

April 3, 1950

Albert T. Mills, Clerk
Blue River Quarterly Meeting
255 No. Oakcrest
Decatur, Ill.

Dear Albert Mills:

The Milwaukee Monthly Meeting was happy to receive the news contained in your letter of March 17. The Meeting's session of March 28, moved up from April 4, considered again the previously expressed desire to seek affiliation with your Quarterly Meeting.

The clerk was instructed to reply along the lines of the questions raised in your letter.

A small number of Friends in Milwaukee started to hold meetings for worship in 1947, at the home of Elizabeth Thierman, 3935 No. Harcourt Place. The group has its antecedents in an early Preparatory Meeting that was abandoned in 1943-44. From monthly sessions held on First Day evenings in 1947, as the group grew in size frequency of such meetings was increased to weekly in 1948.

It seems my earliest copy of minutes for a Monthly Meeting session is dated August, 1948. From that time to date, and continuing, we have called our business organization the Milwaukee Monthly Meeting.

The number of people constituting our Meeting has changed and at the present time comprises 20 to 25 adults, centered around approximately 10 families. In addition, these families have a total of approximately 20 children, mostly under 8 years of age, with a few older. Within the limit of our abilities we are desirous of sharing the responsibility of organization within the Blue River Quarterly Meeting. Individually and collectively, the members of our Meeting favor unification of Friends. They feel kinship with all groups and wish to express that feeling in seeking united meeting status.

On the date of the previously mentioned meeting, March 28, the thought was repeated that since we are not affiliated formally with any Yearly Meeting it would be unwise now that we are seeking affiliation to pursue united meeting status.

At this same session a new clerk, Ralph Oesting, was chosen for our Meeting. This change was made in response to a request I had earlier made. I have been asked to continue in those efforts leading to affiliation with the Blue River Quarterly Meeting.

We shall endeavor to attend the next session of Quarterly Meeting scheduled to be held in Oak Park, and will appreciate advice from you as soon as the date is established.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Yoder
Milwaukee Meeting