

# **MINUTES**

**53RD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
AUGUST 20-23, 2009**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING  
OF THE  
FRIENDS CHURCH**

**QUAKER RIDGE CAMP  
WOODLAND PARK, COLORADO**

**BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST**

## **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**

### **Friday, August 21, Opening Session Chuck Orwiler presiding**

01-09 Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church met in its 53<sup>rd</sup> annual assembly on August 21, 2009 in the Millard V. Powell Chapel, Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado with Chuck Orwiler, presiding. Chuck Orwiler opened the meeting with a time of listening prayer. Chuck then closed this time with a pastoral prayer for our 2009 sessions.

02-09 Chuck welcomed each one and expressed the importance of each person being present. He continued by expressing how each one of us matters to the health and future of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

\*\* Most of the regular reports are in the packets handed out at registration and so will not be reviewed orally in general session.

03-09 Merle Clowe, Recording Clerk was asked to review the Executive Council report of Executive actions since last Yearly Meeting.

\*\*This report was not previously enclosed in the Representatives packets. It is inserted below:

### **Executive Council Report 2008 Actions taken since Yearly Meeting by Executive Council**

Executive Council Minutes -- Conference Call 9/22/08

EFI -- John Brawner will be our Yearly Meeting representative as well as going for EFM. Kay Burgi is going for Christian Ed, Phil Burgi and Connie Chambers for Missions. Karen Burgi will be representing Friends Women.

Executive Council Minutes - Conference Call 10/27/08

It was approved to meet for Yearly Meeting on a Friday (early start) through Sunday (noon) August 21-23.

## Mid Year Boards 11/15/08

A statement of affirmation was given to the Christian Education board to proceed with an arrangement with Jason VanMeter to act under their “shepherding” by contacting local churches in regards to next year’s Fx camping program. (expenses to be handled within board budget and Jason as volunteer)

Several board assignments were given to further study the sustainability of the Fx camp program. The appropriate boards would work together and present their research at the March Mid-Year meetings in Denver, since this would directly impact the 2010 Budget.

The final budget (with needed adjustments) was approved.

The concept of the Yearly Meeting Sessions for 2009 was approved (with finalization to come later). It was approved to meet in Mid-Year boards in Denver, March 14, 2009.

## Executive Council Minutes -- Las Animas 5/23/09

It was approved to send out a worksheet for each local meeting to respond to the following “priorities” as listed during this session:

- Nurture and unification of pastors
- Plant churches now
- Expand Fx
- Transition Rough Rock
- Finish Clark Lodge
- Together / Connecting - relationship

(This would hopefully be our discussion for Yearly Meeting in August. The above list was redone before worksheets were sent out)

04-09 Introduction of visiting Friends and guests. There were no guests or visiting Friends present to be introduced at this session.

05-09 David Cordova, Quaker Ridge Board President, introduced the new incoming Quaker Ridge staff: Dave Milton (Facilities Director), his wife Lisa and their children Matt and Andrew. Emily Anderson was introduced as the new wrangler.

06-09 Seating of the Representatives:

Beaver Park:

Chivington: Galan Burnett

Colo. Spgs: Dan Jamison, Fred Davison, Kirk Harrison,

Alternates: Karen Fulbright, Dori Harris

Crawford:

First Denver: Connie Chambers, Bud Van Meter, Judy Van Meter, Phil Burgi, Kay Burgi, Mary Heathman, Vicky Orwiler, Shawn Jenkins, David Cordova, John Rider, Susan Rider.

Alternates: Chandra Mecherikoff, and Carol Whorton

Hasty:

Faith: Mary Burnett

Las Animas: Dennis West

New Hope:

Northwest: John Hinshaw, Ben Cabrera

Paonia: Gaylen Kinser

07-09 Chuck Orwiler reviewed and explained that named representatives from the local meetings have been appointed by each local meeting and are expected to participate in the decisions of the General Sessions. Everyone however, is welcome and can participate and contribute to discussions ir-regardless of being a named local Representative.

08-09 Spiritual Life recommendations presented by Mike Farnsworth are as follows:

1. The RMYM Spiritual Life Board recommends five persons for recording as ministers: Bill Powell pastor of Colorado Springs, Carol Whorton assistant pastor, Slade Williams youth pastor, First Denver Friends Church, Patrick and Christy Neifert EFM missionaries of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

09-09 This recommendation was approved.

2. It is recommended we recognize the withdrawal of the Crawford Friends Church as a member Meeting of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends.

10-09 This recommendation was approved.

11-09 An additional note added by Spiritual Life Board stating, “It is the intention of the Spiritual Life board, in cooperation with the Stewards board, to draft a letter suggesting that Crawford rewrite their Articles of Incorporation to note the withdrawal from Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting and to be re-established as an independent church.

12-09 Sharlene Martin, Yearly Meeting Treasurer, was asked to give a review of the 2008 Financial Report. Questions and a time of discussion to understand the report followed this review.

13-09 The First reading of the Proposed 2010 Budget was given by the Treasurer again followed by clarifying questions from the floor of the meeting.

14-09 The Treasurer then presented the first reading of the 2010 proposed budget with explanations to facilitate clarity for the final reading in Saturday’s General Session.

15-09 Susan Rider, Assistant Presiding Clerk, gave the first reading of the Nominating Task Force report.

16-09 The next item of business was to begin a discussion drawn from the “Six Main Issues” worksheets sent out to the local meetings. Each meeting was encouraged to contribute to this discussion whether worksheets were submitted or not.

17-09 Chuck opened this discussion reading from Acts 15 and noted several parallel items with our upcoming task – a time of prayer brought us to heart focus before we proceeded.

18-09 This portion of our discussion focused on all the local church responses (verbal and written) from all meetings wishing to do so. Clarification questions were asked before spending a time in listening and waiting before the Lord before proceeding to the next step.

19-09 After proceeding through three of the six items a brief recess was taken before continuing.

20-09 The meeting reconvened to consider the final three items as was done in Minute 18-09. After all churches were given an opportunity to represent their positions, the meeting was opened for anyone to share what they heard and to offer a summary statement to the discussion. This is to be a precursor to any forthcoming proposals or actions.

21-09 The meeting was adjourned to reconvene in Executive Council following supper to continue to bring focus to what has been shared and heard. This will be an open meeting for all those wishing to attend.

### **General Session morning of 8/22/09**

22-09 The session opened by seating additional representatives. Beaver Park: Andrew and Victoria Hill

23-09 Chuck Orwiler, Presiding Clerk, thanked all for patiently waiting for the Executive Council for coming in a bit late from their deliberations. The Executive Council proposals will be forthcoming in this session. Chuck followed up by reading Ps.143:8 and Is. 43:16, then closed in prayer for the session.

24 -09 Chuck asked Andrew and Victoria Hill, new pastors to the Beaver Park Friends in Penrose to share words of their journey as to how God brought them to Beaver Park. This was followed by a time of laying on of hands and praying for this new pastoral couple in our RMYM family.

25-09 A time for additional reflecting upon the “Six Main Issues” worksheets was offered before proceeding to the next step.

26-09 The Presiding Clerk brought introductory remarks for the Executive Council proposals (see below). These proposals are brought as a response to the discussion and reflection upon what was heard from the general session discussion of the worksheet items from the previous sessions.

#### **Item one: Finish Clark Lodge**

It is our (Executive Council) sense after hearing from our churches that now is the time to complete the Clark Lodge. Completion of the Clark Lodge is the hinge pin to future development of the camp. Completion of the Clark Lodge is a chapter that needs to close for the well being of the yearly meeting.

To complete the Clark Lodge, we recommend redesignating up to \$200,000 from the Building Loan Fund, the Church Planting Fund Interest, the Church Planting Fund Principal, and the Development Fund.

- a. A representative from QRC board will describe the completed building. (see minute 27-09)
- b. The QRC representative will also describe the plan to raise funds to potentially diminish the need for yearly meeting funds, or add to the \$200,000 for cost overruns.
- c. A Stewards Board representative will explain the cost to RMYM of re-designating funds (see handout).

Additional information for this proposal has been inserted here:

#### Funds Breakdown

\$200,000 to Ethel Clark Conference Center

1. Church Planting Interest	\$ 85,035.80
2. Church Planting Principal	\$ 30,650.00
3. Development Fund CD #30	\$ 50,000.00
4. Development Fund CD #36	<u>\$ 34,314.20</u>
	\$200,000.00

\$109,250.91 residual funding

1. Building & Loan Fund	\$ 33,271.11
2. Church Planting Interest	\$ 5,000.00
3. Church Planting Principal	\$ 0.00
4. Development Fund	<u>\$ 70,979.80</u>
	\$109,250.91

NOTE: Church Planting principal also has an additional \$545,000.00 currently loaned to Quaker Ridge Camp earning interest. This interest is received annually to replenish the Church Planting interest. The Building & Loan fund will be borrowed against and will be repaid when the development Fund CD #36 matures.

If and when any monies are returned from QRC to the YM, the Stewards will recommend where those returned funds will be placed for decision by the Executive Council or General Session. This is in agreement with Faith & Practice.

After all questions were answered and clarifications made, the proposal to finish Ethel Clark as stated above received final approval.

27-09 David Cordova from Quaker Ridge Board explained in more detail the finishing of Ethel Clark and some of the re-designated usage plan. David stated: The finished building will be different than originally planned. No kitchen or dining room will be included in the finished building. These are no longer viable under the present configuration of Ethel Clark or the present permit. Other items were also mentioned. It is hoped this information will give better direction as to finishing costs and will satisfy our present building permit with Teller County. Questions were taken for clarification.

28-09 Galan Burnett, Stewards President and Sharlene Martin, Yearly Meeting Treasurer shared a chart (see “Funds Breakdown” above) to clarify any change in funds used to finish the Ethel Clark Building. The changes will bring some benefits and consequences if re-designated to Quaker Ridge use.

Questions were taken following this presentation. A conversation was needed to discuss the concept of re-designation of funds (in principle) for use with Ethel Clark. After a very healthy and positive conversation, this was agreed to in principle. This was viewed as a clear step in prayerful listening and careful speaking.

29-09 An expression of gratitude from the floor was expressed for the Stewards and Treasurer by name for the many changes and for all the additional information made “on the fly” to help secure a good decision regarding a very difficult financial matter having some urgency.

30-09 The same expression of gratitude was given for the work of Quaker Ridge Board for this same business item.

31-09 Re-convening after a short break, Shawn Jenkins the incoming Quaker Ridge Board President presented a plaque and shared words of support and appreciation for the work and leadership of outgoing Quaker Ridge President David Cordova.

32-09 The Presiding Clerk introduced the next portion of the two-fold proposal regarding volunteer leadership and future ministry based upon what was heard from the churches (worksheet discussion).

Part two of the aforementioned Executive Council two-fold proposal:

## Item Two - A Plan

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- Church Health
- Youth Ministry
- QRC, and
- YM Leadership

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The boards will submit their plans to the Clerk by October 15, 2009. The plans will be finalized at the mid-year board meetings November 13-14, 2009. (Exact date insertion was after YM sessions had adjourned).

33-09 As with part one, a time for conversation was opened to clarify and understand the ramifications of this portion of the Executive Council's proposal.

34-09 The meeting was adjourned to meet at 2:00 p.m. to allow time for reflection and thought. Chuck Orwiler closed in prayer.

35-09 The meeting re-convened at 2:00 p.m. The final reading of the Nominating Task Force Report was given and received approval.

36-09 A final review of the “Finish Clark Lodge” proposal with revisions (including the designated funds and balances being added). (See Minute 26-09).

37-09 The proposal by the Executive Board to finish Ethel Clark Lodge was approved.

\*\* (Reinsertion of “A Plan” item #2 to facilitate flow of thought only)

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38-09 A discussion was opened for clarification and understanding of this part of the proposal. Before asking for approval, it was agreed to wait until after the Mid-year board meetings (November 13-14) for final budget figures after reviewing each board's plan per the proposal as stated above.

39-09 Approval was given for the second item of the Executive Council proposal.

40-09 The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2010 proposed budget (with the zeros) was given, per the approved proposal.

41-09 A statement of affirmation was given in support of the EFM direction in guiding RR mission to move toward it's own self-supporting Yearly Meeting, one item from the worksheets discussion. The present administration of RR has been under the careful guidance of Evangelical Friends Mission.

42-09 Vicky Orwiler volunteered to write the Outgoing Epistle. This was approved.

43-09 Sharlene Martin asked to have some help with a request to research certain information residing in the YM archives. She would like some volunteer help. These records are presently in the basement of her home and since no one locally is tasked with this responsibility, Sharlene has asked for help in fulfilling this request. After several agreed to help her, this request was approved.

44-09 There being no further business the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual sessions of RMYM adjourned to meet in the 54<sup>th</sup> annual assembly at Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado August 5-8, 2010.

\*\* Exact date for YM and Mid-Year was inserted after YM sessions were adjourned)

**Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting**  
**Epistles Report – 2009**

*Following is a sampling from the Epistles of other Yearly Meeting Sessions this year:*

*From Northwest Yearly Meeting*

Our theme focused around Jesus' call to be witnesses and to bear witness to all that God has done and is doing through Christ. It is the proclamation and the demonstration of the Good News. There are many and varied ways we see, know, experience and witness the presence and power of Christ at work in us and in the world. Let's continue to bear witness of this to one another and the world!

*From Philadelphia Yearly Meeting*

Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting recognize that we have been in a period of transition for some time. This began in part with our work to modernize our organizational structure, which was done in the 1990s. This includes continuing efforts to understand the organic nature and changing roles of our member bodies, our committees, and our employees.

Now in these business sessions with Divine Grace, we have tasted the fruits of those labors. In the holy community we created at this gathering, we had opportunities not merely to make choices but to welcome the Spirit-led work done by all these groups and individuals. All of the business brought before us was approved or accepted. We experienced a joyful confidence in the workings of the Spirit through each other.

Indeed, we feel we are transforming as a Yearly Meeting. We are emerging from a period of serious distraction and dissonance. We were like a great jazz band with no set list of music. Now we are finding those songs we can play together. We are discovering how to harmonize with each other. We now have the confidence to improvise and compose new music as the Spirit so conducts us.

*From 2008 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage Epistle*

The 2008 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage combined 25 youth and 4 adults, representing 7 different countries, traveling around the United Kingdom and Ireland.

**Epistles Report – 2009**  
**continued**

Beginning our time in 1652 country, we were impressed with the accounts of early Quaker's committed faith in the face of trials and tribulations. We held Meeting in the same space where early Quakers worshipped despite the threat of harassment and imprisonment for living their convictions. Such stories provided incentive and powerful backdrop for our own testing of our faith and convictions.

*Friends World Committee for Consultation*

The mission of FWCC is "Answering God's call to universal love. FWCC brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communications, and consultation, to express our common heritage and our Quaker message to the world."

**Outgoing Epistle – 2009**  
**Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church**

Greetings to All,

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church met at Quaker Ridge Camp near Woodland Park, CO for its 53<sup>rd</sup> annual session from August 20-23, 2009. Guest speaker Duane Comfort (Northwest Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church) offered much encouragement through his presentations on faith in Jesus, “The Audacity of Faith”.

Business sessions included intense time talking finances, not because there are none, but because the yearly meeting has had a commitment since 1997 to build a multi-purpose facility to service its own constituency plus camps and conferences of other Christian traditions in order to see souls saved, transformed and renewed. Progress had moved along year-by-year, making most of the facility operable, but now it is necessary to complete the remaining 25% of the building during the next year because of county regulations. RMYM people grasped the importance of a timely finish and committed themselves to provide immediate funding for the lodge. It was done with faith in God that all will be well.

The general session approved the Executive Board proposal to develop a visionary, multi-year, sustainable, fiscally responsible plan for RMYM regarding Church Health, Youth Ministry, Quaker Ridge Camp, and, Yearly Meeting Leadership.

Many feel the more important benefit of the sessions was the whole-hearted camaraderie of the group to come together and discuss difficult proposals with patience and kindness. We truly rely on God to give us peace as we move into a unique lesson of trust in each other and our Lord.

During this session we also had the privilege of recognizing the calling by God of five individuals into ministry roles through recording. They are Bill Powell, pastor of First Friends of Colorado Springs; Slade Williams, Youth Pastor at First Denver Friends Church; Patrick and Christy Neifert, missionaries in Israel; and Carol Whorton, Assistant Pastor at First Denver Friends Church.

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church will continue to trust in God’s goodness and grace in the months ahead.

## **Report to the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends Board of Spiritual Life Ministries, August 21-23, 2009**

### **Recordings**

The highlight of the Spiritual Life Board's report this year is the list of candidates that it is our pleasure to recommend for recording at this year's yearly meeting sessions. Those candidates are: Bill Powell, pastor of First Friends Church (Colorado Springs); Carol Whorton, associate pastor at First Denver Friends Church; Slade Williams, youth pastor at First Denver Friends Church; and Patrick and Christy Neifert, missionaries with Northwest Yearly Meeting.

### **Pastoral Coaching Update**

At the 2008 yearly meeting session, Spiritual Life presented a proposal for a program of coaching in support of the yearly meeting pastors which was approved by the general assembly. To date, there has been one pastor in the yearly meeting that has taken advantage of this program. The board would like to take the opportunity of this report to draw attention to the coaching program and to encourage our pastors to consider whether it may be of benefit to them.

### **State of the Yearly Meeting**

At the 2008 yearly meeting session, the Spiritual Life Board presented a document of concerns for the yearly meeting. Participation in the yearly meeting, sense of direction and pastoral care were among the topics addressed. During the past months, the Executive Council has taken up these concerns and others relating to the future and perhaps the viability of the yearly meeting. They have devoted considerable time and effort in thoughtfully considering the purpose and future for our yearly meeting. The surveys to the churches and the subsequent discussions which will take place during this session are the fruit of these months of careful work.

The board is encouraged by the engagement and commitment of the Executive Council and unity of purpose demonstrated in the continuing dialogue taking place this past year. There is a real sense of moving forward. Although it seems as there remain more questions than answers, we sense a sincere commitment to the vision of seeing souls saved, transformed and renewed through three streams of ministry.

What administrative form and structure will support that vision is in God's hands and for us to discern as a yearly meeting. While important, the form and structure must not distract us from the vision. We have the hope and confidence that whatever administrative environment we find ourselves in, God will be at work among us saving, transforming and renewing *souls for his kingdom*.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Farnsworth, President  
Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Board of Spiritual Life Ministries

## Rocky Mountain Friends Women Report – August, 2009

Fingerprints of God has been the theme of our program book this year. We have been able to hear about how the fingerprint of God has changed the lives of missionaries and their work around the world. We have seen the fingerprint of God in Deborah Kind, as she received our scholarship this year to help her toward her goal of becoming a nurse and serving as a medical missionary. We have seen the fingerprint of God in our local meetings as we've had opportunity to work together and pray together to support His work, both locally and globally. Many of us have seen the fingerprint of God in the missionaries that have come to share and report on their work – both short-term and long-term. It has been so encouraging to see the fingerprint of God in the lives of several young people who are going on short term trips and allowing God to lead them and prepare them for their life work.

Our actual groups are small, but the Lord is so faithful to bless our desire to serve in the ways we can. The friendship/fellowship of women is a real gift from God. Our fellowship has been such an encouragement to all who were able to attend our retreat in Sept. The Northwest Friends women had planned a special weekend with a 'hats' theme and an inspiring speaker, Becky Edwards from MAYM. The Ark Valley women are in charge of this coming retreat and the theme is "New Life in the New West". The speaker will be Doris Ferguson, who is our EFCI/NA FW President, so we are in for a treat. Maybe we should call our weekend a women's "treat" instead of "retreat".

Our different groups have different fund raising projects every year and do try to support EFM missionaries as well as some local groups that need the help. We understand that our prayer support is the most vital, since that releases the power of God to work in ways we don't even know. He is able and so faithful!

He has put His fingerprint on each of us. May we have eyes to recognize that in each other as we make ourselves 'radically available' to stay on track. (By the way, if anyone hasn't had the opportunity to read the program book and would enjoy hearing more, there are some available from your women.)

Connie Chambers, President

**Memorial Report 2009**  
**First Denver Friends Church**

**Tom Henley**

Tom Henley had been a member of First Denver Friends Church since 1954. The endearing and enduring quality of Tom Henley's life was not an accomplishment reserved for the smartest or strongest or most fortunate. On the contrary, it was the life of one who simply walked in the steps of his Savior, living as Jesus called us to live. It was a beautiful way of life. It is not an overstatement at all to say, a world filled with men like Tom would be a far different and far better place.

On January 26, 2008 Tom joined the ranks of the great cloud of witnesses that have gone on before us, and cheer us on.

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. <sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*Heb 12:1-2 (NIV)*

Over there in the crowd of witnesses are Moses and Daniel, and that gentle man with a kind smile saying, "Come on now, you can do this." And there is substance to his encouraging words because he did it. He was not rude or self-seeking. He protected, trusted, hoped, and persevered to the end. His voice did not have to be loud to be heard. His life spoke.

Deep inside us we know that love as it is described in the Scriptures is the very essence of life. It is what is most real and lasting. It is what has mattered most in our own lives. When we describe love with all those superlatives it sounds out of reach. Tom's life reminds us how near this love truly is. It is as near as his wife of a lifetime. It is as near as a son and daughter-in-law. It is as near as a granddaughter and grandson. It is as near as a friend or a neighbor. It is as near as this moment. It is how one can simply be.

**Memorial Report 2009**  
**First Denver Friends Church**

**Jane Bieshaar**

Mary Jane Dunn Bieshaar was born on August 4, 1929 at home in Fowler, Kansas to her loving parents, Ruth and Ed G. Dunn. She attended Center Star School in Finney County, Kalvesta, Kansas and graduated from high school at Haviland Academy in Haviland, Kansas in 1947.

She graduated in 1951 from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. Her first job was teaching in elementary school at Sublette, Kansas. In 1956 she moved to Denver, Colorado for a teaching position in the Clear Lake District. She taught Junior High English until she retired in 1984. She sold real estate in the Denver area for many years. Mary Jane loved to learn new skills and took many classes; some of which were to know how to change a lock, overhaul a bathroom, rewire a room, and weld. If the family didn't know how to do something, they could just ask Janie.

Mary Jane married Carl Bieshaar in August 1963 at the First Denver Friends Church where they remained active in many of the ministries of the church. They were also active with Quaker Ridge Camp near Woodland Park, Colorado and Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas.

Jane went to heaven on March 11, 2008. A verse of a handwritten poem filed in Jane's Bible was,

*Whatever you need, if you seek it in prayer,  
You can leave it with Him—for you are His care.*

Perhaps most of us at First Denver Friends Church have been Jane's care at some point. That is a big reason why we miss her. Now we leave Jane with God, for she has been and continues to be His care.

## **Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting 2009 Missions Report**

Our board is very pleased with the evidences we see in our local churches of prayer and financial support for our Lord's kingdom work world-wide through Evangelical Friends Mission and other ministry opportunities. We are thankful for our connection and ability to partner with Evangelical Friends Mission and the wider family of Friends ministries around the globe. Although we are less than 5% of the North American Evangelical Friends, our yearly meeting of churches continues to be a significant partner in these world-wide ministries.

### **Rough Rock Happenings**

The mission at Rough Rock has been a focal point for RMYM for more than 50 years. Our RMYM mission's budget presently contributes \$20,000 annually toward the ministries at Rough Rock.

Joe and Tina Swan and their three girls, Ariana, Dorcas, and Mikayla returned to Alaska Yearly Meeting last year and after a time of renewal and pastoral care are now pastoring again in Alaska. We were saddened with the Swan's departure from Rough Rock last year and have come to better understand some of their difficulties while ministering at Rough Rock. Please pray for Joe and Tina and the girls as they return to ministry in Alaska.

Stan and Hilda Wilkison (Colorado Springs) and Miles and Jane Cleveland (Alaska Yearly Meeting) have ministered at various times and for extended periods in the absence of permanent missionaries at Rough Rock this past year.

We continue to be encouraged with what is happening at Rough Rock. Chuck Mylander, Phil Burgi and Bud Van Meter had the opportunity to visit with the Navajo elders June 5-7. During our fellowship and meetings we had several opportunities to encourage the Navajo Friends Church leadership to consider taking a more active role in their own future. During the Sunday service at the Rough Rock Church (Quarterly Meeting) all four churches were represented.

Judy Van Meter invited Navajo youth to summer camps, we presented an EFM-RMYM ministry strategy where we will step back from financial and

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leadership responsibilities and encourage the Navajo to take more responsibility for ministry in the Rough Rock area. Please pray with us as we seek a new relationship with our Navajo brothers and sisters.

RMYM Missions Deputations and Budget - We were very pleased that many of our churches were able to host EFM missionaries Brad and Chelsea Carpenter, Swans and Bob Adhikary in 2008. RMYM churches contributed over \$30,000 to our mission budget during 2008. The 2009 mission budget is \$35,000 and supports Rough Rock and other EFM fields with the exception of the \$750 annual scholarship for a missionary student. To-date we are 58% through the year with a missions income of 56%. Praise the Lord!

RMYM Missions Scholarship - Applications for the RMYM Scholarship are available on the RMYM website at <http://www.rmym.org>. Applications are due by March 1<sup>st</sup> and should be sent to Debbie Clowe, 4991 Leland Point, Colorado Springs, CO 80916. The mission's scholarship is available to RMYM students who sense God's call to mission service, are enrolled as full-time upper class (Junior/Senior) students, and preferably attend a Friends College or are seminary students.

Mission Activities in our Churches – We have included below a summary of those churches who submitted their annual mission reports for 2008. I know our yearly meeting churches are strong supporters of Kingdom ministries and realize these reports do not fully reflect our commitment to missions.

### ***January – December 2008***

#### *Colorado Springs:*

- Visiting missionaries: Brad & Chelsea Carpenter
- Friends Women: 20 attending
- EFM Easter Offering: Yes

#### *Denver:*

- Visiting missionaries: Bob Adhikary, Joe Swan, Patrick & Christi Neifert (NWYM), Jared Haley, Brad Carpenter, Amanda Bruncker, and Carrie Schreffler

## **2009 Missions Report continued**

- Friends Women: 18 members; Quaker Chicks: 8 members
- EFM Easter Offering: Yes
  
- Short term missions to Asia (Adam Milner), India, Australia (Audrey Lewis)

### *Northwest:*

- Visiting missionaries: Bob Adhikary, David and Tricia Howell and Joe Swan
- Friends Women: 15 members
- EFM Easter Offering: Yes

### *Chivington:*

- Visiting missionaries: Brad Carpenter
- Friends Women: 7 members
- EFM Easter Offering: Yes

### *Faith Friends Lamar:*

- Visiting missionaries: Brad Carpenter, Miriam Burnett
- Friends Women: No active group
- EFM Easter Offering: Yes

### *Submitted by:*

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## **2008 EFM Report to Regions and Yearly Meetings**

Chuck Mylander, Director, Evangelical Friends Mission

### **Purpose and Passion**

The purpose and passion of Evangelical Friends Mission is to live so close to Jesus Christ that we will worship, serve, and obey God as faithful witnesses. We live and die for the cause of fulfilling the Great Commission in the Spirit of the Great Commandment. We exist to fuel a worldwide multiplication movement of worshipping, God-glorifying Evangelical Friends Churches through evangelism, leadership development and missionary sending.

**We are keeping the main thing, the main thing! Our basics are sound in fulfilling our purpose and passion. We are moving in this direction.**

### **Fresh things God is doing**

#### **Missions to Missions**

Missions from the poor to the poor! Our national churches are beginning to send, support and supervise their own missionaries. Our latest count shows at least 20 countries that are sending teams, missionaries or sponsoring a worker in another country. Our big response is to find partner churches to provide travel funds, training and a few one-time projects.

#### **Build Here, Build There**

We join our national churches in building a few critical training centers that move the movement forward. EFM has a new brochure with exciting information.

#### **Transformational Development**

In Rwanda, Nepal and north India we work with the nationals in plans that will bring the blessings of the kingdom in overcoming poverty, providing education, teaching job-skills, starting micro-businesses, preventing disease, and other good works that demonstrate the presence of the King and His kingdom. Coupled with Bible studies and evangelism, the results so far include revitalized churches and new fellowships of believers.

**One new insight...**

**The Golden Rule of Missions**

Ask all mission fields: “Do for others what you want us to do for you.”

- Buildings - you partner in building village churches
- Teaching - send your best teachers to another language group
- Missionaries - you send missionaries to another language group
- Crisis aid - you take up an offering among your churches first
- Anything else - you do for others what you want us to do for you.

The goal is to avoid paternalism and crippling dependency and instead build kingdom partnerships.

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<b><u>By the numbers:</u></b>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Believers	8,575	12,318
Churches	124	201
House churches/cells (included with churches)		263
Mission fields	9	14
Career missionary units	11	19
Total Income (Audit)	\$1.28 million	\$1.89 million (2007)

**Goal for new career missionaries**

10 missionary units in the next 5 years.

**My dreams**

1. I dream of the day when *every* Friends young person called to missions will consider EFM or their regional mission board as a high priority for consideration.
2. I dream of the day when *every* Evangelical Friends church will give generously to their regional mission board and to EFM.

3. I dream of the day when *every* EFM and regional mission field will become mission-minded, and send their own missionaries as soon as possible.
4. I dream of the day when *every* Christian will consider it normal to pray for missionaries daily by name and need. (The internet makes it possible.)
5. I dream of the day when “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” (Habakkuk 3:14)

### **Big Plans!**

1. **EFM World Tour.** We plan to invite major donors and potential major donors to Asia and Africa to see EFM fields in person. We will stay in nice hotels, and have 2-3 days on each mission field. We plan to start in 2009—and vary the mission fields in other years. Contact Chuck Mylander if interested (714) 225-5414 or [cmylander@yahoo.com](mailto:cmylander@yahoo.com).
2. **Build a major training center in Mussoorie, India.** I envision a strong training center on each of our fields large enough to make them strategic. We have \$40,000 already committed to the Garhwal Center and church in Mussoorie, and need another \$100,000 to bring it to completion.
3. **Recruit churches here to partner with national missionaries from our fields.** Our national churches will recruit, commission, supervise and support their own missionaries. Partner churches will pay travel expenses for missionary families and supervisors, an initial set-up cost on the field, and after one year a few strategic one-time projects—but not church buildings or paying pastors.

## **Hope for the Future**

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*“...all nations will come and worship before you” -Revelation 15:3-4*  
*“Lord, fulfill this promise and bring your hope for the future.”*

#### **Future Missionaries Retreat**

Twenty-eight future missionaries under the direction of Brad and Chelsea Carpenter spent time in worship, solitude, interaction with the EFM Board, and learning from the nine home-based and furloughed missionaries. Several EFM Board members served as speakers. Watch for the announcement about the next Future Missionaries Retreat.

#### **Surge of Short Term Missionaries (nine months to two years)**

- To Bangladesh - Cassi Phillips (projected departure January 2010)
- From Bangladesh, India, and Nepal (returning in the third week of July 2009) - Michael and K.K. Linville
  
- To Rwanda - Molly Black, Matt and Gayle Denham, Johnny Kaye, Drew Miller, Chrissy Muhr (second short term), Liz Wine
- From Rwanda - Michelle Carpenter (2006-2008), Michael and Melissa Chapman (January - April 2009), and Philip Cox (November 2007 - August 2008)

**Missions to Missions-**Thanks to the ministry of David Thomas and several other Rwandan missionaries and national leaders, the first interdenominational missionary-sending agency is being formed in Rwanda.

Rupak Tamang and the young Friends Church in Bhutan sent their first missionary, Nima Dawa, to Sikkim state in India. Derby Friends Church in Derby, Kansas is partnering with them in this venture. Relief for flood victims, teaching English and computer skills, and launching micro-businesses provide the holistic side of ministry.

**Bangladesh-**Albert and Metali Adhikari and their committed volunteers are reaching people never before touched by the gospel. The number of churches and converts increases every year among people recently transformed by Jesus Christ.

**Bhutan**-Under the leadership of Rupak and Pramila Tamang our Bhutan field continues to grow rapidly. Teaching women to weave and micro-loans provide part of their help to the poor.

**Great Lakes Leadership Training**-Lon Fendall travels to Africa at least twice per year and coordinates GLLT's remarkable pastoral and lay leaders training program in Burundi, Congo, and Rwanda.

**India** (Mussoorie)-While Edwin Daliya focuses on evangelism and training workers, his wife Nivedit works on small businesses for workers and others in need among the poverty stricken Garhwali people. Seekers conferences and youth camps lead many to Christ. Helping families with children's education and family medical needs bring hope to the poor. The house churches keep multiplying although persecution takes its toll.

**Ireland**-Todd and Celesta James serve in Ringsend, David and Tricia Howell in Wicklow Town, and Kathi Perry in Greystones. The Ringsend church, Cairde Christian Fellowship, is now organized with elders and an active youth ministry, including an annual missions trip to Hungary. Basketball camps and sports ministry are ways they help the community and spread the gospel. Todd's tract, Meet My Head Coach, is now in use in 13 languages, including a special edition with John Wooden's testimony. Kathi, David, and Tricia have started Bible studies and are active in school and community service.

**Mexico**-Jeremy and Betty Smuck, Andrea Byrne, and Edwin and Maria Giron serve in Aguascalientes, while Candi Foster is recovering slowly from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome here in the United States. Our missionaries are leading many to Christ, starting home fellowships, and now have two gatherings every month that combine home groups in a worship service. A bi-weekly Kid's Club in the community of Pocitos, a free medical clinic, and a literacy class for non-readers of Spanish help the community in spite of opposition by the local priest. Dan Cammack serves as their coach, and coordinates a Bible school teacher training program in Mexico City. Friends in Mexico also have ministries in Coahuila state (Nueva Rosita), Ciudad Victoria, Juarez, Mexicali, and Sinaloa. Mexico Friends plan to host the Evangelical Friends Church International - Latin America in 2010.

**Middle East Ministries**-With groups of Farsi-speaking believers in "Narnia" (a Muslim country), Germany, England, and the United States

(three states), Roy and Jinky Twaddell bring training and wise counsel. Reconciliation of conflict brings restored relationships.

**Nepal**-During their furlough year Bob Adhikary made a trip to visit his ever-growing number of leaders who continue to train evangelists and preachers for many new villages. God is giving dynamic growth in spite of persecution. Road re-building, water buffalos whose milk supports evangelists, and a proposed bridge are among their development projects. John and Sangi Vanlal find their ministry stretching from east to west across Nepal. Sangi's work in training women to sew (and they now train others) has brought hope and income to many women. Dr. Samson and Priscilla Retnaraj lead in Community Health Evangelism in four places. A dietician, medical professional, agriculturalist, and evangelists/pastors work together.

**Philippines**-In addition to our cluster of Friends churches in the Manila area, Jaime and Lydia Tabingo are reaching out to the Visayas and Mindanao (Leyte) islands in the southern Philippines. Medical, dental, and optical assistance as well as clothes for indigent families help those in need.

**Rwanda**-Brad and Chelsea Carpenter and David and Debby Thomas serve as career missionaries, and school teacher Chrissy Muhr is ready for a second short term. Four Discipleship for Development teams are working for spiritual, social, and economic progress. A new Business as Mission venture is preparing to sell Moringa tree powder to the poor. Chelsea Carpenter will focus on language and culture learning. Brad's research on native religions is intended to lead to more effective spiritual warfare.

**Worship and Praise!** People in many nations already worship our Lord Jesus Christ. He is using missionaries to bring the good news of the Kingdom to every language, people, tribe, and nation. "All nations...will worship." The future has hope because the Lamb is on the throne!

## **Outreach Report – 2009**

*Hebrews 12:1 – who would shout out to you today, “Keep going. Good is coming. It’ll all be worth it. Don’t give up! Look to Jesus.”*

### **Planting Churches**

The main emphasis this past year for the Outreach Committee has centered on church planting as a means of increasing membership in our yearly meeting (YM). We feel strongly that God is calling people within our YM with the same vision and passion, to be obedient to Him and to take bold steps in building His Kingdom by planting new Friends churches. In doing so, others might be inspired to act, to follow the trail paved by our brothers and sisters in the Lord. We recognize that this process is sometimes lengthy and does not always happen rapidly.

### **Local Church Outreach - FDFC Hispanic Ministry**

A group of American and Hispanic Friends are actively seeking to recruit Spanish-speaking community members by demonstrating God’s love by providing services they need most. These Friends feel strongly that it is not enough that they personally are saved and know the Lord. They feel God’s calling to be faithful and obedient to Him by providing worship services to those that FDFC has not previously reached because of cultural or language barriers. The newly formed church would provide its new members a continual opportunity to grow spiritually.

### **Some guiding principles for this prospective church plant:**

- Become independent of the mother church as soon as possible
  - Have a charge of planting new churches in RMYM
  - Partner with another YM to use their successful model to plant churches
- o FDFC recently petitioned SWYM for assistance.  
Pastor Amilcar Sosa the director of the Latino Department of Friends Churches and the New Church Development Program of SWYM was sent. He shared how they have planted several Spanish-speaking churches in the southwest.
  - o In the future, Pastor Amilcar is willing to partner with FDFC by coaching church plant leaders.

## **Outreach Report – 2009 Continued**

### **Southeast Colorado Churches**

The Outreach Committee was pleased to learn that some folks in the SE Colorado area also feel led by God to start cell groups that might eventually lead to planting churches.

- They are excited at the possibility that a newly planted church vision would include a provision that in the next 5 to 7 years it could function as a “Mother Church” to other plants in SE Colorado by guiding them in the process of planting churches.
- Further, it is hoped that this development model could also stimulate growth in existing YM churches that are currently struggling with diminishing attendance.

### **How can RMYM help?**

- Give them your blessing and encouragement to continue on their mission
- Be patient as they learn God’s correct course of action
- Pray for God’s lead as this process unfolds
- Pray for the leaders and others beyond this groups that have a similar vision of planting new Friends churches in RMYM
- Pray they would be immersed in His Word daily
- Provide financial assistance when the time calls for it.

### **Concerns & Future Action**

Pray that RMYM churches feel a strong urge to actively participate in the YM

- Our concern is that our report is very limited in scope because it does not reflect the outreach efforts of all the RMYM churches. We sought input from YM churches regarding Outreach, but as of this writing none was received.
- We are looking for interested parties to participate and become members in Outreach because membership in this committee has decreased immensely. We want and need your input.
- If your church is struggling with declining membership let us know how we can partner with you to initiate action to curb this trend and perhaps reverse the trend so that membership increases.

In closing, it is clear to us that **GOD is up to something good in RMYM!**  
We feel the YM is at a turning point in its existence; may we discern His  
direction for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis West and Margarita Jaramillo-Hall  
Outreach Committee Co-Presidents

**Where Grace Abounds (WGA)**  
**Mary Heathman, Founder**  
**Annual Report - May/2009**

This year marks twenty-three years since First Denver Friends Church affirmed my call to ministry to people who wrestle with inappropriate sexual feelings and/or behavior, and their devastating effects of these issues on families. Five years later, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting of Friends added their endorsement as well.

Since July of 1986, ministry activities have included discipleship counseling, group facilitation, teaching, and leadership development, as well as publicly speaking on behalf of the ministry in churches, youth groups, Sunday Schools, women's groups, retreat speaking, and in annual pastors events and other educational seminars. Once a year, I also teach a class for inmates in Denver County Jail.

These venues cross denominational lines, with invitations from diverse main-line and non-denominational ministries, as well as secular. The opportunities are always welcome, and I am humbled by how the Lord blesses my efforts "above and beyond what I could ask or imagine."

The most gratifying opportunities, however, are those that involve partnering with Friends. When I receive a call from a Friends pastor or leader requesting my involvement in their yearly meeting, or to teach a workshop, it is a high priority for me. In 2008, several such opportunities came my way:

- mentored a Friend who is a seminary student
- taught two workshops at FUM Triennial in North Carolina
- spoke at a Friends Church in the Philippines, and had the honor of traveling with a team of friends to several Philippine Friends Churches, and celebrated with them—their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This past year has also found my heart increasingly burdened for the families of those whose loved ones are in prison for sexual offenses. I am praying about what the Lord might have us do for these families and for the men and women who are released from prison and reenter society—I am asking God for guidance and direction for the development of a restorative justice approach to ministry in this area.

**Where Grace Abounds (WGA)  
continued**

Steps in this direction include my return to classes this fall—a blended graduate master’s degree program including elements of psychology, criminology and social justice.

I am so grateful for the support and prayers of Friends for all these activities, the on going and those just bubbling to the surface. Friends continue to be an inspiration and encouragement to me as I read the other reports and pray for their ministries as well. May the Lord bless Friends that we may bless others!

In His service,  
Mary Heathman  
Founder, Where Grace Abounds  
*[www.wheregraceabounds.org](http://www.wheregraceabounds.org)*

## **Quaker Ridge Camp Board Report 2009**

This had been a busy year for the board. In October, the board had a retreat at Twin Rocks Camp in Rockaway Beach, Oregon. We took some time to reflect and plan. As we prayed, reflected, and conversed, we were able to come to a unanimous conclusion on two matters.

First, we agreed that Quaker Ridge Camp is to be a camp for up to 300 campers per event. We have sleeping facilities, or soon will have, for 300 people. We have activities that can accommodate 300 campers. We agreed that all our facilities need to be available for 300 campers.

As part of this decision, it became clear that having the dining hall in the Ethel Clark Conference Center was not going to work. The floor space in the original footprint of the building was simply too small to seat 300 people. So, our second major decision was to complete ECCC without the dining room and kitchen.

With this decision to be the best camp we can be for 300 persons, we are now able to plan facilities and staffing realistically. We have already made several decisions since then that reflect this level of camping. We are pleased to have this comprehensive vision for Quaker Ridge.

With the above vision in mind, we were able to complete the planning work for the completion of ECCC. Due to the recession and the downturn of the Florida housing market, we were able to hire a new facilities director who is also a licensed general contractor. We are pleased to have David Milton and his family join our staff. Dave will obtain a Teller County general contractor's license and oversee the completion of ECCC.

We have bids, contractors, and many of the resources necessary to complete the building by May of 2010. The total required to complete the building should be around \$275,000. We have \$75,000 on hand and a proposal submitted to the Yearly Meeting to complete the funding of the building. We could be mere months away from its completion.

## **Quaker Ridge Camp Board Report 2009 continued**

Along with all of this good news, we were made aware that we do not have a required special use permit from the county. Our second priority, after completing ECCC, will be to obtain this permit. It will require inspections, plans, and no doubt changes to our existing infrastructure. But once it is completed, we will be ready to complete the vision of a quality 300 person camp. Stay tuned.

On the back of this report, you will see a picture of the cross on the altar in the Chapel. It is covered with hearts. Each heart represents one person who was saved at that camp this June. This picture represents why we work hard at Quaker Ridge. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving at the many souls saved, renewed, and transformed at Quaker Ridge.

David Cordova

## **Stewards Board Report 2009**

God has been very gracious to us as a Yearly Meeting this past year. We have seen him truly act as our Source of Supply. All of our meetings are giving to the ministry and work of our Yearly Meeting. Income has been adequate to meet all expenses. We have finished out our last fiscal year (2008) in the black and it looks like we should do the same this year.

But—there are two major areas of challenge to Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting and to the Stewards Board. First, we need adequate funding for our essential camping ministry. Our Friends Experience (FX) camps are great with a number of the campers accepting Christ as Savior each year. Other campers are growing and maturing in their relationship with Christ at camp. Some are learning how to continue to mature in Christ when they go back home.

The challenge is how do we as a Yearly Meeting provide the financial assistance needed for this to happen. We are making progress in several areas but it has not been sufficient yet. For FX camps this year ('09) we are subsidizing FX with \$33,000 from the Church Planting interest reserve fund. For the last several years we have spent resources to subsidize our FX camps. Unfortunately, this can not continue to happen. Our challenge as Stewards and as a Yearly Meeting as a whole is to discover God's answer and solution to this challenge.

The second challenge is quite similar. Ample funding is needed for Quaker Ridge Camp (QRC) especially the completion of the Ethel Clark Lodge. Quaker Ridge Camp has been able to carry on their ministry utilizing the current facilities. We have seen many updates and improvements in recent years. But after these other expenditures are completed Quaker Ridge Camp has not had the needed money to complete the Ethel Clark Lodge. This project has gone on longer than any of us ever imagined.

God has provided now a special opportunity and time span to finally complete the Lodge. The challenge is how do we find the additional necessary funds to take advantage of this open door. Stewards and the Yearly Meeting as a whole again needs to decide how does God plan to meet this need.

**Stewards Board Report 2009**  
**continued**

Will God provide special people to step forward to donate money and/or other resources to meet this challenge? Does God want us to commit designated funds or other resources that we have in the Yearly Meeting toward the completion? Does God have another plan that we are not aware of yet? Does he have a plan that combines several of the above options? Our challenge is to find and implement his plan.

Challenges are challenging! Usually we are pushed beyond our comfort zone. Challenges are normally not viewed as “fun” for the majority of us. But the end product, the final results that we have when we have faced the challenge is great.

Let us be good stewards of what God has and is giving to us. Let us be good stewards as we face our normal challenges and especially the two special challenges with Friends Experience (FX) and Quaker Ridge Camp (QRC.)

Galan Burnett, President

## Vision Statement

Our vision for ministry in RMYM springs from Christ's call for us to go and make disciples. We understand that our strengths are our three streams of ministry: local churches, missions, and Quaker Ridge Camp (QRC). We see the development in our yearly meeting of a three-fold ministry of local churches, missions, and camp that mutually stimulate and encourage each other as each shares the commitment to the salvation, renewal, and transformation of souls for the sake of Jesus Christ. The Rocky Mountain area population is expected to continue growing for years to come. We want to be a part of seeing the Kingdom of God grow in that expanding population.

Our local churches are the foundation of ministry within RMYM. We envision each of our churches committed to being a healthy church, sharing a common set of values that make for a healthy church, encouraging one another in the pursuit of church health, and committed to planting new, healthy churches within our yearly meeting. Our intent is for our yearly meeting to be characterized by churches in which people find rest for their souls, salvation in Jesus Christ and are effectively trained in a lifestyle of following Him.

We intend to continue supporting the ministry of missionaries who carry the gospel cross-culturally. We enthusiastically support the growing ministry of Evangelical Friends Mission and Where Grace Abounds, and will encourage prayer and financial support of these ministries, as well as encourage ourselves to consider serving as missionaries. We also see our missionaries as part of our team of ministers in RMYM. We look to them to inspire and inform our efforts to rebuild ourselves as effective ministers to the culture outside our own churches.

The ministry of QRC affords us the privilege of maintaining a venue in which the gospel is proclaimed to hundreds of campers each year. We dream of the day when Ethel Clark Conference Center is a fully functional, all-season, self-contained, wheelchair-accessible facility for people of all ages. We see the completion of this project as an opportunity for our yearly meeting constituency to be unified around a shared life driven by the Kingdom values. In a parallel manner to our partnership with missions we expect to be stimulated to effective ministry through our involvement with the camp and those who use our camp.

We are a family of Friends churches. The primary value of the Friends' movement is that there is one, even Christ Jesus, who can speak to our condition. It is our intent to overtly proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ, and depend upon Him to lead and empower this family of churches known as Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

To God be the glory.

## Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Calling

### *PREAMBLE*

*Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is a partnership of Evangelical Friends churches banded together to provide an environment in which souls may be saved, transformed, and renewed, reaffirming our mission statement: Building the Kingdom of God through Obedience to Christ. We accomplish our purpose through the ministries of local churches, missions, and Quaker Ridge Camp. Our calling and ministry are accomplished as the people of RMYM develop healthy local churches, seek unity in effort, and reproduce healthy churches as God leads and empowers us to do so.*

The bottom line is souls—souls saved, transformed and renewed. That is something to which it appears we all sense God’s call. The streams of God’s work among us are missions, Quaker Ridge Camp, and local churches. Implication: If we are to encourage God’s calling of souls saved, transformed, and renewed as a Yearly Meeting, then the content of our Yearly Meeting sessions and boards must focus on souls saved, transformed, and renewed—in missions (Evangelical Friends Mission and Where Grace Abounds), Quaker Ridge Camp, and our local churches.

Soul work is something we participate in, while God does the work. Consequently, a Yearly Meeting whose bottom line is souls will emphasize reports on the work of God saving, transforming, and renewing souls; and thanksgiving, praise, worship, listening, affirming calls to ministry, and prayer.

The missions effort in EFM and WGA is noteworthy. God is at work.

- We need to hear the stories of souls saved, transformed, and renewed.
- We need also to learn from our missionaries how the local churches can direct their ministries so that the bottom line is souls (e. g., churches that are self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating).

Quaker Ridge Camp is an incredible resource in beauty and as a venue in which soul ministry takes place. If the Yearly Meeting’s bottom line is souls, and if QRC is a primary stream of God’s work among us, then these implications seem apparent:

- We will relate to QRC primarily as a ministry opportunity for the salvation and transformation of souls.
- The Camp Board and the Yearly Meeting constituency will look each other in the eye, agree to complete the Ethel Clark Conference Center, and work shoulder to shoulder to make it happen.
- We will maximize QRC as a venue for the soul ministry within RMYM.

The focus of our churches will be the salvation, transformation and renewal of souls rather than institutional survival.

- There is no yearly meeting central office that can make the salvation, transformation, and renewal of souls a priority in our yearly meeting. Rather, souls will be a priority in our yearly meeting as each church commits itself to that priority.
- RMYM must face that reality, and become intentional about propagating healthy churches—not for institutional survival, but for the sake of souls.

We will resolve differences for the sake of souls.

## **Quaker Ridge Board - Camp Usage Policy**

1. We, the owners of Quaker Ridge Camp, are in ministry together with the Quaker Ridge Staff. We are partners with the camp staff and not just clients/renters. The camp staff are ministers who are serving as our hands and feet in the field of Christian camping. They should feel free to participate in any of our Friends sponsored events that take place at Quaker Ridge, since they are part of our body, regardless of whether they have a Friends background or not.
2. Rules set by the camp staff are for the benefit of keeping things running smoothly. Any user group, including owners, should assign a point person to be the bridge for interfacing between campers and camp staff. Our camp is a business as well as a ministry, and there are proper channels for getting things done and filing grievances.
3. Regarding employment at Quaker Ridge Camp, staff positions will be offered to members of RMYM if there are qualified applicants available. However, we must consider the best candidates, with an eye on the ministry aspect of the job as well as other basic requirements.
4. Availability of the camp to the constituency for use as needed is vital. Friends have first pick and exclusive rights when it comes to scheduling, even though we are small in numbers, and may not be a profitable group. Therefore, support for the camp has to be shown in other ways to keep the camp in a positive financial position.
5. Regarding support for the camp, we recognize that we are not a large organization and are not, generally speaking, a wealthy ownership group. It requires a commitment from the constituency to help provide what it takes to keep the camp in good shape. This may involve time and energy as well as finances.
6. If a group of less than 24 people requests the use of the camp, it will cost the camp more to open than it will receive. With this in mind, it is recommended that such a group might use a portion of the camp at the same times as another group. Every effort will be made to accommodate any RMYM or Evangelical Friends International-North America sponsored user group.

7. There will continue to be discounts for RMYM and EFI-NA sponsored groups, but it must be remembered that Quaker Ridge Camp is already operating as one of the least expensive camps on the front range. This helps maintain a place in the camping market, but it makes it difficult to offer large discounts.
8. It is important to fulfill the contract and bring the numbers promised on the dates agreed upon. If the numbers change or the event must be dropped, notice will be given to the camp staff within the time frame agreed upon in the contract.

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Retreat 2011 . . First Friends Church Colorado Springs  
Retreat 2012 . . Northwest Friends Women

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<b>Beaver Park Friends</b>	Andrew Hill
<b>Chivington Friends Church</b>	Galan* Burnett
<b>Colorado Springs First Friends</b>	Bill* Powell; Merle* Clowe, Dan* Jamison
<b>First Denver Friends</b>	Chuck* Orwiler, Terry* Ash, Richard* Foster, Jay* Hollowell, Mary* Heathman, Patrick* and Christy* Neifert, Susan Rider, Carol* Whorton, Slade* Williams,
<b>Hasty Community Friends</b>	Gary Pritchard
<b>Lamar Faith Friends Church</b>	Galan* Burnett
<b>Las Animas Friends Church</b>	Dennis* West; Diane* Hutson
<b>New Hope Friends Church</b>	Eugene Vanhuss
<b>Northwest Friends Church</b>	John* Hinshaw; Norval* Hadley
<b>Paonia Friends Church</b>	Gaylen* Kinser
<b>Rough Rock Friends Churches</b>	- Amos Redhair*, Stella Begay, Eugene Begay, Helen Desheenie

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