

REPORT OF BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING * Eighth Month, 1956

Blue River Quarterly Meeting in May at Peoria received a request from Bloomington Friends to affiliate with us as a Monthly Meeting. A Committee consisting of Albert and Martha Mills - Clear Creek; Charles and Eleanor Harker - Peoria; Edna Wolf and Lucretia Franklin - Clear Creek; and Martin Cobin and Rachel Weller - Urbana-Champaign was appointed to meet with them and make a report to Quarterly Meeting. This report was received and approved just prior to the present sessions. This brings to five the number of Monthly Meetings within Blue River Quarter.

Last fall Lucretia Franklin and Edna Wolf attended a Conference of the Friends World Committee which was attended by 101 persons from 15 different countries and 15 different Yearly Meetings. This Conference was international, interracial and intercultural and accomplished a great deal in reorganizing and streamlining the Friends World Committee.

During the past year Quarterly Meetings were held in all four Quarters with a large attendance at each session. We were particularly pleased with the large number of visitors from Fox Valley Quarter at our February and May Meetings.

A discussion of a discipline for Illinois Yearly Meeting consumed considerable time at our May Quarter at Peoria. Preparation for this discussion was made by most Monthly Meetings. While no general agreement was reached, it was thought that the minutes of this meeting would be helpful to the Yearly Meeting. They are available and the clerk will read them if desired.

The following are named by Blue River Quarter as representatives to the Yearly Meeting:

Clear Creek:

Peoria:

St. Louis:

Urbana-Champaign

Edward G. Wood
Presiding Clerk, 1954-1956

Martin Cobin
Presiding Clerk, 1956 --

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This report was favorable. The Bloomington - Normal Friends, however, have followed up the visit of the committee with careful deliberation, resulting in a request to enter the Quarter as a Preparative Meeting. Blue River Quarter welcomes this step and requests the Urbana-Champaign Meeting to assume the responsibility of love and guidance required by the Bloomington - Normal Friends as a Preparative Meeting.

Blue River refs. to Qly Mtg.

Clear Creek - Albert Mills, Lucretia Franklin

Peoria - Horatio Wood, Charles Hacker

St. Louis - Dora Fridley, Walter Bauer

Urbana-Champaign - Radel Keller, John Beech

Suzanna Hicks - Effie

Martin Cobb - Effie