

Ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property  
Report to Continuing Committee  
October 23, 2010

The ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property has met once since annual sessions. On August 14, we gathered at the Clear Creek House to continue our work readying the house for use between now and annual sessions 2011. As is our practice to ensure good communication among our constituent groups, we heard reports from our representatives from our various committees on the work they had done since our last meeting. This sharing of news of our overlapping work continues to be extremely valuable.

Our work for the coming year is to prepare guidelines for the use of the Clear Creek House through annual sessions 2011. In preparation for this task, we reviewed the status of various planned improvements to the house, identified possible/reasonable uses for the house prior to June 2011, and looked at the booklet used by Pendle Hill for visitors to their facilities. We decided to model our usages guidelines after the Pendle Hill booklet. We have divided up the tasks of developing verbiage for the various sections and are well underway. A draft of our work will soon be available on the ILYM website and we will be soliciting feedback.

A few caveats before I summarize what we are proposing for usage:

1. We are very clear that whatever guidelines we develop are only for the period of time between now and annual sessions 2011. We assume that after ILYM, the guidelines will need to be reviewed and revised, depending on what worked and what didn't, as well as what additional improvements are planned for or made to the property.
2. There are currently NO beds in the house. As of our August meeting, the PIF was empty and there were no identified funds available to purchase any furnishings. Until there are beds, the house will be available for day use only.
3. The kitchen is in rough shape. While the cook top is functional, the oven, dishwasher and microwave shouldn't be used. This would need to be taken into consideration by any group using the house.

With these factors in mind, we see the following as being possible uses for the house in the coming year:

1. Clear Creek Meeting use
2. Day meetings of ILYM committees
3. Retreats/workdays by ILYM, its committees and monthly meeting
4. Women's Weekend, day use only
5. Memorial Day Work Weekend, day use only

For annual session:

1. Committee meetings
2. Workshops/worship sharing
3. Bathing
4. Storing food for special use/auxiliary kitchen
5. Respite from weather/heat for babies, children and adults
6. Sleeping (if there are beds) by request and with selection criteria

Selection criteria for sleeping at 2011 annual sessions:

1. Adults with self reported health issues (need for more comfortable accommodations, air-conditioning, access to restrooms)
2. Adults with mobility issues (house is not fully accessible and most sleeping rooms are on second floor)
3. Adults with a need for quiet sleeping space
4. Parents with very young infants may be considered

We envision the house being used as a quiet sleeping space for 2011. This should, of course, be revisited after annual sessions to see if that is still valid. We have to start somewhere.

Watch for the guidelines and please take time to read them and send us your comments. The sooner we get those finished, the sooner we can all start making use of the house.