

MINISTRY AND ADVANCEMENT'S REPORT TO CONTINUING COMMITTEE
MARCH 2013

Over the past five months, members of Ministry and Advancement have reported a total of seven visits to meetings and worship groups, in addition to visits made by the field secretary and by the clerk of ILYM. We are grateful for the additional assistance of David Finke, Margaret Katranides, and Maurine Pyle, who have visited and provided loving care to Friends in southern Illinois and in Missouri.

We are pleased to report that the Elkhart Worship Group, under the care of South Bend Friends, continues to meet twice a month, now always in Elkhart. Brad Laird is visiting regularly.

About a dozen Adult Young Friends continue to meet monthly for potlucks and sharing, under the leadership of Adrian Nelson and Madelyn George.

Ministry and Advancement remains appreciative and mindful of the interests and needs that meetings identified in the surveys they returned to us last fall, and we will continue our efforts to respond. As a beginning, Fernando Freire has offered Bible study at Clear Creek, Adrian Nelson has given several reports on the FWCC gathering in Kenya, and Joan Pine gave a presentation to Oak Park Friends on welcoming newcomers.

Although we have had to abandon plans for presenting a workshop on conflict resolution in the Spring, we note that the Milwaukee Meeting of Friends is offering a workshop April 6th and 7th which might be of interest to ILYM Friends. It is entitled "The Quaker Spiritual Journey: Early Friends and Us," and it will be presented by Marcelle Martin from Pendle Hill.

Four of our members have been hampered considerably by chronic illnesses, either their own or within their immediate family. In addition, Gwen Weaver has submitted her resignation on the grounds that she currently cannot give the work of M&A the attention she feels it deserves.

The Committee's Spring meeting will take place on April 12 and 13 at the 57th Street meetinghouse. We welcome your suggestions and, especially, your prayers that we may remain faithful to the work to which you and our Guide have called us.

Joan Pine
Clerk of the Ministry and Advancement Committee