calling such matters "distinctives," and thus suggesting that they are not central to the Gospel, is to give in to a kind of "ecumenical" blackmail. But this is not the heart of the matter.

Someone needs to quietly take Ms. Thomas aside and explain to her that any such "Quaker distinctives" that remain among Evangelical Quakers persist despite impressive fundamentalist efforts to eradicate them. After 100 years of intoxication from the theological medicine show known as the Holiness Movement (happily dying out among many younger "Evangelical" Quakers), any Quaker "distinctives" that survive are precious rarities indeed! Thus, complaints that there is too much emphasis on these rarities seem about as threatening as a trend toward Socialism in the Republican Party. In both cases, such "trends" are as highly desirable as they are equally unlikely.

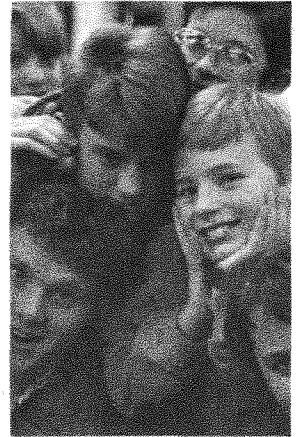
As for Ms. Thomas's prayers for a "revival" like those of the past, including both the Welsh and Holiness revivals, I am hopeful that Friends can mature beyond wistful nostalgia for a form of Christian expression that was inextricably bound to a particular era, and to a particular level of theological understanding. But more seriously, it is my urgent and heart-felt plea to God that our Church be renewed by anything BUT such an event, since Quaker insights into the truth of the Radical Gospel of Jesus barely survived the last onslaught of such trivialized and narrow expressions of Christian faith.

DANIEL L. SMITH  
Wilmington, Ohio

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## A Common Commitment to Quaker Christian Life



Stephen Main (left), General Secretary FUM, and Howard Harmon, President EFA

**A**FTER a long search for inner peace in the mid-1600s, George Fox heard a voice within saying, "There is One, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition." Upon this conviction the founder of the Society of Friends initiated an endeavor to rediscover the power and life of the early church.

The heart of this original Christian faith George Fox and other Friends helped to uncover involved a continuing effort to keep faith real, alive, and based on the redeeming grace of God.

Later, Joseph John Gurney was to define Quakerism as "the religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, without diminution, without addition, and without compromise."

Upon such a firm foundation and understanding, Friends United Meeting and the Evangelical Friends Alliance base their testimonies and ministries in today's world. Though certain distinctives do exist, Friends in both groups practice the Christian life based on a common understanding of faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.

In order to help Friends understand both the Friends United Meeting and the Evangelical Friends Alliance, the following is a brief description of each:

### *Friends United Meeting . . .*

Eighteen yearly meetings across the world have joined Friends United Meeting to do together the work they couldn't do separately. Member yearly meetings include Baltimore, Canadian, Cuba, East Africa, East Africa (South), Elgon (Africa), Indiana, Iowa, Jamaica, Nairobi, Nebraska, New England, New York, North Carolina, Southeastern, Southwest, Western, and Wilmington.

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Friends United Meeting ministers to the world in a manner that encourages active faith and spiritual development under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This work and witness is based on a common commitment to Jesus Christ.

FUM's cooperative ministries include evangelism, services, educational programs, peace activities, medical services, publishing, and leadership/spiritual development.

Answering the call to minister to a broken world, FUM has approximately 30 workers in fields of service. In Cuba and Jamaica, support for pastors is provided. In Belize a special ministry to the poor and disadvantaged is in place.

In East Africa preparation and training for effective ministry and leadership is sponsored, along with the encouragement to rapidly developing Friends fellowships. Two Friends hospitals in East Africa respond to physical and spiritual needs.

In the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah FUM supports the Friends Boys and Girls Schools.

**I**N THE United States FUM sponsors ministries to inner cities as well as providing an opportunity for individuals to give a year of service through the Quaker Volunteer Witness program. FUM staff also produce Peace and Social Concerns resources.

Realizing it is vitally important to encourage and stimulate spiritual growth, FUM works to develop leaders through workshops, seminars, and conferences. Leadership within FUM helps build a strong feeling of community among Friends and assists leaders with the challenge of growth and starting new meetings.

Christian education is a vital part of the Friends United Meeting network. Production of Bible-based curriculum for all ages with a Quaker emphasis is a major endeavor of FUM. Curriculum workshops are regularly sponsored.

A distinctive part of FUM is the ministry of *Quaker Life*. The purpose of the magazine is to update Friends with news of Friends United Meeting and the wider Christian community as well as providing inspirational and challenging articles.

The Friends United Press is the publishing house of FUM and produces books and pamphlets on Quaker history, Quaker beliefs, inspiration, mission, social witness, and fiction.

Having annual sales of over one-third million dollars, the Quaker Hill Bookstore is a major source for Quaker books. The bookstore is also a supplier of Christian materials and books to Friends meetings and other churches nationwide with their nationwide telephone service, 1-800-537-8838.

Another unique ministry within the FUM umbrella is the Friends Extension Corporation, which invests money of individuals and meetings through loans to other Friends meetings or related organizations that are further developing their individual ministries.

Friends United Meeting is guided by the direction of the General Board, which meets each spring and fall with representatives from each yearly meeting.

The programs of FUM are under the direction of a general secretary with the support of three commissions (World Ministries, Meeting Ministries, and Communication Ministries). These programs and others are administered by 25-30 staff persons at the central offices in Richmond, Indiana.

The present Presiding Clerk of Friends United Meeting is Paul Enyart, with Stephen Main serving as the General Secretary. Bill

Wagoner, Mary Glenn Hadley, and J. Stanley Banker assist in directing the three commissions.

Every three years the Friends United Meeting triennial is held to conduct business, worship, and develop friendships. In 1990 the Triennial will be held on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Plans are also being made for the 1993 Triennial to be held in East Africa.

In these ways, Friends United Meeting attempts to serve Christ, the family of Friends, and a world with many needs.

### *Evangelical Friends Alliance . . .*

*History:* Friends in four yearly meetings that were then unaffiliated had some common roots but were scattered throughout the United States and had no vehicle for cooperative endeavors until the 1960s. Some of their members had participated in the conferences of the Association of Evangelical Friends, held regularly since 1947. In these gatherings they had found they had much in common in their theology and worship style. They found that each yearly meeting emphasized evangelism and outreach through foreign missions and outreach in their respective urban and rural areas.

At the 1962 AEF conference in Canton, Ohio, yearly meeting superintendents and others met to discuss ways their yearly meetings could cooperate more actively. They discussed possible projects that no yearly meeting felt could be done on their own. From those informal discussions came the further planning that led to the establishment of the Evangelical Friends Alliance as an affiliation of four yearly meetings. These four were the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region (then called Ohio Yearly Meeting); Mid-America Yearly Meeting (then Kansas Yearly Meeting); Northwest Yearly Meeting (then Oregon Yearly Meeting); and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

**S**INCE the birth of the Evangelical Friends Alliance in 1965, the four yearly meetings have cooperated to more effectively communicate Christ's love. By working together in missions, Christian education, publications, youth, and church-planting they have been able to do much more than each yearly meeting could have done separately.

*Leadership:* Unlike Friends United Meeting, the EFA has no central office and administrative staff. The various commissions

## *What year was EFA born?*

meet once a year to plan their activities. Along with the general superintendents and four at-large members, the commission members together make up the Coordinating Council, the EFA's governing body. The Council elects officers annually, including a president, who clerks the annual meetings. The current president is Howard Harmon, general superintendent of North-west Yearly Meeting.

Three commissions have staff members to carry on their work. Dorothy Barratt is a full-time consultant for the Christian Education Commission. James Morris and Reta Stuart are staff to the Mission Commission, and the Publications Commission has several part-time editors for the *Evangelical Friend*.

*Program:* The Evangelical Friends Mission, the missions arm of the EFA, administers mission work in the Philippines, Mexico, the Christian University in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and Rwanda. James E. Morris, executive director, serves as a consultant to strengthen existing mission work of individual EFA yearly meetings—in India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Burundi, Peru, and Bolivia. Rough Rock mission in Arizona with work among the Navajos is now in the process of coming under EFM ministries. Iowa and Alaska yearly meetings cooperate with the EFM program as associate members.

**R**WANDA, the newest mission work of EFM, has seen a spectacular display of God's miracles as the long-closed door to new church work in this country opened wide to Friends. Experienced missionary families, Willard and Doris Ferguson, George and Dorothy Thomas, Gary and Connie Young, and Paul and Leona Thornburg, responded positively when asked to begin this ministry.

"Join a Miracle" songs and banners spread throughout EFA to encourage participation in an Easter offering with a goal of \$80,000 to build a much-needed church and medical clinic. The miracle truly happened as money began coming in from all of the churches, reaching a final count over \$115,000. To continue the work, the 1989 offering goal of \$80,000 has been reached. Videos of the Rwanda work have been produced by EFM to acquaint the yearly meetings with the progress.

The Christian Education Commission of EFA oversees a ministry that was one of the main motivations for forming the alliance. The need for Sunday school and youth materials that teach the Scriptures as Friends understand them has been ably met by this group. Dorothy Barratt, Christian education consultant and general editor of Christian education materials, travels throughout EFA giving leadership training, resources for Christian education leaders and pastors, Sunday school growth ideas, and missionary education materials. Sunday school curriculum planning, production of *The Adult Friend* along with Friends history, doctrine, and mission courses make this commission a valuable asset to these yearly meetings.

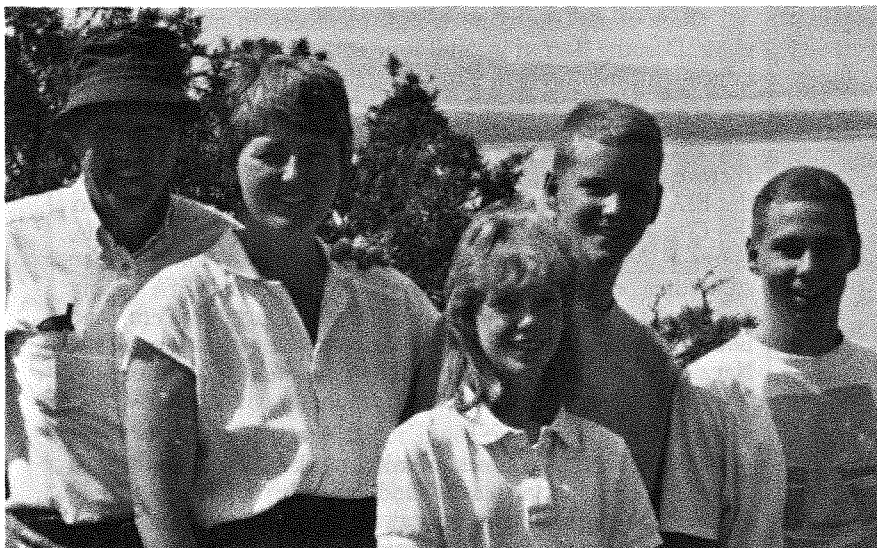
The Publication Commission is responsible for the *Evangelical Friend* magazine, the official publication of EFA. The opportunity for Friends to express themselves and share information and ideas with other yearly meetings stimulates unity.

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## *Where is the newest mission work of EFM?*



# MISSIONS



Ron, Nancy, Tasha, Mark, and Doug Woodward

BY RON WOODWARD

IN THE summer of 1987, our family began feeling some strong inner nudges toward an overseas assignment. I was in my 14th year as pastor of Newberg Friends Church in Oregon; Nancy was in her third year as school librarian at Woodburn Junior High. Doug, our oldest, was a senior in high school; Mark, a freshman; Tasha, in 7th grade. As a change of pace in ministry, I wanted to find a place of service in a developing country; Nancy hoped to obtain a position as a librarian in an international school; the whole family was anxious to learn more about what it would mean to become "world Christians" in a different culture. We felt clear to pray boldly for five things:

- an opportunity of service overseas for me,
- a library position for Nancy in an international school in the same location,

- a term of service for both of us lasting one or two years,
- free tuition for Mark and Tasha in the same school where Nancy was librarian, and
- an answer to our prayers by March 15, 1988!

In October of 1987, I submitted my resignation to the church in order to allow ample time for the pastoral search process. This prompted us to pray more seriously, write a host of letters, and follow up a number of leads. Well, we were slightly overwhelmed when it turned out that it was on March 15, 1988, in Richmond, Indiana, when I received final approval for a two-year ministry training pastors in Nairobi Yearly Meeting, jointly sponsored by Evangelical Friends Mission and Friends United Meeting. On that same day, Nancy received confirmation that she had been given a two-year contract as librarian for the International School of

Kenya in Nairobi. (She had previously flown to Iowa to be interviewed for this position at an international recruiting fair.) Part of Nancy's benefit package included the much-prayed-for free tuition for Mark and Tasha. (Doug had decided by this time not to accompany us, but to enroll as a freshman at Taylor University in Indiana.) We are still staggered by some of the "miracles" that occurred in answer to prayer!

ON JULY 15, 1988, we arrived in Kenya. Friends work began here in 1902, when pioneer missionaries Arthur Chilson, Willis Hotchkiss, and Edgar Hole established a mission station near Kaimosi in Western Province. God blessed their efforts and those of other laborers until "East Africa Yearly Meeting" became the largest yearly meeting of Friends anywhere in the world. (In the recent edition of *The Rich Heritage of*

## From Newberg to Kenya, With Love

*Quakerism*, it was estimated that in 1986 there were over 100,000 Friends in Kenya.) In a 15-year period following 1973, EAYM decentralized, forming five different yearly meetings. Nairobi Yearly Meeting, established in May of 1987, is the most urban of these yearly meetings. It extends from Mombasa on the Indian Ocean to the tea plantations of Kericho, a distance of over 450 miles. Because of the immense challenge of urbanization that faces Friends here, Nairobi Yearly Meeting leaders attending "Guatemala '87" asked EFM and FUM for short-term help in training pastors for urban work.

### The urban challenge:

What does "urbanization" mean? The latest projections for Nairobi include 2 million people in 1990, 4 million in the year 2000 (only 11 years away!), and 18.9 million in the year 2025! In every sense, Nairobi is a "world-class city." The UN Environmental Protection Agency has its world headquarters here. There are 73 embassies and 100,000 expatriates in the

city. Today, 73 percent of the city's population is under 30! And, in a country strongly influenced by Christian missions, it is estimated that only 12 percent of Nairobi's population is in church on a given Sunday. The Friends Church will need to double the number of churches in 10 years just to keep up with the population growth! All of this is rather unsettling since most Nairobi Friends churches have seen their future in terms of *land* and *buildings*—both so expensive that it takes almost forever to get a building project completed! So, how do we fulfill the Great Commission in a world-class city like this? How do Friends minister with limited funds and respond to massive social needs like poverty, unemployment, prostitution, and lack of education and job training for the poor?

#### **Strengths of the Church:**

As the Church faces the challenge, I see some great strengths in her possession. First, there's a strong evangelical heritage. The Yearly Meeting has a solid theological foundation; there are thousands of men and women who love Christ and want to serve Him. Beyond that, there's the godly leadership of dedicated pastors, many of them unpaid. People are friendly, generous, and gifted in hospitality (a very important part of African culture). They are also compassionate. I was deeply impressed one Sunday when a spontaneous offering was taken for two young children who stood wide-eyed before the congregation as an aunt explained that their mother's mental illness had rendered her incapable of providing for their needs. People responded out of very limited resources.

The music of the church is a rich combination of western hymn tunes and African rhythm. The choirs are inspiring; deep Kenyan voices authentically glorify Christ! Also, there is an optimism in this new yearly meeting that is born out of a desire to

avoid mistakes of the past and set an example for others to follow.

#### **Roadblocks:**

To counterbalance the strengths of the church, there are some significant roadblocks to growth and radical faithfulness. Unfortunately, the Friends Church in Kenya has had some problems in recent years and there has been some discouragement in the church. Tithing has not been a widely practiced spiritual discipline, leading to a serious shortage of funds for church buildings, pastoral support, and ministries of social concern.

Rural traditions strongly support the family and in many cases are a friend to Christian values against the pull of "the secular city." However, in the city, they can also become roadblocks to urban church growth. For example, rural tradition encourages the continuance of such things as the Luhya tribal language, an uneducated church leadership, an unpaid pastoral ministry, long services governed at neither end by the clock, and meetings for worship that are cluttered with lengthy greetings and innumerable announcements. Educated city dwellers, especially young people, don't want to spend all day in church. They want to experience meaningful worship and hear a clear word from God with a practical application for daily life. Many of them prefer a worship service in English, especially those who are upwardly mobile. (The higher you move in Kenyan society, economically and educationally, the more you hear English spoken.) Currently, most worship services in Nairobi Yearly Meeting are in Swahili, with some Luhya being used, especially in singing. (Friends have two hymnbooks, one in Swahili and the other in Luhya.)

Some readers smile. Of course! These are exactly the issues that are faced all over the world when rural values collide with the need for

urban church growth. But, as they say in Swahili, "*Hivyo, ndivyo, ilivyo!*"—that's how it is!"

#### **Mission opportunities:**

What mission opportunities are there for American Friends in a situation like this? Do we assume that yearly meetings in developing countries (former mission fields) are now completely on their own, and that "the day of missions" is over? Some would say, "yes." Isn't that what we mean by a work becoming "indigenous"? Besides, sending the traditional missionary is now becoming prohibitively expensive. And, isn't it true that Christians in the so-called Third World are much more effective in world evangelization than we Americans, with all of our cultural baggage and lifestyle demands? These are certainly some of the questions I have heard raised in recent years. And most of them are highly relevant to much of the mission work of FUM and EFA today.

While I do not consider myself a "missionary," I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve FUM, EFA, and Nairobi Yearly Meeting on a short-term assignment with a specific objective. I am also grateful for the churches and individuals who are making this possible financially—and for my wife who provides slightly over half of our support through her "tentmaking" job at the International School of Kenya. So, both on the basis of our current experience and my involvement in Friends missions over the past 25 years, let me offer a few observations:

- World evangelization is still the sovereign plan of our Commander-in-Chief; the day of "mission opportunities" is not over.

- In some areas, Friends will be called by God to engage in "old-fashioned missionary work" with a primary goal of evangelism and church planting (e.g.—the current EFM work in Rwanda).

- In areas of the developing world where independent yearly meetings do exist, we need to be keenly aware of the dangers of creating an unhealthy dependency on U.S. dollars and personnel. However, we also need to seek creative ways of developing—in the phrase of the late John F. Kennedy—an "alliance for progress" that does provide assistance and encouragement to overseas Friends. (Such an alliance currently exists, for example, between Southwest and Central America yearly meetings, and between Northwest Yearly Meeting and the INELA [national church in Bolivia]. In some cases, missionaries may continue to serve in roles that are supportive of the goals of the national church, but in other cases it would be much better to send short-term personnel, including "tentmakers," to provide assistance in such specialized areas as teaching, leadership training, administration, agriculture, the development of community centers, etc. In a few strategic locations, U.S. churches or yearly meetings, could provide matching funds to assist Friends overseas in building badly needed facilities that are beyond their financial capability. The current FUM "Chain of Care" program (linking up local meetings and yearly meetings with their overseas counterparts) might be an excellent wine-skin for such an alliance for progress—beginning with prayer and concern and moving on to practical ways of helping!

We live in a global village in days of urgency. We dare not succumb to a selfish and comfortable form of Christian isolationism. Let us be mindful of our brothers and sisters in Christ overseas, and so labor in order that *glory* may be brought to Christ *in the church*, throughout all generations (Ephesians 3:21)! **EF**

*Ron Woodward is at the midpoint of a two-year ministry in training pastors for Nairobi Yearly Meeting.*



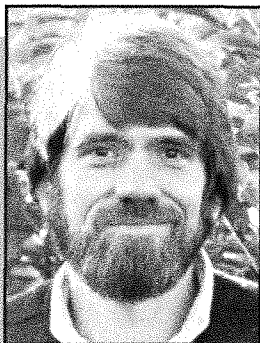
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# PUBLISHING

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## Publishing Truth, Together

BY LOUISE M. SARGENT

**I**N 1716 a Friend by the name of John Whiting published his memoirs. In the preface to his book he justified his writings, giving five reasons for publication:

1. For a memorial to myself of the dealings of the Lord with me...in thankful remembrance of His mercies;
2. To give an account of some of the persecutions...we the people called Quakers underwent;
3. For a warning against persecution in time to come, that none may thereby presume to oppress tender consciences;
4. For the encouragement of all that may hereafter suffer for the testimony of truth...that they may never be discouraged but trust in the Lord;
5. And to do justice to myself and my friends, to commemorate the lives and noble acts of many worthies as well as the lamentable ends of many persecutors.

These reasons—to commemorate, to report, to warn, to encourage, to do justice—remain the ideals of Friends publishing today.

Few and scattered as a denomination, Friends have needed publishing as a unifying and encouraging ministry. Convinced of the immediacy of their relationship with God and His Holy Spirit in their lives, Friends have used publishing as a prophetic voice to speak to Quakers and to the world at large, challenging, instructing, and warning.

Once full of vim and zeal, Friends today are gentler in their challenges. Their writings tend to be personal accounts of the workings of God in the lives of His people. They are often life stories, journals, or devotional in style. There is a historical perspective, if not directly stated then strongly implied.

Publishing is a process that involves many people at various stages. Writer, editor, printer, marketer, bookseller—all must work together before the dialogue between the minds of the writer and the reader can begin.

There are three major American Friends publishing houses. Pendle Hill Publications (Wallingford, Pennsylvania) is a program of Pendle Hill, a Quaker center for study and contemplation. Friends United Press (Richmond, Indiana) publishes books and pamphlets as a ministry of Friends United Meeting. Barclay Press (Newberg, Oregon) is governed by Northwest Yearly Meeting. In addition to these there are many smaller publishers, including individual yearly meetings and self-publishing authors. Some of these issue books only occasionally, others limit their work to pamphlets (a time-honored Quaker tradition!).

Quaker publishing today faces many struggles, one of the most serious of which is limited finances. There are more issues to be addressed, more books to be written than there is money for printing.

Editors must regularly evaluate the best options for books, the greatest needs, often deciding to print books for their salability rather than (though not necessarily to the exclusion of) their potential ministry.

At Barclay Press, for example, the volume of books printed and sold seldom reaches the break-even point for production. Most books must be subsidized. An author may receive only pennies per hour for the time he or she spends putting ideas on paper. (For some Friends, those who reject "hireling ministry," the idea of receiving any monetary gain for writing is appalling. For others, royalties are necessary to "free them to minister" through writing.)

Another struggle in Friends publishing today is a cultural trend that Richard Foster (Friends University, Wichita, Kansas) calls "horizontal spiritual development"—American Christians freely read, learn, and grow across denominational lines. Materials published by Friends, then, must compete even when selling to "their own" Quaker audience. This increases the financial constraints mentioned above, as Friends expect what is essentially a specialized product at the price of the mass marketplace. Conversely, of course, other Christians are likely to read and learn from Friends writings. However, Friends have not yet developed the networks and strategies that market their

publications effectively beyond Friends circles.

A third struggle arises from our history. Schisms that began nearly 200 years ago still keep Friends theologically fragmented and suspicious of each other. We do not speak with a single voice. These divisions force duplication of publishing efforts, limit marketing, and hinder cost-effective copublishing ventures and agreements. Rebecca Mays (Pendle Hill Pamphlet Series editor, Wallingford, Pennsylvania) says that as Friends we have taken ourselves "too precious." "Let's not downplay our differences," she says, "but let us allow ourselves to complement each other when and where we are complementary."

Amid these struggles for Friends publishing are several hopeful trends. "A new crop of Quaker writers is appearing," says Jack Willcuts (Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon). Some of these, like Richard Foster, Howard Macy, and Charles Mylander, have "crossed the line" and are being published by non-Friends publishers, called to "minister to the Gentiles," so to speak!

Quakers United in Publishing (QUIP) was organized in 1984. Now with 40 members, this association of publishers allows editors, journalists, booksellers, and press representatives to meet face-to-face. They gather annually to discuss marketing, distribution, and editorial policies. They encourage each other, share publishing needs and plans, and exchange views. They also get to know one another, helping to reduce their fears and suspicions.

Several benefits to Friends publishing have arisen through QUIP. A catalog has been printed and updated, listing all publications of member publishers. For the first time in Friends history, then, a single catalog provides access to a majority of Quaker books and pamphlets in print. This networking for distribution increases sales for all the Quaker publishers.

By sharing needs and goals, several copublishing ventures have been produced. Rather than duplicating efforts, publishing houses have worked together on specific publications. John Punshon's book, *Encounter with Silence*, was a cooperative effort by Friends United Press and Quaker Home Service (London). Pendle Hill Publications and the Tract Association of Friends (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) cooperatively reprinted *A Description of the Qualifications Necessary to a Gospel Minister* in May of 1989. Friends United Press has purchased the rights to all of Daisy Newman's novels by working out an agreement with Friendly Press (Ireland), and they will soon be in print

again. Similar projects among other publishers are under discussion.

People and ideas have also been exchanged. Jack Willcuts, who has served as clerk and spokesperson for the Evangelical Friends Alliance, visited for a year at Woodbrooke Study Centre in Birmingham, England. John Punshon, British Friend, is expected to teach at George Fox College (Newberg, Oregon) in an exchange with Fox's Professor Emeritus of religion, Arthur Roberts, during the fall of 1990.

Available this fall is a "market guide" for Quaker authors. Compiled by Willcuts, this pamphlet lists QUIP member publishers and their guidelines for submissions. This will enable writers to more effectively channel their manuscripts.

Any discussion of Quaker publishing must include periodicals. They too struggle financially, serve a limited audience, and strive to avoid unnecessary duplication.

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*Evangelical Friend* (EFA), *Quaker Life* (FUM), and *Friends Journal* (FGC) speak for the three major associations of Friends across the U.S. Smaller periodicals represent other groups of Friends. *Friendly Woman*, for example, is published by cooperatives on a two-year rotating basis. Currently edited by the Prairie Women's Collective (West Branch, Iowa) this quarterly journal is thematic and specifically aimed at Quaker women in all walks of life.

In many ways periodicals speak most effectively to Friends today as our modern culture prefers shorter articles over books and the very nature of the publication places it regularly in the mailbox of the reader.

In addition to the struggle that Quaker publishers face and bolstered by the bright spots of QUIP and bold new writers, Friends today face four major challenges in publishing.

First, the majority of Quakers in the world today do not speak English. What do these Friends, from different cultures but worshiping and led by the same God, have to say? What do they have to say to us? And how can we hear them? These are questions that must be answered, not only by those currently involved in publishing but by all Friends.

Second, Friends are not radically engaging the world in dialogue on the social concerns of the day. Dan McCracken (Barclay Press) says, "We're missing the boat on 'our own' issues"—areas where Quakers have traditionally led the way. Ardith Talbot (Friends United Press) says we need more "writers of truth," and Jack Willcuts expresses a need for "profound, deep down writing." Rebecca Mays calls for people who have "wrestled with their angels" on a specific social concern and are able to "speak from that experience to the issues of life in 1989."

The third challenge is by no means unique to Friends. The public today is caught up in the "easier media." Few of us are willing to read, and even fewer are willing to struggle with writing that challenges our beliefs, understandings, or lifestyle. "This is not a problem of denominationalism," says Willcuts, "but of illiteracy."

Finally, Friends in publishing need to find a theological voice. In essence, Barclay's *Apology* stands as our only treatise that affirms our beliefs and presents arguments in support of them. Richard Foster contends "we ought to have had fifty who are as able as Barclay" throughout our 300-year history, but observes that Friends "have tended to avoid the rigors of the larger theological arena." As Quakers we need to strengthen our theological posture, then encourage and nurture writers in that direction.

Overall, those intimately involved with Quaker publishing are optimistic. The future appears bright as editors, writers, and booksellers willingly wrestle with the balance between business and ministry. QUIP has been instrumental in bringing Friends publishing to this point, since such a modest project as publishing a catalog has facilitated dialogue and begun to soften the walls of separation.

As John Whiting did nearly three centuries ago, Friends continue to commemorate, report, warn, encourage, and do justice through publication; and it appears that in the future there is hope that we will do so as actively as ever. ■

*Louise Sargent lives with her family in Kent, Washington, where they are a part of the newly started East Hill Friends Church.*



# PASTORAL MINISTRY

*An interview with five pastors from Evangelical Friends Alliance and Friends United Meeting*

BY JOHN CARTER

## Friends Perspectives On Ministry

**A**NY ATTEMPT to describe ministry in the Society of Friends today is doomed to be incomplete at best.

Because it is possible (even probable) that there are as many different concepts of "ministry" and as many different ways of living these out as there are Friends, an all-inclusive account would take years to write and would fill volumes!

This article is a report on written responses from five pastors to a series of questions about ministry. In addition, four of the five met for a time of informal discussion at the recent Fourth Friends Ministers Conference in Denver. The five who participated in this project were: David Bills,



pastor of New Garden Friends Meeting, a medium-sized, suburban meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina (FUM); Gordon Clarke, pastor of Garden Grove Friends Church, a large, suburban meeting in Garden Grove, California (FUM); Wayne Evans, pastor of Deerfield Evangelical Friends Church, a medium-sized, suburban meeting in Deerfield, Ohio (EFA); Catherine Sherman, pastor of West Newton and Valley Mills Friends meetings, two small, rural meetings outside Indianapolis, Indiana (FUM) (Catherine came to FUM from EFA); Stan Thornburg, pastor of Reedwood Friends Church, a large, urban meeting in Portland, Oregon (EFA).

*What is the focus of your Meeting's ministry? (Do you have a "Statement of Purpose"?)*

Catherine and David replied that their meetings do not have a specific statement of purpose, but that in general, their un verbalized focus is to be a Quaker presence in their communities. Stan reported that it was part of Reedwood's purpose as well to build a strong Quaker community for ministry to its members.

While no details were given (or asked for) as to what "Quaker presence" involved, one might hope for it to be active, dynamic, even invasive in the life of the community (something like salt and light)! Catherine noted, "Quaker presence is OK, but if our neighbors have never heard of Friends or don't understand what they have heard, then we probably need to rethink our idea of presence."

Gordon, Wayne, and Stan reported that their meetings each did have an official "Statement of Purpose," and upon

comparison several points of similarity were evident. All three included concerns for providing a center for corporate worship, a

place for believers to gather in the name and presence of Christ. In addition, all three included concerns for the education, spiritual growth, and nurture of the believer. These two inward focused concerns were balanced with two outward focused concerns: one for evangelism, helping others discover a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and one for ministry in the community, getting involved in meeting needs on local, national, and international levels.

*What, if any, "nonreligious" contributions does your Meeting make to its community?*

The wording of this question brought some replies about the nature of "nonreligious contributions." David Bills wrote, "As Quakers we hold very strongly to the testimony that there is no distinction between the sacred and the secular. There is a beautiful and wondrous harmony in all creation. Recognizing this makes all our activities a part of the whole that is religious."

The lists of "nonreligious contributions" I received were richly varied. All five reported that their meetings opened their doors to various civic projects. "Hosted" services included preschools, a two-year-olds program, a 14-hour-per-day baby-sitting program, AA and other 12-step programs, Boy/Cub/Girl Scout troops, monthly gatherings for senior citizens, latchkey child care, tutoring, day care for children, a socialization program for the mentally retarded run by an area mental health association, crisis pregnancy counseling training, "Kid Safe"—dealing with child safety issues, local election polling place, and a meeting place for police chaplain programs.



Gordon Clarke

All five also reported active involvement outside the church walls, which included participation in civic groups and city council meetings, legislative issues, soup kitchens, food/clothing/finance assistance programs, adult independent living projects for senior citizens, emergency shelter for the homeless, refugee sponsorship, adult day care, and perhaps most unique of all, the Deerfield church has a gas well on their property that supplies free gas to the local fire department!

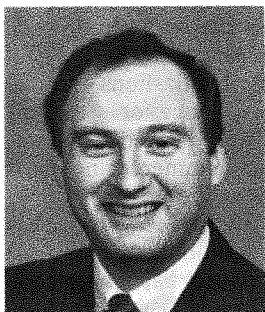
Catherine pointed out that the amount of money for social services, and thus the number of social services available in rural townships is much less than in urban areas. Stan agreed, pointing out how unfortunate it is that while there are

fewer resources available in rural areas, they nevertheless have the same needs!

#### *How do you perceive the pastor's role among Friends?*

In answering this question, all five seemed to agree that there is not one particular role for a Friends pastor, but that it is a highly individualized position, depending on the call, interests, and abilities of the pastor. Stan wrote, "The pastor's role is one of function, not status. Many of my friends from non-pastoral meetings envy the consistent, quality pastoral care that can be provided by a pastor who is free to focus on that ministry. Many of my friends from pastoral meetings envy the ownership and involvement typical of nonpastoral systems." He added that his "ideal meeting" would have a paid pastor, but not a paid preacher.

Each of the five saw his/her own pastoral function in a different light. Gordon saw his role as being sensitive to the needs in the community and congregation, to make those needs known in the congregation, and to help them find "handles" with which to begin working to meet those needs. Stan perceived his role as a "player/coach," one who acts as both a spiritual director in the meeting and as a ministry coordinator, someone to



**Wayne Evans**

whom people can come for "clearness." Wayne spoke of himself as a catalyst, one who helps things happen more quickly and efficiently. David wrote of being a Friend released to be a servant in the meeting in a variety of ways. Catherine saw her role as being a resource person, a model or example who encourages people in their personal struggles and ministries.

A common theme in all their discussions was that the presence of a pastor does not (or at least SHOULD not) diminish our practice of "the priesthood of all believers." A pastor's function is not to do ministry FOR the congregation, but rather to encourage and coordinate the various ministries OF the congregation, to "minister to the ministers!" This view of pastoral leadership is one that several felt had become lost among Friends and now needs to be rediscovered.

#### *What characteristics do we need to reexamine?*

Several characteristics and testimonies were listed as being important to hold on to. Simplicity, honesty, humility, and our focus on the Inner Light were mentioned, our commitments to peace, equality and human rights, truth and integrity, education, equal access to human resources, living in a manner consistent with our faith, the empowerment of women, our focus on worship, silence, and spiritual realities, our way of doing business by consensus, the sanctity of human life, and in general, our sense of "moral vision."

Things we Friends need to reexamine included local meetings' shifting of the responsibility for meeting needs to local, national, and international agencies, our inability to follow through consistently on many of the important concepts listed above, our exclusivity or "purity," our preoccupation with organizing ministry (committee meetings) rather than just doing it, our intense devotion to tradition, our sometimes perverse delight in being distinctive or "peculiar," and our propensity to point the finger and yell "sin" without offering any constructive solutions. Stan wrote, "I think we need to reexamine all of them (our testimonies)! Not to throw them out, but to embrace them anew. I think Friends have the most exciting, dynamic, spiritual heritage in all church history."

#### *What is needed in the Society of Friends today?*

Gordon suggested we need to draw some lines, define who we are, and go out into the world without apology. He and Wayne both felt that Friends need to become more Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-led, to quit focusing on ourselves and begin to focus on the needs around us. Stan agreed, saying that we need to "return to worshiping Christ rather than the church-growth experts. . . . I honestly fear there will be a day when worship as I know and love it will have been sacrificed on the altar of numbers. . . . I hope and pray I am proven wrong."

Stan also pointed out a need for Friends to get along with each other. "We cannot ignore the differences nor minimize them, but we can love one another unconditionally, we can dialogue in peace, we can cooperate in speaking truth to power, we can pray for one another, and surely we can sit in silence together and listen to the Teacher." He also listed a need for "competent and visionary leadership," a position echoed by David Bills, who wrote, "The great need in the Society is for trained, dedicated, wise leaders. . . . Where are the role models who are letting their lives speak for the next generation?"

Catherine echoed Gordon's concern that we be unapologetic in our witness as she wrote, "I believe the Society of Friends primarily needs a positive identity, a sense of who we are, a self-image as a group that is vital and important both to ourselves and our communities." In our discussion in Denver, she again suggested that Friends are suffering from low self-esteem, that we see ourselves as second-class, nonmainstream Christians. Stan agreed, and noted that much of the problem lies in the fact that, because many Friends aren't really convinced of the truth and power of our testimonies, they wish they could be like other churches. "Sometimes," he wrote, "Friends remind me of the Israelites jealously looking at the other nations and demanding a king. I don't think many Friends realize what they've got."

In correcting our "poor self-image," several suggestions were made. We need to stop treating our Quaker testimonies



**Stan Thornburg**

as adjunct or accessories TO Christianity, and start proclaiming them as early Friends did, as vital and vibrant expressions OF Christianity! Catherine pointed out that we need to make it clear that Friends' nonauthoritarian attitude toward our testimonies does not mean we are wishy-washy or inconsistent, but that we really believe that each person's conscience is ultimately accountable only to God.

Above all, Friends need to continue to be seekers. Catherine asked, "Dare we to dream? Dare we give voice and feet to our visions? What possibilities are secretly growing within our churches? Will we be able to give them life, or will we ignore and neglect them until they fade away?" With obedient dreamers like Catherine, Stan, David, Wayne, Gordon, and the many others I have met in Friends ministry who are striving to be faithful to the call of Christ, I am confident that the necessary changes CAN be made, that the unknown possibilities CAN be realized, and that the Society of Friends CAN in fact take its place in the world and function as a strong and healthy member of the Body of Christ! ■■

*John Carter is pastor at Westfield (Indiana) Friends Meeting in Western Yearly Meeting.*



# FOCUS ON FRIENDS

## A Friends Leader in Education

BY MICHAEL HENLEY

**I** IDENTIFY with kids who never had a chance to develop their God-given potential," says A. J. Ellis, assistant commissioner of education in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

Dr. Ellis places a high priority on applying his faith in Jesus Christ to his work as an educator. His career began in a small town in central Oregon, in 1962, where he served as music, French, and history teacher, as well as basketball coach. Subsequently, he taught in Kansas and Colorado.

From 1965 to 1968, Dr. Ellis was head of the music department and dean of students at Friends Bible College in Haviland, Kansas. He later held positions as principal and assistant superintendent in Goodland, Kansas, and afterward became superintendent of the Holly, Colorado, school district.

Dr. Ellis, wife Joan, and youngest son, Andy, reside in Thornton, Colorado, and are active members of First Denver Friends meeting. His oldest son, Jack, works as a research engineer for NCR Microelectronics in Fort Collins, Colorado; the Ellis's middle son, Mike, is a college

senior studying mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

"I look at those kids who are hurting and want to do something to make some breaks fall for them," he said. That view has guided his approach as an educator through the years leading to his present position in the Department of Education, a position he assumed in 1988.

Through his position, Dr. Ellis supervises the office of accountability and accreditation services. He has recently developed a new educational accountability program that encourages local planning for school improvement, with active community participation. The Public School Finance Act of 1988 gave his department authority to work with school districts to take more responsibility for children from imperiled and "battered" homes.

The CDE has established two goals:

1. A 90 percent high school graduation rate by 1995.
2. All districts will guarantee by 1995 that diplomas mean a graduate has the skills to enter the workplace and pursue higher education.

Those goals aren't necessarily unique to Colorado. However, Dr. Ellis said he believes the CDE program attempts to generate more comprehensive partnerships in reaching the objectives. The program aims for cooperation among families, businesses, and schools to improve education in the state.

Some communities have taken it on themselves to assist parents of newborn babies. Representatives from a school district and the business community contact parents of infants shortly after the child's birth.

**T**HE GOAL of the program is safe and protective care for the child and a nurturing home environment, according to Dr. Ellis. Among suggestions for the parents are well-balanced, nutritious meals; reading to a child beginning at two months; sharing family folklore; developing heroes and role models; and letting the child know those who have valued and gained from education.

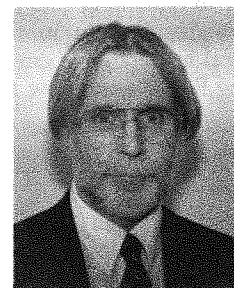
In addition, the businessman presents the parent or parents with a \$50 passbook account at a local bank. "Compounded with interest, the account could reach \$1,000 when the child is 18," Dr. Ellis said. If parents and their employers make regular contributions, the balance could become much larger by high school graduation. Money for the accounts comes from local business associations.

"Since 60 percent of the families cannot provide the above, it is important for schools to develop partnerships," Dr. Ellis said. One way school districts can do so is through developing part-

nerships with businesses where individuals take active roles in assisting children from homes where traditional nurturing and caring relationships are missing. Another approach is through offering daycare, he continued.

For older children, the new program encourages school districts and businesses to develop mentoring programs in which adults work with children and young adults. Two business organizations—the Colorado Alliance for Business and the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry—are actively encouraging involvement.

In Greeley, Colorado, the local school district has what it calls the "Dream Team." "Businesses there adopt a student and guarantee a job. They will even be helping students get through college,"



A. J. Ellis

Dr. Ellis said. The program starts with children as young as the fourth or fifth grade.

He reported that the Greeley program is in its second year. The school district is focusing on children from the lower socioeconomic level in the community.

As public schools grapple with teaching values, Dr. Ellis sees the development of relationships between the old and the young as a perfect opportunity to instill morality. "One of the best ways to

have an exchange of values is bringing the extended family together to talk with these young kids. These are the critical years in teaching right and wrong, the sanctity of the family and of life," he said.

**D**R. ELLIS said he thinks these partnerships within local school districts can help children. However, they do not mitigate the responsibility of the home and individual Christians.

Additionally, parents themselves must retain and return to their responsibility of raising children. Unfortunately, the breakdown of families by divorce and the rise of unwed parents is a growing phenomenon in Colorado as well as the rest of the country.

"Currently, less than half of the homes in Colorado pro-

vide responsible, stable parenting for children. When one-half of the children do not have a home that will support learning, you have our situation today where 30 percent of the kids do not finish school. Unfortunately, most of these children face a dismal future," Dr. Ellis said.

He further observes: "An uneducated citizenship will destroy our economy, our country, and society. If someone doesn't intervene in these children's lives, they will soon bring this nation to its knees and our free, democratic society will disappear."

"The solutions do not ultimately lie with the government. We reject that approach. If the solutions are to have an impact, they must be generated by each local commu-

nity.... The responsibility rests with private businesses, employers, the church, and with individuals who provide the extended family for these children," he said.

**A**S A CHRISTIAN in a field some blast as a haven of "secular humanists," Dr. Ellis finds challenge and satisfaction. "Leaders with strong Christian values are essential to the future of public education. These values can provide the basis by which all of our children receive a quality education."

"The programs to be developed are designed not simply as educational instruments, but to promote those values in which we believe."

Additionally, Dr. Ellis has found the selection of co-workers to be important in

the effort to positively influence public education for Christ. "Personnel are important. We must place good people in key positions, people who understand their values and reflect them in their lives. We must develop the potential in people and then support them in their growth up the [career] ladder."

Representing Christ in the workplace is one important way to minister to and influence society. Dr. Ellis is working to improve public education through Christian faith and values. **EF**

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## A Friend at the FED

BY ANNE PERKINS

**O**N THE one hand, James H. Oltman is like other members of Scarsdale Monthly Meeting. He is a trustee and has served on the Board of Overseers. He is married and the father of three grown children. He has worked for 28 years for the same firm. On holidays Jim Oltman reads with considerable zest Kipling's "The Elephant's Child" at Powell House, the Quaker Retreat and Conference Center at Old Chatham, New York, to a lively and appreciative audience.

On the other hand, Jim Oltman is an unusual Friend, who has risen to a very high office in the Federal Reserve. Since July 1988, he has served as first vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York.

The Federal Reserve is the central bank of the United States; there are 12 in the sys-

tem. The customers are banks, and the Federal Reserve serves as a clearing house. It is a central point for money transfers around the world. The New York bank alone handles over one trillion dollars of fund transfers every day.

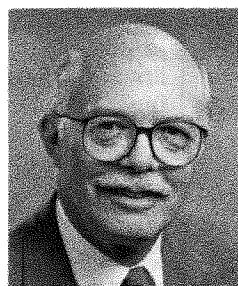
In addition, the Federal Reserve sets and executes monetary policy for the country as a whole. The chairman of the Federal Reserve and the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury communicate every day, since the FED's decisions impact the economy so dramatically. Their decisions affect not only the U.S. and its people, but also countries and their peoples around the world.

Jim Oltman enjoys serving the public. The son of teachers and grandson of a minister, he spent his childhood in Japan. To him the FED is an interesting place to work, since he's helping to run the machinery that makes the world's economy run.

In his own case, this can lead to a fairly long work day. On more than one occasion, it has meant taking a special assignment. One was representing the United States at negotiations with

Iran following the release of the American hostages in 1981. The Federal Reserve held a bargaining chip: the frozen assets of millions of dollars of Iran's currency in U.S. banks.

As first vice president, Jim acts for the president in his absence, helping to determine policy, and is also chief administrative officer for some 4,000 employees. He is responsible for decisions on all the bank's operations and on budgets, planning, personnel, and management.



Jim Oltman

To see that of God in every-one is a challenge when you are responsible for 4,000 people. On reflection, Jim adds quizzically, it can also be a challenge to let the same number of people see that of God in you.

Jim Oltman believes that his life and that of Joan, his

wife, took a whole new direction when they began to attend Quaker meeting.

Though reared in a church-oriented family, he had been an agnostic from his young manhood. Joining the Religious Society of Friends seemed to meet a particular need the Oltmans had for both faith and community.

While Jim doesn't parade his faith at work, he has tried to bring the concept of consensus to conscious decision-making. This idea isn't unique to Friends, but the Quaker experience can help in seeing that there is unity on important decisions.

Jim Oltman seems very happy to be working at the FED. There his investment of effort, talent, and loyalty come together with colleagues for whom he feels affection and respect. Joining the Friends opened a new dimension in his life and afforded him a special perspective on his work. Clearly, he relishes both. **EF**

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# YOUTH



## Fun, Witness, and Growth

### *Faith Journey for Youth*

BY TOM KLAUS

**I**S THERE any good thing Friends today are doing in youth work?

You already know what I'm going to conclude, right? Sure. I'm going to tell you Friends are doing some things well. Yes, but you don't know why.

Am I getting pressure to say positive things from The Editor? Is it because of the big bucks I'm getting to write this article? No, and definitely no. The only pressure I'm getting regards the deadline. Although, when you are *real* late on a deadline (as I am) The Editor stops caring what you write so long as you get something in. Regarding the second question, are you kidding? This is, after all, a Quaker publication.

In fact, there are good things to report because there are good things happening in youth work among Friends. Happily, the good work is not limited to any particular geographical or ideological points in Quakerism. Evidence of this fine work can be seen in at least three of the more

important aspects of youth work—fun, witness, and growth.

#### *Just for Fun*

In the words of many weighty older Friends, "Is that all those kids do—have fun?" I hope so. Fun is a big part of effective youth work. Many times it is the means toward growth. Any veteran youth worker knows that. Like it or not, fun is often a key to helping teens move forward on their faith journey.

For example, Northwest Yearly Meeting sponsors a spring volleyball tournament each year. This year 43 teams played and worshiped together. Now what do you think is the highest award of this tournament? First place? Smelliest gym socks? Nastiest spikes? Nope. It's the award for sportsmanship. Besides providing a very fun activity, the tournament is also a unique opportunity for youth to learn by experience the Christian and Quaker concepts of fairness and justice.

In Iowa Yearly Meeting a fall event provides a similar experience of fun and growth. Rec Around the Clock, now in its sixth year, last year drew a record number 300+ youth and youth workers. Starting on a Friday evening in November and ending the next morning, the event features a concert, food, and all night recreational activities in a YMCA. Originally conceived and planned by a local youth worker as a quarterly meeting event it now draws youth from across the yearly meeting. Rec Around the Clock uses the attraction of fun to provide a means of contacting numerous youth with the Christian message.

**M**ID-AMERICA and Western yearly meetings make similar use of ski trips. Drawn by the excitement and fun of skiing, youth also learn more about themselves in relation to God. Though good times can be a means of facilitating growth so can witness through service and sharing.

### *Just for Witness*

Several yearly meetings have youth activities that are clearly more intentional and overt about their witness.

Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region has a highly developed summer youth missions program. For many years they've been sending youth on mission trips throughout the world.

**A**T SPRING BREAK Northwest Yearly Meeting sponsors "Get Away, Give Away," which sends over 150 Friends, both old and young, to Mexico for a week of witness and work.

North Carolina Yearly Meeting is also involved in Mexican missions. They send youth to assist in Bible school and to perform helpful light duty work with Friends in Mexico.

Two yearly meetings, Mid-America and North Carolina, also sponsor youth musical tours. The teams *Serenity* (NCYM-FUM) and *Cornerstone* (MAYM), travel extensively in the summer performing and speaking in meetings, churches, and conferences.

The needs of the inner city attract the concern of Quaker youth workers across the nation. New England, Mid-America, Northwest, Southeastern, and Western yearly meetings are sending out short-term youth work teams this year to some of the nation's most needy inner cities.

Camping is a most vital witness to youth for Friends today. Most yearly meetings sponsor summer camping opportunities for Quaker youth and others. Quaker camping provides a point of contact between Friends and non-Friends, which is frequently undervalued. It often becomes a "port of entry" to the Society of Friends for many seekers.

Our camps must also be recognized for their role in impacting the lives of our

younger Friends. Through years of participation and building friendships, camp is frequently the place where many of our birthright Quaker youth become convinced Quaker youth.

Given the value and importance of camping to the strength of the Society of Friends it is sad to note that many of our camps are struggling to find enough volunteer leadership (i.e., counselors) to keep operating at competitive prices and maximum capacity. Have you volunteered at your camp recently?

While enjoyable activities and service opportunities are ways to stimulate spiritual growth and nurture leadership in our youth, sometimes there is nothing like taking the direct approach.

### *Just for Growth*

Baltimore, Canadian, and New England yearly meetings have strong youth programs that successfully involve youth in key leadership roles. Each has a newsletter produced and written by young Friends: *Sporadical* (Canadian); *Baltimore Young Friends Newsletter* (Baltimore); and *The Crier* (New England).

Even more, their youth take active roles in planning, implementing, and leading each of their events. This also develops leadership for the yearly meetings. Several exceptional young Friends have played a significant role in the life of Canadian Yearly Meeting for many years.

The results of this kind of youth involvement include fun (there it is again!), a sense of community among the youth, and ownership of the program. A unique loyalty to their events and gatherings has also developed among Quaker youth in these three yearly meetings.

North Carolina Yearly Meeting takes a slightly different approach to stimulating

growth. Its youth department offers two innovative programs for youth. One is a "Quaker Study by the Sea," a weekend study experience to teach Friends testimonies and to study their relevance for today. Though a little tough to do without a sea, Friends near any body of water will not find it impossible to duplicate.

The other NCYM program, "A Week in the Life of a Youth Worker," matches youth with youth workers for seven days. Youth get the "inside story" about youth work from their assigned tutors. In the course of the week they learn youth work by doing youth work.

It would be easy to go on describing the many other good things happening in youth work among Friends today. This has just focused on yearly meeting work, not accounting for the hundreds of meetings and churches engaged in youth work locally.

**A**S WE look to the future we have reason to feel both fearful and hopeful. On the side of fear, we need to recognize that some of our finest young people are leaving the Religious Society of Friends for other religious groups. And we are desperately short of workers and funding for the things that need to be done among and with our youth.

Yet on the side of hope, we find some very dedicated people across North America who are working to nurture the faith and lives of our Quaker youth. For this life and vitality we see now, Friends today have good reason to feel hopeful about tomorrow. ■

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## **EFA** *(Continued from page 7)*

The Youth Commission provides cooperative ventures for young people to become acquainted and fellowship together, such as the visitation exchange program being promoted this year. Youth are being encouraged to visit other yearly meetings and report back to their local meetings significant ideas and concerns. Youthquake, a highly successful gathering of young people even beyond EFA, has been effective in bringing hundreds together for spiritual renewal. A summer internship program to assist one college-age young person interested in youth work has been initiated this year. Erik Edmundson will work under the supervision of Bruce Bishop, Northwest Yearly Meeting youth superintendent. Next year the internship will locate in a different yearly meeting. Also, a resource youth worker is being partially funded this year for Rocky Mountain churches.

Carrying a keen interest in evangelism, the churches throughout EFA have set November 5, 1989, as Celebration Sunday. Each local congregation is encouraged to increase last year's attendance by 25 percent on that Sunday. A number of new churches will be opened on that day. During the past year,

seven new churches were begun. Many of them used the phone and mailings to invite community people to the Celebration Sunday.

**New Developments:** Now, through the requests and encouragement of yearly meetings in other lands, EFA has taken steps to become international. Representatives from the four areas where EFA has had mission work met together in Houston, Texas, in May 1989 to discuss the formation of a wider, encouraging fellowship group to be called Evangelical Friends International. The group agreed upon four major objectives: (1) renewal, to motivate Friends to a renewed sensitivity to God's voice through Scripture and contemporary needs by persistent waiting on the Holy Spirit; (2) evangelization, to encourage creative and concerned methods of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with those who haven't met Him; (3) fellowship, to stimulate genuine sharing of joys and burdens with one another in the family of Friends, locally, nationally, and internationally; and (4) leadership, to develop individuals whose godly lifestyles and vision demonstrate what it means to lead by being a follower of Christ. The proposed plan for EFI will be presented for consideration and approval to each yearly meeting of the EFA. ■

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### Raising Camp Funds

At Camp Gideon Benefit Banquet there were 144 Friends who as guests of the committee enjoyed a delicious home-cooked meal on May 20 at the camp. Jack Harris, camp director, emceed the program and introduced Jim Welch from Ligonier, Pennsylvania, as the speaker.

"At camp we can spend time with people," he said. "Kids can live with their counselors, and the counselors become models for many children. In a society sadly lacking in Christian role models, this has a tremendous impact on our youth."

According to Jack Harris, over \$20,000 was raised in cash and pledges to support Camp Gideon.

### Visitor from India

Yakub Nath, superintendent of Bundelkhand Yearly Meeting in India, visited several Friends churches in Ohio from May 29 to June 12. After attending the EFI exploratory meeting in Houston, he was able to stop by Canton for a two weeks' visit before returning to Delhi and to his home in Chhatrapur, India.

### Superintendent News

John Williams, Jr., has moved into the yearly meeting office as the new superintendent succeeding Robert Hess. Assisting him in the Canton office are Howard Moore, serving as Western Area Superintendent, Carol Williams (part-time), Sonia Bancroft, Barb Wagner, Cathy Lipely, and Lucy Anderson.

John Ryser is Southern Area Superintendent, and the Eastern Area Superintendent is yet to be named.

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A FAREWELL was extended to retiring Superintendent Robert Hess, first by the Northeast Ohio District, then by Malone College, who honored him with the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, and by the office staff at a farewell dinner. The Hesses will continue to live in Canton, and Dr. Hess will teach part-time at Malone College.

### Change of Plans

The Jamaica Trip has been postponed until November, according to Frank Carter and Dean Johnson. Originally the work crew had hoped to go in May, but these plans were canceled due to overcrowded schedules.

### Charles DeVol Dies in Canton

Canton Ohio—Charles E. DeVol, 85, retired Friends Minister and Missionary to China and Taiwan, died Wednesday, June 28, at the home of his daughter after a long illness due to cancer.

The funeral was held at the Alum Creek Friends Church in Marengo, Ohio, on Monday, July 3. On Wednesday, July 5, a memorial service was held at the Alliance Friends Church. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the DeVol Memorial Fund, c/o EFC—ER Missionary Board, 1201 30th Street NW, Canton, OH 44709.

Charles DeVol was a Friends missionary in China and Taiwan for 54 years. Born in Luho, China, the son of medical missionaries—Dr. George and Dr. Isabella French DeVol—Charles began his missionary career with his wife, Leora (Van Matre), in 1926 in the Nanjing

area. He continued until 1949 when he was forced to leave China and return to the United States. For several years he taught at Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University), having received the Ph.D. degree in Botany from Indiana University at Bloomington.

In 1957 he went to Taipei, Taiwan, to help in founding mission work, ministering there for 23 years. Not only was he active in helping to establish 31 Friends Churches on the island of Taiwan, but he also taught botany at the National University in Taipei.

One of his recent projects was to edit a book in English entitled *Focus on Friends*, which is written by 27 selected Friends writers. Translated into Chinese, it is called *The Light of Christ Within*.

When he retired from active missionary service in 1980, appreciative Taiwanese Friends showered many honors upon him. He was greatly respected as pastor, evangelist, teacher, writer, and university lecturer. More Oriental than Western, he was affectionately called "De Mo Hwa," which means "Lover of the Chinese."

In July 1988 his book, *Fruit That Remains*, was published as the story of the Friends Mission in China and Taiwan for the past 100 years.

Survivors include his widow, Leora; two daughters—Margaret Mosher of Canton and Esther Westbrook of Marengo—and a brother, Dr. Ezra DeVol of Newberg, Oregon.

### New Leadership

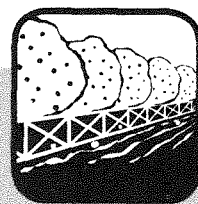
Pastoral changes in Eastern Region churches have been completed as follows: Orange Road—David Shue; Smithfield—Bill Wade; Morningside—



Charles DeVol

Dane Ruff, Associate Pastor; Canton—George Robinson, Senior Pastor; Deerfield—David Goode; Lisbon Trinity—Jim Ogden; Winona—Bruce Burch; Hughesville—Tom Wilcox; Longview—Rick Hundley; Hanover—Wayne Evans; Bellefontaine—Logan Platt; Marysville—Tim Kelley.

Two pastors are retiring: William Waltz and Roy Taylor. Churches that have not finalized plans at press time include Alum Creek, Canton (Chr. Ed.), Willoughby Hills (Music, Family Life and Singles), Wadsworth Bethany, Charities, Achilles, Springfield, Saxapahaw, West Mansfield.



NORTHWEST  
YEARLY MEETING

### Yearly Meeting July 22-28, 1989

The theme for Northwest's yearly meeting sessions will be taken from Psalm 24:5—"Blessing from the Lord." Speakers for the week will be Francisco Mamani, president of Bolivia Yearly Meeting, and Dr. Bill Vermillion, professor of Biblical Literature and Counseling at Western Evangelical Seminary.

Twenty high school Friends from around the world will be joining our youth on July 24 at Youth Yearly Meeting sessions as part of the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage. Cilde Grover of Reedwood Friends is giving direction to this year's pilgrimage and hopes to show these students from Ireland, Africa, England, and South America the

evangelical branch of Quakerism. Mutual sharing will help those on the pilgrimage, as well as our own youth, gain a greater understanding of modern Quakerism.

Other featured events include a Writer's Dinner with speaker Al Janssen, senior editor at Multnomah Press in Portland, Oregon; a Youthworkers Track of workshops and events designed to train and encourage those involved in youth work; and a special Christian Education Luncheon with Bob Crandall, pastor of the Salem, Oregon, Free Methodist Church as guest speaker.

#### **YCEW '89**

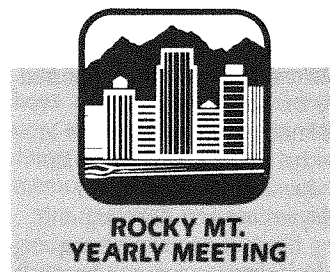
YCEW (Youth Challenged to Expand their Worldview) teams of high school students participate in annual mission events "to facilitate an opportunity for God to work in the lives of the team members; moving them out of their comfort zones and encouraging an encounter with God will broaden their awareness of missions and possibly create commitment to mission opportunities around the world."

YCEW '89 will go to Inner-city Chicago on June 21. They will work with The Fellowship of Friends, a growing church in the center of the inner city. The team will be doing work projects to improve living conditions for low-income families and also help the church remodel their present building. They will also be actively involved in the activities of the church.

#### **Missions**

Several missionary families are in transition this summer. Ed and Marie Cammack arrived in Bolivia June 15 following a year's furlough. Roscoe and Tina Knight left July 4 to serve as field administrators in both Bolivia and Peru, working with the missionaries and national

leaders. Wayne and Beverly Chapman will be in the States in July beginning a one-year furlough. Harold and Nancy Thomas returned to the United States in June, retiring after serving 17 years in Bolivia.



#### **Lamar Friends Celebrates Ten Years of Ministry**

Some 50 people attended the Lamar Faith Friends Church 10-year anniversary April 30. Visitors came from several neighboring cities.

Regular Sunday school classes were cancelled so that Pastor Galan Burnett could present a special sermon.

After the morning worship service, everyone adjourned to the church basement for a covered-dish dinner that had been prepared by Faith Friends women.

In conclusion, Galan Burnett gave a short history of the church, which began in with Jim Summers as pastor. The celebration concluded with a prayer of thanks and the desire that God add many more years of blessings to Lamar Friends.

—Martha Wade

#### **RMYM Briefs**

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO—First Friends here has called Jim Towne as new pastor effective July 1. Pastor Towne and wife, Becky, have four children, Halee, Jimmy, Dylan, and Carly. They come to the church from Buffalo, Iowa, where they have been pastoring.

ALLEN, NEBRASKA—Social concerns were part of the May 7 Springbank Area Meeting here. Topics discussed included abortion, pornography, Christian schools, homeschooling, politics, AIDS, drugs, and alcohol. Jan Green of Springbank Friends served as moderator of a panel with members from Springbank, Omaha, and Plainview Friends meetings.

Music for the meeting was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Trube and some local musicians.

WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO—Howard Harmon, Northwest Yearly Meeting general superintendent, spoke at the 33rd annual Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting sessions June 10-15 at Quaker Ridge Camp here.

Other speakers at Yearly Meeting sessions were Max and Kathleen Huffman and outgoing RMYM General Superintendent Jack Rea.



#### **Westside in Kansas City Gets Help**

Friends Disaster Services is coordinating a construction project for Westside Friends Church. They will be putting a new roof on their new building and modifying the interior.

#### **News of Extension Churches**

Life Ministries Friends Mission in Houston, Texas, is directed by Dr. Leon Spivey. He reports that the Academy is enjoying its best year with 30 students. Dr. Spivey maintains a heavy

load of marriage and family counseling, directs an expanding prison ministry, and coordinates the Kingdom House for alcohol and chemically dependent men.

Iglesia Amigos Mission Church located in South Houston, Texas, is pastored by Juan Gregorio and Hilda Tomp. They are planning special evangelistic services.

Hispanic Friends Mission Point—Missouri City, Texas, is a new work begun by Sergio Tristan.

Korean Friends Mission Point in Alief, Texas, was started by Dae Won and Young Kim. Dae Won Kim is a graduate of Houston Graduate School with a degree in Pastoral Ministries. He is holding services in his home in the southwest part of Houston.

#### **Burundi Legal Representative Visits**

The recently appointed Legal Representative of Burundi Yearly Meeting, Manasse Nduwimana, attended the EFI meeting in May. After the meeting he spent a week visiting churches in Mid-America Yearly Meeting. This is the first time Manasse Nduwimana has visited the States.



#### **Active Aging Holds First Annual Open House**

With a current readership of 60,000, *Active Aging*, a newspaper for senior adults published from the campus of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, has become an



# College responds to changing face of volunteerism in the church

## OUR FRIENDS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

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

### Spiritual Life and Growth

**FORT COLLINS, Colorado** (Lowell Weinacht), Friends men have been holding a monthly prayer breakfast. Included in the time has been planning of men's/boys' activities such as camping, hiking, and an amusement park trip.

**TRINITY, Van Wert, Ohio** (Duane Rice), reports God is using Evangelism Explosion Teams. In recent weeks eight people have accepted the Lord as Savior.

In a "Battle for Seattle," members from **FRIENDS MEMORIAL, Seattle, Washington** (Roger Knox), Church joined around 2,500 people from many denominations for a prayer meeting in historical Pioneer Square in downtown Seattle. The churches collected almost \$8,000, for the newly established "Abused Women's Shelter Fund."

"Spiritual Awakening Services" were held at Ohio (J. Daniel Frost), May 18-21, with Stan Scott, evangelist.

**GILEAD, Ohio, Friends** (Charles Robinson) also had Stan Scott, a former news journalist from Steubenville, as the evangelist for the "Spiritual Awakening" services.

**FIRST DENVER, Colorado, Friends** (Chuck Orwiler) men had a prayer breakfast June 17. The session included a discussion of Charles Trumbull's booklet, "The Life That Wins."

At **TRINITY Friends, Lisbon, Ohio** (David Goode), Mark Statler was speaker at a revival recently, with 125 as the average attendance.

invaluable informational tool for older Americans in Sedgwick, Butler, and Harvey counties.

Because of this, members of the *Active Aging* organization invited their readers to the First Annual Open House Friday, June 2, on the campus of Friends University. Twenty-five area businesses that cater to the needs of the senior adult were represented. In addition, there were five "health booths" that offered free glaucoma and cataract testing, eye examinations, blood sugar testing, and blood pressure screenings.

The Open House celebration also marked *Active Aging's* successful move to Friends University from Wichita State University six months ago.

### Covington Joins Staff

Academic Dean Bruce Hicks recently announced the appointment of Delbert R. Covington as the new chairman of the Christian Education Department and Director of Christian Service for Friends Bible College.

Mr. Covington is presently pastoring the Free Methodist Church in Durand, Michigan.

He has earned a Master of Arts in Religion with a major in Christian Education from Asbury Theologi-

cal Seminary and recently finished a Master's Degree at Michigan State University in Adult and Continuing Education with a cognate in Higher Education.

He and his wife, Sherry, and eight-year-old son, Stephen, will be moving to Haviland the middle of July.

### A Very Positive Evening

Saturday evening, May 6, approximately 300 alumni and

friends met for a great time of fellowship and inspiration at the Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, Alumni Banquet.

President Robin Johnston gave the FBC review stating that as he travels across the U.S., yearly meeting superintendents and Christian leaders are expressing more emphatically the need for our students in leadership positions.

Emcee Royce Frazier reinforced President Johnston's review by sharing the need for Youth Ministry students. Mr. Frazier is youth superintendent for Mid-America Yearly Meeting of Friends, and he expressed his excitement for the new Youth Ministries Major FBC is now offering. FBC is one of the few colleges in the U.S. offering this degree. He also shared that the impact of the two-income home has negated the possibility for high numbers of volunteers who once did most of the youth work in churches. Also dysfunctionate family settings, abusive relationships, and discarded young lives left to make it on their own create an atmosphere that most volunteer workers find impossible to deal with.

Dave Robinson presented Merle Roe with a plaque from

the Alumni Association as Alumnus of the Year.

To conclude the evening, Jan Robinson presented Professor Bob Ham with Professor of the Year Award from the Alumni Association, which includes a plaque and a cash gift.

### Thespians Gather

The Fourth Christian Drama Conference was held on the Malone campus in June, hosted by Dr. Alan Hedges. Earl Reimer, professor of drama at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, led workshops in playwriting and directing during the four-day conference, which drew registrants from many states.

### Professor Honored

Professor of Sociology Mike Allen is George Fox College's 1989 recipient of the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching.

The \$2,000 unrestricted cash award program was created in 1984 to recognize teaching excellence.

Allen, a GFC faculty member since 1976, has a master's degree in sociology-anthropology. He is a member of the National Council on Aging, Gerontology Society of America, and the Oregon Gerontology Society.



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## *'Seaside' Bible school... memorize your way to camp*

The **CALVARY**, Columbus, Ohio, Friends (Robert Stroup) Church recently enjoyed a Prayer Conference (April 23-26) led by Pastor Oscar Brown.

**SPRINGFIELD** Evangelical Friends, Ohio (Philip Baisley), hosted the Western Ohio District Meeting April 16.

At **PUTNAM** Friends, North Carolina (J. Rodney Powell), revival services were held April 16-20 with Frank Carter.

### Youth and Christian Education

The month of May was "Education Celebration" at **REED-WOOD** Friends, Portland, Oregon (Stan Thornburg). Each Sunday a different department of the Sunday school was featured. A group of our young people and a few adults left for Tijuana, Mexico, for a week of hard work in an effort to better understand the plight of the poor in that country.

During spring break from school the youth at **RAMONA**, Oklahoma (Lyle Whiteman), spent one day scraping paint from the "Youth Building." Another day was spent riding the bike trails in downtown Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

The Christian education staff of **BARBERTON**, Ohio, Friends (Brian Cowan) had an eight-hour seminar April 29 to learn ways to strengthen and increase the ministry of the Sunday school.

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At **STAR** Friends (Don Brown) boys and girls, third grade and up, can memorize their way to camp and earn credit by memorizing Bible verses.

The **CALVARY** Friends youth group is involved in a yard cleanup/flower-planting project. They are doing this as a service to the elderly shut-ins of the church.

At **GILEAD** April 1 was the date of the Benefit Auction for the Gilead Christian School. The school enrolls 139 children from preschool through grade 6. God has greatly used this as an outreach into the community.

The senior high youth at **BETHEL**, Hugoton, Kansas (Rick Garrison, youth pastor), spent three days on a ski trip to Salida, Colorado.

**COLORADO SPRINGS**, Colorado (Jim Towne), Friends honored high school and college graduates May 21.

**PELHAM** Evangelical Friends, Ontario, Canada (Matthew Chesnes), held an "Appreciation Dinner" in honor of people

who had given help and time to the Sunday school.

Almost the entire church at **EAST HILL** Friends, Kent, Washington, (Rick Hayes), was involved in the vacation Bible school held the last week of June. We concentrated our outreach in the neighborhood surrounding the church and prepared with a "Seaside" theme. Visitation of these children and their families will continue.

The senior high youth from **NORTHBRIDGE**, Wichita, Kansas (Kevin Mortimer, youth pastor), were challenged by Paul Romoser and Brockie Harvey at a weekend retreat. The theme was "In Christ We Are New Creation."

The youth from **COUNCIL HOUSE**, Wyandotte, Oklahoma (Darwin King), are raising money to buy rakes and a wheelbarrow for Camp Quaker Haven at Arkansas City.

Ginger Ingram Brown and her friends were at **HUTCHINSON**, Kansas (Gary Getting), for VBS.

The **EAST GOSHEN** Friends Church honored Christian education workers May 21 with an appreciation dinner. Daily vacation Bible school was held June 12-16 for all ages through eighth grade. The theme was "Joy Trek" (Come and Journey with Jesus Through Time and Space).

The **BARBERTON** Youth Fellowship had an exciting time when they met on a Friday in April at the home of their advisor, Kim Knowles. They prepared baked goods to sell at the mall on Saturday and then enjoyed a slumber party. The

result of their efforts was \$157 for the treasury.

### Missions

Dale Chryst of **RAISIN VALLEY** Friends was the guest of honor at a surprise thank-you dinner May 6. Eleven of the 12 participants from Michigan who toured Taiwan and Hong Kong with Pastor Chryst were present.

At spring break, **TALENT**, Oregon, (Homer Smuck) participated in the Get Away-Give Away program for the third consecutive year.

The children at **BETHEL** celebrated "Mission Month" in CYC. They built a mission church and hut from cardboard boxes and grocery sacks. Their project was to collect money and clothing to send to Dr. Leon Spivey in Houston, Texas.

**PENIEL** Friends, Onemo, Virginia (Thomas Steel), held a missionary luncheon April 18 with ladies from **NEW POINT**, Susan, Virginia (William Lawson). The theme was "God's Blessings and Protection."

### Family

Following church one Sunday many of us at **EAST HILL**

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## Wild game potluck and slides—African odyssey

*Saxapahaw Friends celebrates by burning their mortgage*

Friends grabbed our lunches and fishing poles to enjoy an afternoon at a nearby lake. For Father's Day we celebrated with a barbecue potluck and then enjoyed a game of volleyball.

On May 7 at **TRINITY FRIENDS**, Van Wert, a cantata *Bind Us Together* was the center of a special celebration for the family.

**MARION** Friends conducted a Divorce Recovery Workshop April 7 to May 12, led by Pastor Roger Wood and members of the church.

### Community Outreach



The singing group, "Shepherd's Flock" of **CALVARY** Friends is available for music ministry for your church. The group will travel within the yearly meeting, as the Holy Spirit guides. They specialize in Country Gospel music as well as traditional and contemporary sacred music. Contact Pastor Robert Stroup, 614-279-6706, for scheduling.

**UNIVERSITY**, Wichita, Kansas, Friends (Pastoral Team) were

challenged to become more involved in reducing crime by Walker Thomas, director of Project New Life. Project New Life is providing job training and visitation for prisoners, a good job upon release, and a supportive place to live when leaving the Leavenworth prison.

**GILEAD** Friends concluded a nine-week "Telegrowth Campaign" on Celebration Sunday, March 12. There was a record attendance of 294.

Aaron and Laura Fowler of **NORTHRIDGE** (Duane Hansen) are leading a church camp that will be involved in working with the Mennonite Housing SWEAT program this June.

### Church Building and Improvement

The men at **EAST HILL** Friends are working to clear undergrowth from the woods behind the church. Some trees have been cleared, cut, and stacked, stumps pulled and burned. Arrangements are being finalized for a mobile unit to be used for additional Sunday school facilities.

The pastor and board members of **SAXAPAHAW** Friends, Graham, North Carolina (Douglas Durham) burned the mortgage of the fellowship hall, which was dedicated to the memory of Clarence Mann (1910-1980). A plaque was



made and hung by his wife, Myrtle Mann.

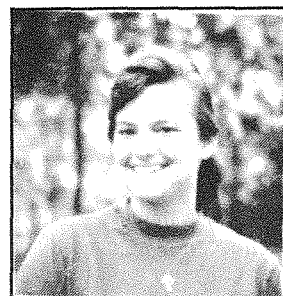
**PLEASANT VIEW** Friends, Eagle Springs, North Carolina (Lynn Shreve), on May 7, 1989 had a dedication service for the new stained glass windows and the stained glass pulpit picture. The windows, donated by Floyd and Greer Williams, and the picture, donated by Lewis Williams, were given in memory of Charlie and Etta Williams.

### Other Important Events

**DERBY** Friends Church, Kansas (Sheldon Cox), will celebrate 30 years of Christian worship, service, education, and fellowship in the Derby community on August 6, 1989.

The creation of DFC actually began in 1953 by Esther Carpenter and a group of Friends University students. March 30, 1955, the meeting officially became affiliated with **ROSE HILL** Friends Church (Charles Neifert). Sheldon Louthan is recorded as the first "official" pastor of the growing congregation.

In 1956 the group met at Swaney Grade School in Derby, followed in 1957 by purchase of the property currently in



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use. On December 20, 1959, the first service was held at 1034 North Woodlawn.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, August 6, with worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by dinner. We would like to invite past members, pastors, and others who attended to join with us for this celebration following Mid-America Yearly Meeting sessions. If you are unable to attend, cards and letters are welcome. Mail to 1034 North Woodlawn, Derby, Kansas.

At **STAR**, Idaho, (Don Brown) about 75 people turned out for "Wild Game Night." We enjoyed a potluck featuring wild game dishes and viewed beautiful slides of Africa and African game shown by Roger and Sue Anderson.

Esther Hess was speaker at the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet at **WEST PARK** Evangelical Friends, Cleveland, Ohio (Chris Jackson).

**OMAHA**, Nebraska, Evangelical Friends (Peter Schuler) had its annual Mother/Daughter luncheon May 20. Joan Fitch of Wycliffe Bible Translators spoke at the meeting.

## YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS SUMMER SCHOOL

August 5-9, Wilmington College, Ohio

An opportunity for young adults (approx. 20-40 yrs. old) to study, learn, and worship together. The focus will be on the Quaker message that "Jesus Christ has come to teach his people himself." We will study the first Friends' understanding of Christ, the Bible, worship, ministry, etc. Registration deadline is July 15, 1989. For more information write:

YAFSS, c/o 324 S. Atherton Street  
State College, Pennsylvania 16801.



## Churches from 11 countries interested in EFI

Several members of **EAST GOSHEN** Friends went to Camp Gideon near Mechanicsville, Ohio, for a benefit dinner for the camp. The Father and Son Banquet was held June 8. Dinner was catered by Martha Baringer, and guests were entertained by a magician.

Paul and Candy Neville of Eugene, Oregon, were recent guest lecturers at the Wendell Woodward Lecture Series at **FRIENDS MEMORIAL** Church. Our church was blessed as Nevilles shared how Quaker doctrine is relevant to today's world and how we need to be ministers of the gospel.

A Library Day/Ice Cream Social was held at Friends Memorial for the purpose of adding new books to the church library and encouraging fellowship.

**PELHAM** Friends 190th anniversary was held at Fonthill, Ontario, the weekend of October 20, 1989. Events included Friday Night—"The Brothers and Sisters" in concert; Saturday—Historical speakers, displays, special music and songs; and Sunday morning worship service with a guest speaker. Ruth Haggerty is compiling a scrapbook of pictures, clippings, and your memories of Pelham over the years. Any donation toward the history will be appreciated; mail to: Mrs. Ruth Haggerty, 1130 Haist St., R. R. #2, Welland, Ontario, Canada L3B 5N5.

**ALLIANCE** reports that Spring District Meeting was well-attended as Dr. Robert and Esther Hess were given a surprise farewell.

Former member of **ALLIANCE** Friends, Caroline Michael, was recently named chairman of the Women's Division of the National Association of Evangelicals. Caroline resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### OUR RECORD OF FRIENDS

#### Births

**ADKINS**—To Ken and Diane Adkins, a son, Ryan James, May 15, 1989, Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington.

**COHEN**—To Jeff and Jeanne Mirgon Cohen, a son, Joshua Caleb, May 20, Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington.

**COOK**—To John and Kathy Cook, a son, Jonathon Clark, April 1, 1989, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

**DAVIS**—To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davis, a daughter, Anna Aylean, May 6, 1989, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

**DEVINE**—To Roger and Ruth Santee Devine, a daughter Stephanie Nicole, April 24, 1989, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

**EVERHART**—To Harry and Theresa Everhart, a daughter, Jeri Michelle, November 22, 1988, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

**FLEMING**—To Mr. and Mrs. Scott Fleming, a daughter, Jaela Brooke, April 18, 1989, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

**HAMMER**—To Mark and Carolee Hammer, a daughter, Rebecca Rose, April 25, 1989, Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington.

**HART**—To Leslie Hart, a son, Cory Allen Hart, April 28, 1989.

**HUCKABY**—To Matt and Rose Huckaby, a son, Patrick Matthew, March 29, 1989, Bayshore Friends, Bacliff, Texas.

**JACKSON**—To Dave and Dee Jackson, a daughter, Kelly Kristina, December 19, 1988, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

**KELLEY**—To Dave and Carol Kelly, a daughter, Melissa Kristin, June 10, 1989, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**MITCHELL**—To Charles and Gayle Mitchell, a daughter, March 27, 1989, League City Friends, Texas.

**NIELSEN**—To Byron and Marty Nielsen, a daughter, Elizabeth Ruth, May 7, 1989, Fort Collins, Colorado.

**REAMER**—To Mr. and Mrs. Barry Reamer, a son, Joel Lucas, January 10, 1989, Milan Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

**SAYLER**—To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sayler, a daughter, Kimberly Dawn, April 16, 1988, Milan Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

**SNOW**—To Eric and Pamela Snow, a son, Colton Matthew, February 24, 1989, Boise, Idaho.

**WILLIS**—To Wayne and Tara Willis, a daughter, Jennelyn, May 3, 1989, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

#### Marriages

**BROWN-ADAMS**. Debra Brown and Stephen Adams, May 6, 1989, Alliance Friends, Ohio.

**COOKE-SWINGLE**. Jennifer Ellen Cooke and Richard Charles Swingle, June 3, 1989, Medford Friends, Oregon.

**ELLYSON-TRIMMER**. Sharon Ellyson and Earl Trimmer, April 15, 1989, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

**ENGLUND-ZORTMAN**. Arlene Englund and Stanley Zortman, March 10, 1989, Fowler Friends, Kansas.

**FOSTER-FAUST**. Mildred Foster and Art Faust, April 29, 1989, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

**GLOVER-JENKINS**. Amber Glover and Curt Jenkins, May 27, 1989, Denver, Colorado.

**HEARN-RAY**. Janice Hearn and Dwight Ray, May 7, 1989, Hunter Hills Friends, Greensboro, Ohio.

**HEATON-TAYLOR**. Keri Heaton and Richard Taylor, December 3, 1988, Star Friends, Idaho.

**LAWRENCE-LEWIS**. Judy Lawrence and Kenneth Lewis, March 18, 1989, Star Friends, Idaho.

**NEAL-HADLICH**. Susan Neal and Kelly Hadlich, May 13, 1989, Battle Creek Friends, Michigan. Kelly serves the church as youth pastor.

**NELSON-GALLUP**. Tami Nelson and David Gallup, May 27, 1989, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**PORTER-CAMPBELL**. Amy Porter and Terry Campbell, April 29, 1989, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

**WHITE-MARTIG**. Nancy Lynn White and Marvin Martig, April 1, 1989, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

#### Deaths

**BLACK**—Eleanor Black, March 6, 1989, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

**BLEVIN**—David M. Blevin, May 5, 1989, Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio.

**FRAUTSCHY**—Ralph Frautschy, December 24, 1988, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

**HOLDEN**—George Holden, 46, December 8, 1988, Milan Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

**OVERBY**—B. Marie Overby, 82, May 15, 1989, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**OVERBY**—S. Erling Overby, 86, May 12, 1989, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**OWENS**—Lurena "Low" Owens, May 11, 1989, Medford Friends, Oregon.

**PETTINE**—Michael Pettine, 73, April 11, 1989, Talent Friends, Oregon.

**PIRRO**—Ralph Pirro, April 20, 1989, Wiloughby Hills Friends, Ohio.

**SANDOZ**—Winifred L. Woodward Sandoz, 77, May 22, 1989, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

**WILLIAMS**—Walter Williams, Jr., May 13, 1989, Lakeland, Florida.

**ZORTMAN**—Gladys Zortman, April 23, 1989, Fowler Friends, Kansas.

### OUR WIDER FAMILY OF FRIENDS

#### Evangelical Friends Launch International Organization

Leaders from 18 yearly meetings or organized groups of Friends churches from 11 countries gathered near Houston, Texas, May 25-29, 1989, to form a new organization, Evangelical Friends International.

The representative group agreed on a proposed constitution for Evangelical Friends International (EFI), including a Statement of Faith, a purpose statement, and four primary objectives. EFI's common faith in the official statement reflected a strong evangelical faith.

The Friends Church dates back to the 1650s when George Fox, William Penn, and others stirred England and the 13 colonies in the new world with their fresh, firsthand experience of Christ. During the last century missionaries have spread the faith, and national churches now exist in many countries.

EFI's common purpose includes communicating the evangelical doctrines of the Christian faith, seeking to distinguish both the call of God and the clamor of humanity as it is expressed in diverse cultures. The new organization is

## Quaker pen pals . . . exploring Friends trends



Delegates to the Evangelical Friends International meeting held in Houston, Texas, were (left to right, standing) Alonso Velasquez, Mexicali; Thomas Wu, Taiwan; John Williams, Jr., Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region; Guillermo Horta, Mexico; Robert Sheldon, Alaska; Yakub Nath, India; Jack Rea, Rocky Mountain; Jaime Tabingo, Philippines; Howard Harmon, Northwest; Kee Yazzie, Navajo; Francisco Mamani, Bolivia; Maurice Roberts, Mid-America; William Heckman, Indonesia; Juan Garcia, Honduras; (kneeling) Constantino Garcia, Peru; Luis Espino, Guatemala; Manasse Nduwimana, Burundi; James Morris, Evangelical Friends Mission Director.

banding together to invest personal and material resources to fulfill the Great Commission and respond to human need.

Arising out of a concern that came from non-U.S. countries and setting the agenda for Evangelical Friends before the year 2000, EFI stresses as its objectives: (a) renewal, (b) evangelism, (c) fellowship, and (d) leadership development.

The new constitution calls for an International Coordinating Council led by an international director. Four Regional Coordinating Councils—Africa, Asia, Latin America, and North America—will also name regional directors. Temporary officers were named until yearly meetings and organized groups of Friends churches can approve the constitution and their own membership in EFI. Permanent representatives to the Regional and International Councils will then be named.

James Morris, executive director of Evangelical Friends Missions, is the new temporary international director of EFI. Temporary regional directors are: Asia—Jaime Tabingo of the Philippines; Africa—Manasse Nduwimana of Burundi; Latin America—Luis Espino of Guatemala; North America—Howard Harmon of the U.S.

Current cooperative programs of the 26-year-old Evangelical Friends Alliance will be continued by the North America region of EFI. EFA presently consists of four U.S. yearly meetings: Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, Mid-America, Northwest, and Rocky Mountain.

Upon their approval, initial membership in EFI is expected to include Asia—India Yearly Meeting (EFA), India Friends Churches (SWYM), Indonesia Friends Churches, Philippines Friends Churches, and Taiwan Yearly Meeting; Africa—Burundi Yearly Meeting, Rwanda Friends Churches, and Zaire Friends Churches; Latin America—Bolivia Yearly Meeting, Central America Yearly Meeting (Guatemala and El Salvador), Honduras Yearly Meeting, Mexicali Friends Churches, Mexico City Friends Churches, and Peru Friends Churches; North America—Alaska Yearly Meeting, Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, Navajo Friends Churches, Mid-America Yearly Meeting, Northwest Yearly Meeting, and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

The budget for the new International Friends organization is based on the size of each member group and the ability of people in each country to

pay as determined by the national economy.

Other major Friends organizations of churches/meetings with international connections include Friends United Meeting and Friends World Committee for Consultation.

The first project of Evangelical Friends International is an intense period of evangelism this coming fall, culminating in a celebration Sunday in every member Friends church on November 5, 1989. In fulfilling the stated purposes the primary focus will be within respective regions, and infrequently are international events expected to be scheduled.

### Making Friends with Friends

"Friend to Friend" is a new project initiated by young adult Friends with the goal of developing greater communication and understanding among Quakers around the world. The project is a follow-up activity inspired by Friends experiences in 1985 at the World Gathering of Young Friends and is being initiated by young adult Friends. It is supported by Friends World Committee for Consultation—Section of the Americas. It is also working in cooperation with Evangelical Friends Alliance.

Friend to Friend will work by pairing Friends churches or

meetings of all branches throughout the world and creating a correspondence relationship among interested individuals at such churches.

For more information on how your meeting/church can get involved in Friend to Friend, contact Friend to Friend Project, Box 398, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709, USA.

### Conference to Examine Trends

The Northeast Region of Friends World Committee for Consultation announces "Vital Trends Among Friends." This conference, to be held September 8-10, 1989, at the Mt. Misery Retreat Center, Browns Mills, New Jersey, will explore Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, Evangelism among Friends, and Mission and Service. The weekend will include worship, workshops, and fellowship.

### Exploring the Transforming Power of God

A conference for Friends, "Experiencing the Transforming Power—in Ourselves, our Meetings, our World," is being planned for Indianapolis, Indiana, September 22-23, 1989.

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will bring his experience of biblical liberation theology in the Philippines as an example of transformation on the world scene. Lon Fendall is director of the Center for Peace Learning at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, and editor of *Evangelical Friend*.

Workshops on "tools for transformation" are planned for Friends to exchange resources for personal healing and growth, for more faithful meetings and churches, and for a more powerful witness in the world.

This regional conference is sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas.

### Conference Ends in Black

The financial books from the Guatemala '87 conference have been closed and approved by the auditor. Due to the generosity of individuals and groups the expenses were all met.

If you desire a more detailed account of income and expenses contact Jack Rea (Financial Officer), PO Box 9629, Colorado Springs, CO 80932.

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### OUR WORLDWIDE CHURCH FAMILY

### Christian Book on Child Rearing Distributed in Soviet Union

Moscow—A new evangelistic tool is making its way into the hands of Soviet families. A book on child rearing, written by a psychiatrist from an explicitly Christian perspective, has been purchased by Soviet authorities for distribution in Russian health centers.

Author Ross Campbell said he is "pleased but perplexed" by the Soviet government's decision to buy and distribute the books without any censorship.

"It doesn't make rational sense," he said recently, adding that the Soviets "could have plagiarized it if they wanted to, rewritten it, published it in the government's name." The book, titled *How to Really Love Your Child*, was first published in 1977 by Tyndale House. It has since been issued in thousands of editions in 30 languages and was one of only a few hundred books from the Western world at a Moscow book fair, where it was seen and purchased.

### Spiritual Fiction Author Still Writing

Vashon, Washington—Frank Peretti, author of the best-selling Christian novel *This Present Darkness*, says that while his book may help make spiritual warfare between angels and demons more real to believers, "You should never go looking for a demon. I don't go looking for them just so I can say I have had an encounter. We must be careful or we fall into the trap of blaming everything on demons."

Peretti is writing a sequel, *Piercing the Darkness*, with a scheduled July release date.

### First Annual Mustard Seed Award

Monrovia, California—Love, Inc., a ministry of World Vision, is inviting applications for the first annual Mustard Seed Award to be presented to the church with the most innovative ministry to the poor.

The \$5,000 award is being financed by the Mustard Seed Foundation, an anonymous group dedicated to recognizing creativity in ministry. The deadline for application is October 6, 1989, and the presentation will be made early in 1990.

Virgil Gulker, founder and director of Love, Inc., said, "We want to celebrate local church efforts in ministering to others and also encourage other churches to begin such programs. 'This award is consistent with Love, Inc.'s mission to mobilize Christian volunteers to help their neighbors in need.'"

The criteria for the award include innovativeness, use of volunteer church members,

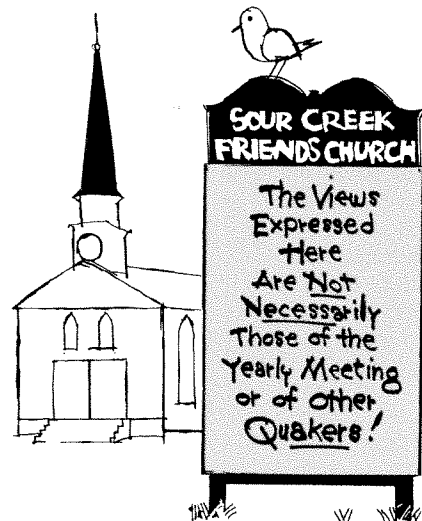
focus on cause of needs rather than symptoms, and sound management practice. The church should also have thoughtful plans to use the award. A committee of nationally recognized Christian leaders will review the applications that meet these criteria.

Churches may obtain applications and complete details by writing or calling Love, Inc., P.O. Box 1616, Holland, MI 49422, (616) 392-8277. Collect calls are accepted. The church itself must prepare the application.

### 'Old House' Singer Goes Home

Nashville, Tennessee—Gospel singer Stuart Hamblen died of cancer March 8. He was 80. Hamblen came to Christ at a Billy Graham service and became popular in the 1950s when he recorded "It Is No Secret What God Can Do," and "This Old House." He also hosted radio's *The Cowboy Church*.

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# Let's Make a Deal

BY Q. A. KERHILL

**B**ESIDES my wife, children, and dog, I have two other loves—my Friends faith and baseball. Following a long Associate Pastor Search Committee last month, I slid into my laid-back TV chair to watch the final few innings of a Reds and Expos game. Since the score was hopelessly lopsided, the announcers began talking about potential player trades.

Later that night my dreams, make that nightmares, began to confuse the two sports of baseball trading and pastoral changes. What transpired was a delirious scene of pastoral trading. Here's what happened:

While reading *The Sporting Friend* magazine I came across the first trade, an amazing swap of the pastor of New Castle Indiana First Friends for a janitor, two tenors, and an inactive member to be named later. Being a close friend of this pastor, I was worried he would be sent down to a minor meeting for adjustment of his first day pitch. However, he was actually sent to a nonpastoral meeting, a trade that left him speechless.



Several other rumors were flooding the news about the possible swap of a liberal Evangelical Friends Alliance pastor from Eastern Region for an Evangelical pastor from Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

*The Sporting Friend* had another article on a California Friends Meeting, make that Church, which was looking to make a deal for a dynamic pastor well-versed in Fuller Church Growth principles and "Dress for Success" techniques. But any potential deals fell through when the only offer the church received was from a meeting whose pastor moonlighted as a Fuller Brush salesman and favored lime polyester leisure suits with dark green stitching.

Then the "Highlight Zone" of the evening news showed three yearly meeting superintendents working out a 32 pastor deal. Such agreements

are known on the inside as "Super Shuffles" or "Musical Chairs." However, as the trading intensified even the superintendents didn't know who ended up where until two weeks after the trading season finished on July 1.

During this trading season, over five players, make that pastors, ended up in the wrong states. As reported in *Moody Pastors' Monthly*: "I thought they said 'Idaho,' not 'Iowa.'" Another one stated from Oregon, "How was I to know Western Yearly Meeting was east of the Mississippi?"

Two meetings worked out a most compatible transaction by trading pastors in an even deal. Having had a terrible softball season the year before, Homer Friends traded their excellent preaching pastor to Chrystal Cathedral Friends for Associate Pastor of Softball, Ron Mattingly, a .438 hitter who uses the previous week's games as major sermon illustrations. Reports are that Ron's first sermon was based on Revelation 21 and entitled "Round-

ing Third and Headin' for Home."

Crash cultural courses were offered by a number of yearly meetings whose pastors were traded from differing locales. North Carolina's "Welcome Y'all" training manual is a classic with its proper translations of "Southernese" and how to walk slow. Indiana's "Hoosier Hysteria" one-page manual describes eloquently the most important rule to successful pastoral ministry—never schedule anything on a basketball night! Mid-America's "Dry Sermons Meet Dry Summers" course gives insights into Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Ministry.

Suddenly either the heat of an Oklahomian sermon or the humidity of an Indiana night startled me from my sleep. "It's only a dream," I reassured myself. Wiping my brow I laid back down in a daze and then started dreaming about marketing a pack of five preacher cards with a stick of sugarless (and tasteless) gum inside.

"I'll trade you my Steve Main for your Howard Harmon . . . zzzzzzzz." **EF**

*The Back Bench by Q. A. Kerhill is a regular feature of Quaker Life magazine. Q. A. Kerhill is a new convert, make that a convinced Friend, with membership at Middleroad Friends Meeting in the tree-lined suburbs of Spring Grove, Indiana.*

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