

June 15, 2011

Site Envisioning Committee
Report to the Annual Session in McNabb
Illinois Yearly Meeting

Last year the Site Envisioning and Development Committee returned to its previous status as two committees (Development and Site Envisioning). As of this writing the Development Committee remains unformed.

The Site Envisioning Committee was charged with gathering the dreams and goals of the Yearly Meeting and its committees. This charge pertains to the entire campus (new and old buildings and outdoor spaces). The information was addressed in a set of queries and sent to all Standing Committees and Monthly Meetings. So far, eight monthly meetings and four of the Standing Committees have responded. We look to revise our outreach to the meetings not yet responding by some meeting visitation.

We found out that the site focus of our committee was challenged by an interest in program. That which is not “bricks and mortar” is seen by some to be important to the development of our spiritual journey and therefore needs to be included in some way into our deliberations. We look for way to open along this path.

Our initial review of responses to the queries has generated a set of “emerging commonalities” that seem to be converging in review of the responses. Four of the largest are:

1. A new dining hall with kitchen
2. A new dormitory
3. Demolition of unnecessary structures
4. A caretaker

In the upcoming year we look to manifest our collected visions. Much good work that pertains to the site has been done by the Environmental Concerns Committee and Maintenance and Planning Committee. We seek to integrate their work with the gathered query data into a presentation by next annual session.

Our schedule for the work follows.

- Committee work session to prepare base map, narrative, and matrix. End of August 2011
- Committee meeting to review and adjust the documents. September 10, 2011
- Review with the standing committees providing input. November 19, 2011
- Presentation to all of the Site Vision. January 14, 2012 (snow date January 21, 2012)

Our September Committee Meeting will be held in Kankakee. Other meeting locations will be determined.

Chip Rorem, Clerk