

Mid-Year Gathering
PROGRAM MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT REPORT

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March 2012

Quaker Lake Facilities & Program

- WOW (Women's Retreat) February 24-26; Over **80** attended
- Seeds: Winter/Spring themes: Winter backyard birds / Junior Wilderness Explorers / Junior Ecoscapers; creating an eco-friendly garden
- Camper registration **NOW**; (Early apps were sent to NCYM)
- Hiring of Summer Staff almost finalized
- Youth and Adult volunteer applications due (March 15!); We need nurses!
- Need Beekeepers for support for Bee program!
- April 21st Trail Run - 5/10K; all proceeds will be used for scholarships @ QL
- Floors in both Lodges striped and waxed
- Connecting & expanding trails to newer property
- Rec Hall has a new roof
- Barn re-organized & cleaned out; equipment repairs & serviced
- Re-graveled entry way and lodge drive & old lodge parking lot
- Re-mulched the Tower area
- Maintenance & service work on donated Chevy – great running condition

Young Friends

- Supported & promoted Guilford College NCYM Friend Day - 10/29
- YFAC Meeting - 11/3/11; 1/26/2012
- Ambassadors for Christ in New York City - 11/18-22
 - Theme: "Light at the End of the Tunnel. **Hope. Peace. Reconciliation.**" How have we responded to 9/11 (10 Years ago) –as a people, nation, individually, as communities
 - About 40 in attendance, including folks from Wilmington and Indiana YM's
- Youth Tremors – 12/27/11 – 1/1/2012
 - Theme: "Passion"
 - Used 9 different speakers and several different worship leaders
 - Over 100 in attendance
- New Young Friends Clerks
 - Presiding Clerk: Evan Walden, Marlboro
 - Asst. Presiding Clerk: Anna Smith, Holly Spring
 - Recording Clerk: Elizabeth Westbrook, Back Creek
 - Asst. Recording Clerk: Rachel Jackson, Contentnea
 - Reading Clerk: Cassidy Cloer, South Fork
- SOUL
 - Planning to have two separate teams to host programming in NC & AL
 - Director for NC team: Heather Harris

- Director for AL team: Stefanie Johnson
 - Staff hired and training sessions have begun
- True Love CAN Wait – 3/16-3/18/2012

Young Adults

- Young Adult Committee Meeting - 11/7/11, 2/20/2012
- Officiated a wedding for two of our Young Adults, Jacob Brintle (Pilot View) and Jessica Seymour (Mar Mac) on January 7th.
- Jingle All the Way 5k at Hagan Stone Park - 12/10
 - About 80 participants and volunteers
 - Young Adults planned & lead; had lunch and worship afterwards at the Greensboro FCM lounge (Spring Garden Meeting)
- Upcoming Winter Retreat at Camp Rockmont
 - January 27-29 (Eric Woods – speaker)
 - Theme: "Perseverance: Scaling the Mountain"
- Secret Church Event (Simulcast) – 4/6/2012

Intern Program

- Currently have 8 interns in the field
 - (Stefanie Johnson - MOWA, Hunter Curtis - MOWA, Bryce Kincaid - Bethel Friends, Heather Harris - Providence Friends, Lynn Pierce - Asheboro Friends, Alex Sikes - Campbell FCM, Matthew Seagraves – MOWA, Brittany Varner - Forsyth)
- Looking for Interns for: Trinity Friends, Southview Friends, Plainfield Friends, Deep River
- Held a small training session on 1/17
- Took group of interns to Youth Specialties training seminar in Charlotte 1/20-21

FCM

- 5 Campus Ministry Sites continue this semester & they are growing
- Charlotte students are continuing to meet – Thanks Marlboro & Cedar Square Meetings for sponsorship!
- UNC-G students are sponsoring Intergenerational worship gatherings once a month throughout this semester at Spring Garden Meeting – all are welcome
- 41 College students & leaders attended the “Passion Conference” in Atlanta over New Year break; 4 days worshipping with 44,000 young adults, raising 3.1 million dollars to combat the Social Injustice of **Human Trafficking**.
- All FCM sites planning spring break work trip to MOWA – March
- Campus Pastors willing to share in Meetings

- Pray for present and future Funding

Christian Education

- Gratitude & appreciation to Brenda McKinney for her faithful years as Clerk. Welcome new clerk – Janet Smith
- Terrific attendance and energy at first meeting of the year - 1/21/2012. New Subcommittees formed with many involved.
- Planning joint workshops with YFAC for volunteer children’s workers & youth leaders – to be offered in various Quarters; Plans for Children’s Worker Workshop for Eastern Quarter.
- Plans, dates, & Curriculum set for Jamaica VBS 2012
- Jamaica Partnership – 50 Jamaican Friends participated in book study: Why Friends are Friends. Additional workshops: Study overview of JYM Faith and Practice; Nominating Committee work & Quaker process; Beginning stages of Yearly Meeting Structure Review; Dr. Ron Selleck to teach Quaker faith, Bible & Theology with present & prospective pastors in March
- NCYM Missions Committee agreed to partner with Christian Education Committee in this effort
- Continue to provide resources & equipment for Meetings, groups, and individuals
- FREE RESOURCES – CHECK OUT OUR TABLE!

MOWA Choctaw Center

- Present Interns – Stefanie Johnson, Hunter Curtis & Matt Seagraves
- After School Program – 20 students (pre K-11th grade)
- Sr. & Jr. Youth – led by Interns; “Praise in the Park” & Nursing home visits
- Re-Sale every Tuesday (300-400 items purchased each evening); rummage deliveries from NCYM, Indiana YM, Western YM, and local residents
- Sponsoring weekly AA meetings (8 regular attenders)
- Partnered with Bay Area Food Bank – provided food for 211 families in last quarter of 2011 (221 children & 93 elderly = 10,000 lbs. food)
- Assisted McIntosh Elementary School – Cultural Fair
- New Young Adult ministry efforts – Chili cook-off; football party
- MOWA presentation at Friendsville Quarterly Meeting (WYM)
- Thanksgiving food boxes – 72 families
- Christmas Gift Boxes – 57 families (97 children); donations received from NCYM, Auburn Christian Veterinary Fellowship, Friendsville Quarterly Meeting
- Christmas Food (assistance from Bay Area Food Bank) – 125 families
- Christmas community dinner; Directed Christmas Program for ASP kids
- YA group visited, delivered Christmas collection from 5K Run & helped with some maintenance projects

Other Areas

- Youth Pastor Prayer Meetings - 10/25/11, 12/6/11, 2/23/12, 3/1/12
- 2012 Budget prep work for all committees
- Planning and Prep for 2012 Focus & Planning Day (1/21/2012)
- Open Associate Positions – South Fork, New Hope, Pilot View, Trinity, Hopewell
- Worked closely with John & Randy through Superintendent transition; office space shifting; staff tasks assignments/realignment

- Strategic Planning and Preparation for All Summer Ministry Opportunities
- Many sub-committee meetings; Contentnea Quarter visits (2); Mid-Year Planning; Quaker Lake Board; MOWA Choctaw Board
- Speaker for FCM (UNC-G)
- Quaker (FUM) Classroom Speaker/Visitor at Guilford College
- 2 Staff Development Meetings with Kendall's (Oct. & Jan.)
- Some office cleaning
- Representative Body Meeting (Nov.); Executive Committee (Jan.)
- Coordinated John Porter's Appreciation Celebration, by the direction of Yearly Meeting Clerk & Executive Committee Clerk. Through a few very generous donations it was possible to present John & Mary with the gift of a cruise.
- Development of a "Weekly Communication" that highlights latest updates for NCYM