



Yearly Meetinghouse, McNabb, Illinois

# ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING

of the Religious Society of Friends  
(Quakers)

Consisting of 20 Quaker Meetings and Worship Groups  
in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin

January 3, 2011

Dear Friends,

Illinois Yearly Meeting has asked the ad hoc committee on Quaker service to draft a series of queries to help Monthly Meetings and worship groups to explore the depths of our commitment to Quaker service. (See Annual Session Minutes #68-70, pp. 13-14 and 76 of the published 2010 minutebook. Also see the Fall 2010 Continuing Committee minutes, #25-30 and appended report on p. 11. These are available on the ILYM website at: <http://www.ilym.org/tiki-index.php?page=MinuteBooks>.)

What follows are the queries the committee drafted. Monthly Meetings and worship groups are asked to explore the queries and report their sense of these explorations to ILYM. We'd like to hear from as many of you as possible by the middle of February.

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ILYM Monthly Meetings are asked to consider the following queries on Quaker Service:

- ❖ What efforts does your monthly meeting make to identify and help with needs in your community? Does your meeting work with other religious or community groups on any service projects or ongoing concerns, such as a food bank or after school program?
- ❖ What efforts has your monthly meeting made to identify members or attenders who are led by the Spirit to engage in service projects, whether among Quakers or otherwise? To what extent does your Meeting nurture and support members and attenders who feel led to engage in such service projects?
- ❖ How can your monthly Meeting make voluntary service and support of such service central to your Meeting's culture?
- ❖ How can, and to what extent should, Meetings engage collectively in voluntary service?
- ❖ How can Illinois Yearly Meeting make voluntary service and support of such service central to ILYM culture?
- ❖ What should be the role of Illinois Yearly Meeting in nurturing and supporting Spirit-led volunteerism or other expressions of faith?
- ❖ What role should ILYM play in facilitating Friends' endeavors that further traditional Friends values, such as Peace & Social Justice?

