

Peace Resources Committee Report  
To Illinois Yearly Meeting  
2008 Annual Gathering

In the past year, Peace Resources facilitated a Peace Testimony Workshop at 57<sup>th</sup> Street Meeting. Carbondale, Columbia and Urbana-Champaign Meetings have requested the workshop for the coming year.

The Peace Testimony Workshop was developed to help Friends explore their relationship to the Peace Testimony and to open the way for the testimony to be manifested among Friends, personally and collectively.

PRC continues to refine the workshop format, stressing that the workshop is not expected to be a one-time experience, but the first step in a process. Further, workshop participants are encouraged to make their personal testimonies available to the ILYM web site and to Among Friends.

Other areas of concern to PRC:

- The committee wants to become more of a resource to raise awareness among ILYM Friends regarding a number of issues pertaining to peace and social justice, and is exploring ways to do this.
- PRC would like to encourage the envisioning process for the Peace House on the Prairie. Along these lines, PRC is asking ILYM to create an ad hoc envisioning committee. It further is asking that young ILYM Friends be included on the ad hoc committee.
- PRC also is asking ILYM to make available on its web site a Life Will. The Life Will is a statement by which Friends make it known that in the event they are murdered they do not want the person found guilty of the crime to face the death penalty. The Life Will is seen as a way by which Friends can generate discussion around capital punishment and encourage others to call for the abolition of the death penalty.