

Indiana Yearly Meeting Outgoing Epistle, 2026

The 206th annual Indiana Yearly Meeting session took place at Quaker Haven Camp beginning Thursday, July 30 through Saturday, August 1. Friends from all over joined together for corporate worship, intentional business, and fun fellowship. This year's theme was "What is God Doing?"

The Thursday evening session brought reports from several areas, and though the IYM budget goal fell short, in many areas, financials are going well.

CJ and Andrea Mills led worship this week, and the messages were given by Brad Merchant of Wabash Friends. He spoke in depth on looking for what God gives us, and how we can shape our story simply by reminding ourselves of all of His goodness.

On Friday, IYM affiliated partners brought reports and information to the session. Damon began with a time a prayer for our partners in Christ. We were encouraged to hear that Josiah White's is now debt free! They have had over 200 students graduate from their programs last year, and 74 gave their lives to Christ. With grants and growing programs, Josiah White's continues to be a light for Christ.

Pat Byers gave an update on the status of the Lilly Grant process and the successful camping season which included volunteers from all over Indiana serving throughout the summer. Lauren Reynolds shared about camp with an inspiring quote from one of the counselors, who said "I thought you told me camp was just for the campers."

During the Missions Focus, Tim Sprunger from Global Disciples spoke on the growth of Christianity, including within indigenous groups and Muslim areas. The question they are asking is "Is your Jesus Powerful enough?" He gave 10 universal elements for successful spread of Christianity and reminded us that churches should always be in a state of Pentecost while we listen to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Kyle Chyma from Mesquakie Friends Center shared about restoring and rebuilding the congregation and the camp there in Iowa.

The call for prayer and unity was given by Keith Huffman, and as IYM continues to move forward, we seek the Lord in resolution of conflict and cooperation within our churches.

The Memorial Service on the morning of August 1 honored several members that passed away in 2025-2026. Many of those who passed have served faithfully over the years. Candidates Phil Boone and Brad Merchant were recorded during the Recording Service Saturday afternoon. And Indiana Yearly Meeting Sessions ended with the Community Agape meal in which we shared all the many things that God is doing in our churches and yearly meeting.

Respectfully signed,
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