

Publications Committee Report for ILYM Continuing Committee, 10/23/2010
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After 30 years Omega Graphics (aka Presiding Clerk David Finke) took a well deserved (and much needed) break from printing the entire 2010 Minute Book. Witt Print Shop (Columbia, MO) was contracted to print the inner 128 pages (a new length record), while Omega Graphics printed the cover. The page number was higher this year largely due to some unusually long committee reports, including two sections of our evolving Faith & Practice. The cost, at roughly \$4.50 per book, may decrease in future years if friends will carefully consider page length when submitting reports.

These books are being bound (folded, collated, stapled and trimmed) with volunteer labor. Over the years Elizabeth Mertic, Cathy Garra, Pat Wixom, and Nancy and David Finke have contributed massive amounts of this long, repetitive, accurate work. Due to a quote from Witt Print Shop, we can report that this volunteer work saved ILYM \$675 this year. Multiply that amount by 30 (years) to appreciate this amazing labor of love!

After carefully editing the Minute Book to exclude personal contact information, Sharon Haworth has added a downloadable version to the ILYM website.

The best way to thank these hard-working friends is to use these books. They are a treasure trove of information about our Yearly Meeting, committees, constituent Meetings, and members. Consult them in your Meetings and committee work as a way to learn about and from each other. Read them in the Spirit to find our faith, leadings, legacies, and witness to the world.

The deadline for the Winter 2011 issue of *Among Friends* has been extended to 11/22. Please share with us a program or process that works well in your Meeting. We also seek reflections on any of the FWCC *Salt & Light* programs happening this Fall.

The 2010 Plummer Lecture is in the pipeline for paper and website publication. (A close-to-final version may be downloaded from the website.) Although it has been on the website for several months, the 2009 Plummer Lecture is also still in the pipeline for paper publication. We expect to print and distribute both Lectures together soon.

After experiencing some confusion due to members using a variety of software programs to open files, we have begun to explore software formatting problems and solutions. A style sheet and a current process for publishing Plummer Lectures have been articulated.