

Youth Oversight Annual Report (6-17-11)

We started the year by helping 6 teens from 6 different monthly meetings to attend 2010 Friends General Conference (FGC) High School Program in Ohio: Delia Amos (Southern IL), Jonathan Gaff (Downers Grove), Mason George (Evanston), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), & Emily Wills (Lake Forest). Almost immediately thereafter we supported 2 teens from 2 monthly meetings on the 2010 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to Oregon and Washington state: Marguerite Daw (St. Louis Meeting) and Mason George (Evanston). Micah Bales (an adult young friend) was one of the co-leaders.

In September, we had 3 teens from 2 monthly meetings participate in Blue River Quarterly (BRQ) Meeting in DuBois, IL: Delia Amos (Southern IL), Sean Robey (St. Louis), and Marguerite Daw (St. Louis). We tried to have a second fall quake in October but called it off due to lack of confirmed attendance. We thank BRQ for hosting us.

In January on Martin Luther King weekend we hosted the 2011 Quake that Rocked the Midwest that included 40 teens from Illinois Yearly Meeting (ILYM), Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (LEYM), Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (OVYM), and Scattergood School. The 9 ILYM teens came from 6 monthly meetings and included: Liz Anderson (Downers Grove), Marguerite & Brennan Daw (St. Louis), Mason George (Evanston), Claire Goode (Clear Creek & Downers Grove), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), Sean Robey (St. Louis), & Emily Wills (Lake Forest). John Watts led a workshop on songwriting. We want to thank Javaughn Fernanders (ILYM Youth Coordinator), Cari Burke (LEYM Youth Coordinator), Peter Albright (YO), and Meredith George and Warrick Daw (Parents), for all of their help to make it happen and for helping us to break even on the cost.

On Memorial Day work weekend, 8 teens from 5 monthly meetings came to help with work: Liz Anderson (Downers Grove), Marguerite Daw (St. Louis), Claire Goode (Clear Creek & Downers Grove), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), Sean & Gavin Robey (St. Louis), & Emily Wills (Lake Forest). They represented much of the workforce and divided up to help different groups of adults, participated in worship, made an out trip to bowling in Peru, and generally had a fun time being together.

This week at annual session there are 8 teens from 6 monthly meetings: Delia Amos (Southern IL), Liz Anderson (Downers Grove), Murphy Beattie (Evanston), Mason George (Evanston), Claire Goode (Clear Creek & Downers Grove), Nate Howenstine (Upper Fox Valley), Sara Raffensperger (Clear Creek), and Sean Robey (St. Louis). They have done workshops this week on clerking and "Texting God". On Saturday they will be going to camp Menno Haven to do team challenges and a high ropes course together and then joining meeting for worship and to hear Dick Ashdown's Plummer lecture.

In their business meeting they passed the following minutes of particular note to annual session as a whole:

- They nominated Liz Anderson to continue as Clerk, Claire Goode as treasurer, and Marguerite Daw as Recording Clerk. We still need to find one more co-clerk.
- Subject to availability of the space, they would like to meet at St. Louis meetinghouse over Veteran's Day Weekend (11/11-14/2011), Evanston meetinghouse over Martin Luther King Weekend (1/13-16/2012), at ILYM junior meetinghouse over Memorial Weekend (5/25-28/2012), and at the next annual session (6/20-24/2012).
- They are offering to help support approximately a third of the cost (\$333/each) for 5 teens who have been accepted to attend FGC in Grinnell, IA, this year – Liz Anderson, Marguerite Daw, Mason George, Nate Howenstine, and Sara Raffensperger. Their respective monthly meetings are encouraged to match this offer.
- They are offering to use their remaining funds to help adult young Friends either by support Caryn Wixom's opportunity to be a resident artist at Pendle Hill this coming year or, if that does not work out, to support Adrian Nelson & Rose Dennis's opportunity to go to the decennial FWCC meeting in Kenya in the Spring of 2012. They also encourage annual session, monthly meetings and individual members as they are able to support the efforts of these adult young Friends to participate in these opportunities for fellowship with other Quakers.
- They encouraged each other to apply for the 2012 Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to the United Kingdom and the Netherlands (7/12 to 8/13) and are committed to help raise the \$3000/person if they are selected. (Applications are due on 10/1/2011, see <http://fwccamericas.org/events/qyp.shtml>)

This fall Mason George will going to Earlham, Sara Raffensperger will be going to Illinois Wesleyan University and Emily Wills will be going to Northwestern. Please join us in wishing them well.

Finally, we remind all of you to encourage Quaker teens to become involved in the ILYM group via facebook, or by contacting the youth coordinator, any member of youth oversight, and/or any of the teen officers who are each listed in the directory.

Respectfully submitted,

Youth Oversight Members: Michael Dennis –CCFM (2011, Outgoing Clerk), Diane Clark Dennis-CCFM (2011), Adrian Nelson-UFVM (2011), David Wixom-STLM (2012, Incoming Clerk), Peter Albright-UFVM (2013), Mark Amos-SIFM (2013), Kate Gunnell-DGFM & CCFM (2013), Chris Morrissey-SBFM (2013), Fay Anderson -DGFM (2013).

Youth Oversight Ex-Officio Members: Javaughn Fernanders (Youth Coordinator), Mason George (Senior HSF Clerk) Liz Anderson (Acting Junior HSF Clerk), Delia Amos (HSF treasurer), Sara Raffensperger (HSF Recording Clerk)