

Noah Kirk has been hired as the new Youth Pastor at Wabash Friends.

Iglesia Amigos is moving from the Irvington Friends location to Shalom Mennonite Church, 6100 E 32nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46226. The first service will be February 3 at 5:30 pm and there will be a special celebration on March 9 and 10 at 6:30 pm. Everyone in IYM is invited to celebrate with Iglesia Amigos at their new location.

Wabash Friends is hosting a local live-streaming of "If: Gathering," a two-day event bringing women together from all over the world, February 8-9. Several outstanding women will speak. The registration is open online at wabash.iflocal.com. Also, Wabash Friends will hold their 19th Annual Marriage Retreat, February 22 & 23. For more information go to rachel@wabashfriends.org.

Mid-Winter Retreat for pastors and spouses is scheduled for February 15-17 at Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference Center near Oxford, Ohio. Churches are encouraged to release their pastor for the weekend, so he/she can attend. Deadline is January 14.

2018 Statistical Reports have been sent to each meeting. We request they be completed and returned to the yearly meeting office by January 31.

The next Pastors Toolkit will be held January 17 at West River Friends beginning at 10 am. "Attention Please!" will be our topic.

The IRS announced December 14 that, for 2019, **standard mileage rates** for the use of cars (also vans, pickups, or panel trucks) will be 58 cents per mile driven for business use, up from 54.5 cents in 2018.

Evan McKnight, son of Mark McKnight (pastor at Jonesboro Friends) is interested in doing music ministry in churches. He is not looking for compensation, just an opportunity to serve. If interested in having him come to your church, text or call him at 765-618-3054 or email to mcknightlight@outlook.com. You can also contact his father at 765-674-2645.

Reports from IYM Affiliates

Quaker Haven: Director, Brandon Dennis, reports that as camp has improved facilities and increased their accessibility over the past few years, their opportunities to love people and provide for their needs jumped from 22,000 to 35,400 camper days. Experiences from these numbers have resulted in commitments to Christ, answering His call to ministry, closer families, and stronger churches. One quote from a camper was, "I was crying because for the first time in my life, I felt wanted and loved." Other news from Quaker Haven is that the two-staff family duplex is under construction, a great structure to house the Brock Sizelove family as well as the Kevin Lipsey family, and for families for years to come.

White's Residential & Family Services: Some stats from White's include 266 youth served x 366 days average length of stay = 97,356 days in care (foster care); 248 students served x 202 days average length of stay = 50,096 days in care (residential students); 36 students served (Compass Rose Academy); and 36 families served (father engagements).

Belize City Friends Center: Pastor Oscar Mmbali shared that the Center organized a Christmas project to better love and serve their community. The project served 176 people. The students discussed lessons learned from this project, such as Jesus Christ as the gift of God to the world, sharing as a way of caring for the least of these, and several other valuable lessons.

Friends Theological College: President Robert Wafula reported about how thankful he is for their accreditation with ACTEA Council. Also, he was inspired by attending ACTEA a theological seminary where this 120 year-old seminary with 1200 students is staying focused as a seminary instead of converting to a university. FTC's new Academic Dean, Rodgers Wekesi, started off "flying." And Nancy Wafula has

joined their faculty due to a high demand from both students and faculty. President Wafula sends his greetings and blessings!



Spotlight on Youth: **The Christian Education Committee** recently hosted a dinner in Fairmount for youth and children's workers from all across the yearly meeting. Those present shared stories of victories in ministry and were given some resource ideas on how to better reach students for Christ. The Youth Ministry Sub-Committee of CE is working to provide more opportunities like this for youth and children's workers. Stay tuned for details.

Knightsdown Friends will host a Youth Invasion this Sunday at the Hoosier Gym in Knightsdown from 5-8pm. Former IU and NBA basketball star, Kent Benson, will speak. If you have not sent the number of people coming from your church, contact Pat Byers ASAP.

The annual youth retreat, **Winter Sneak**, will be held at Quaker Haven from February 1-3. The weekend event is for 7th through 12th grades and the cost is \$100. Dave Phillips, Wabash Friends, will speak. Go to theyouthprogramming.com to register.

The Indiana USFW would like to close the financial books for 2018 as soon as possible, so they would like to hear from all USFWs and Members At Large as soon as possible. If you need the 2018 transmittal form, it is available on the IYM.org website under USFW tab. If you need a paper copy sent to you, please contact Andrea Long, treasurer, either by e-mail at indusfwtreas@gmail.com or through Jericho Friends Meeting or through the IYM office.

Good Morning!

Mark Batterson's book, *If*, includes the story of Orville and Wilbur Wright who began dreaming of flying in 1878. Here is an excerpt: *A quarter century later, on December 17, 1903, Orville himself went airborne for twelve gravity-defying seconds in the first powered, piloted flight in history. It's almost impossible to imagine life as we know it without airplanes. But like every innovation, every revolution, every breakthrough, someone had to imagine the impossible first. Every dream has a genesis moment. It usually starts small—as small as a toy helicopter. But the chain reaction of faith defies gravity, defies the imagination. Without knowing it, the*

Wright brothers were creating the airline industry, the FAA, and the TSA. I'm sure it never crossed their minds, but their flying faith is the reason why a million people are speeding through the troposphere right now. It was two pastor's kids, Wilbur and Orville, who punched your ticket with their possibility thinking. (Baker Books 2015)

Recently the Indiana Yearly Meeting Executive Committee met for a day-long retreat. It began with sharing example after example of dreams we have seen come true. Then, we

began to share our dreams and visions for the future. We dreamed of new ministries, new roles in world missions, and the future shape of the Friends movement. It strikes me that there may have been some genesis moments in the conversations around the conference table at the IYM office. I'm grateful to have leaders in IYM who aren't afraid to dream. Does anyone in your church carry a vision for your community? Do you? Without a dream we are likely to be forever grounded.

-Doug Shoemaker

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IYM Upcoming Calendar

01/17 *Pastors Toolkit, West River Friends, 10 am*
01/21 *Program Committee, Conference Call, 6:30 pm*
02/15-17 *Pastors Mid-Winter Retreat, Hueston Woods Lodge*
03/02 *Committee Day, South Marion Friends, 9 am*
03/04 *Executive Committee, IYM office, 6:30 pm*
3/14 *Pastors Toolkit, Riley Friends, 10 am*

Our sympathy and prayers go to

- Betty Ison, IYM Office Secretary, at the death of her mother, Eda McDonald
- Howard Dudley, pastor of Spencerville Friends, at the death of his father, James Dudley, Jr.