

Numbered Minutes

Southeastern Yearly Meeting Yearly Business Meeting (YBM) March 20 – 23, 2008

08YBM01 Southeastern Yearly Meeting Friends have come together with anticipation on the shores of Lake Griffin, the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg FL for our 46th annual Gathering.

We are reminded by our retreat leader and Walton lecturer, Stephen W. Angell, that the focus of the Bible for early Friends was on *what gives life*. May we feel clothed in God's love and speak to God's spirit, the Spirit of Christ, tenderness and wholeness in all as we continue to meet together and go out into the wider world.

08YBM02 In accordance with minute 07YBM15, the YBM approves using money budgeted for FUM in FY 2007-2008 to fund SEYM Friends' travel to FUM meetings as observers, during the fiscal year. The YBM approves the assistant clerk to administer the money used for this purpose, consistent with the way in which other representative travel funding is administered.

08YBM03 YBM approves establishing a standing SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism.

08YBM04 YBM approves establishing a standing committee for Earthcare.

07YBM05 YBM approves an ad-hoc committee to meet in worship and prayer to discern way forward on SEYM's relationship with FUM. Friends trust in the guidance of the Spirit and the process of spiritual discernment for this committee. This committee shall report to YBM 2009.

08YBM06 YBM approves the funds set aside for FUM in FY 2006-07 be distributed equally to Kaimosi Hospital and Ramallah Friends School.

08 YBM07 YBM approves Nancy Triscritti and Joan Carney as SEYM representatives to the FGC Consultation on Spiritual nurturing, April 18-20, 2008.

08YBM08 SEYM affirms the following minute proposed by New York Yearly Meeting:

We call on friends within New York Yearly Meeting for the Religious Society of Friends and everywhere – whoever is able – to designate times for worship with an urgent concern to act for peace. In an environment of increasing threats against Iran and the possibility of national emergency being declared over perceived or contrived international crises, we call on Friends to speak out now. We will not be silenced as we work for peace. May we seek divine guidance that leads toward action, working whenever possible with other communities of faith. Let us endeavor to foster relationships with the people of all nations, including those opposed by our own governments. May we rise above our doubts and fears through God's love and care.

08YBM09 YBM approves the *Proposal and Guidelines for Publications Submissions* to allow SEYM Publications to publish manuscripts in addition to the Michener Lecture, Walton Lecture, and Faith and Practice.

08YBM10 YBM approves establishing an ad-hoc committee to consider the SEYM apportionment process. The committee is to be appointed by the Executive Committee. It should endeavor to seek input from the constituent meetings of SEYM. The meetings are requested to suggest members to serve on the committee.

08YBM11 YBM accepts the Treasurer's Report.

08YBM12 YBM approves the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as presented.

08YBM13 YBM approves the sending a letter of support from SEYM to the Friends Church of Kenya as drafted by the Peace and Social Concerns committee.

08YBM14 YBM approves using the line item 5067 for an FUM donation in the approved budget 2008-2009 as follows:
\$100 to be donated to FUM, earmarked for the Ramallah Friends Schools.
\$400 to be donated for African relief of sufferings, through a donation to Friends Peace Teams, earmarked for African Great Lakes Initiative, relief.

08YBM15 YBM approves sending Phoebe Andersen to Baltimore Yearly Meeting sessions, August 2008.

08YBM16 YBM approves sending a representative, and selecting an alternate, to *Heeding God's Call: A Gathering on Peace* to be held January 13-17, 2009, at the Arch Street Meetinghouse, Philadelphia. The gathering is sponsored by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, the Church of the Brethren, and Mennonite Church USA.

08YBM17 YBM approves the 2008 Yearly Meeting Epistle

08YBM18 YBM approves the Nominating Committee report, as amended.

08YBM19 YBM approves the Naming Committee report

08YBM20 YBM warmly approves the *Minute of Appreciation* as presented by assistant clerk Sybil Ann Brennan,