

UPCOMING EVENTS

SALTSHAKER 2017

Saltshaker 2017 will visit both EFM mission fields in West Bengal, India and Bhutan.

June 22 - July 8, 2017

Registrations are still being accepted until the team is full! See efcmaym.org/saltshaker-mission-trip



KALEO ACADEMY

Kaleo Academy is a National Friends Youth Training for students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2017 and is sponsored by Barclay College. This 10 month program includes: a week long Theology Camp on the BC campus (June 25-July 1, 2017), a supervised Mentor Program, an Online Learning Community and the Released Project directed toward 50 hours of student service learning.

For more info and to apply visit barclaycollege.edu/kaleo/



reGENERATION 2016 REFLECTIONS

ADAM MONAGHAN | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT



reGENERATION 2016 was a blast of fun and a spiritual blessing to all the 15 churches represented from MAYM and RMYM who gathered at Camp Quaker Ridge for a time of worship, learning, relationship-building, playing, laughing, and much more. Here are just a few of our student's experiences and "takeaways" from reGENERATION in their own words:

Lena Brown, Junior from Chandler Friends Church | reGENERATION 2016 wow! What an amazing time it was! I learned so much about God and myself during this retreat and what better setting than the beautiful mountains. I loved and learned so many things. Something I personally really loved about reGENERATION was that it really was a retreat type setting. It was a time to disconnect from the world and spend time just sitting at the feet of God. It was restful and insightful.

A quote that was in our book from reGENERATION by James Bryan Smith says, "As we spend time in quiet and rest and contemplation, sitting at the feet of Jesus, we gain strength to act in wisdom in the hustle and bustle of a busy world. In slowing down we can hear the spirit whisper that we are loved and then we begin to reflect the glory of Christ who is within us. We become the kind of people this frazzled and frightened world most needs." I feel like this perfectly describes my experience at reGENERATION. We had the opportunity everyday to sit and practice being in God's presence. Just to be still and listen to his wisdom. To take time out of my busy schedule and set it aside specifically for God is definitely something I took home. To just chat with him and hear what he has to say, and to become the kind of person this frazzled and frightened world needs.

Zack Leininger, Senior from Bethel Friends Church | Having reGENERATION 2016 at the beautiful Camp Quaker Ridge was not only great because of the people, but also because of the clear description of what God has created for us. Wherever you were at this camp, you had a perfect view of that creation. At reGENERATION I got to be on the worship team, while also being a student. Being able to use my musical gifts while also learning and diving deeper into God's Word was a much needed "get-a-way" for me.

Having a weekend away from home and being surrounded by a large group of fellow believers is the best way to start a new year. During our small group discussion time that we had twice a day, we did not only learn more about each other, but we got to grow spiritually as well. These small group discussions and the silent periods of (on your own) bible study were the two things I enjoyed most. On the final day before we left, I openly shared in my small group that God was calling me to counsel at Camp Quaker Haven this summer and also be a part of the Saltshaker team that will be going to India/Bhutan from late June into early July.

Read more testimonies from reGENERATION at efcmaym.org/news/regeneration-2016-report

We look forward to reGENERATION 2017 that will be held December 29 - January 1 in South Texas. More details to be announced soon!

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- Junior High Bible Quiz Dates:
 - March 4 – Bethel Friends Church
 - April 1 – Friends Community, Angleton, TX
 - April 22 – FINALS, Northridge Friends Church
- March 4 – Central Oklahoma Area Leadership Retreat
- March 11 – North Central Area Leadership Retreat
- April 1 – Central Kansas Area Leadership Retreat
- April 8 – Western Area Leadership Retreat
- May 9-12 – Pastor's Sabbath Retreat, Sky Ranch Horn Creek Camp, Westcliffe, CO
- Camp Quaker Haven Dates
 - Kids Camp (grades 3-6) June 3 – 7
 - Senior High Camp (grades 9-12) June 8 – 12
 - Junior High Camp (grades 6-8) June 12 – 16
- June 22-July 8 – Saltshaker India/Bhutan
- June 25-July 1 – Kaleo Academy Theology Camp, Haviland, KS
- July 20-23 – Ministry Conference, Barclay College, Haviland, KS

For more information visit efcmaym.org/events



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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The upcoming Leadership Institute sessions will be held on **March 7, April 4** and **May 2** at 7:00 p.m. (Central Time). To learn how to participate, visit efcmaym.org/leadership-institute.

EFC-MAYM MINISTRY CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE

The Way in the Wilderness
July 20-23, 2017

Barclay College | Haviland, Kansas

*"The Lord your God led you all the way
in the wilderness." (Dt 8:2)*

CAMP MAKEOVER | MARCH 2017

Camp Quaker Haven (CQH) Directors, Joe and Carole Corder, along with the Camp Board of EFC-MAYM have approved a Mini Camp Makeover this March! They invite all EFC-MAYM churches, families and individuals to consider giving your time and resources in helping with projects at the Camp.

A registration cost of \$200 per person is suggested for a 5-7 day stay at camp. For shorter stays, \$40/per day is recommended. 100% of the registration money will go to the camp projects. CQH is funding all meals and lodging during the month of March. People or groups are welcome anytime, but you must register at least a week before you plan to attend, so the staff can make plans for food and accommodations.

For more information or to register or view the ADOPT-A PROJECT list visit: efcmaym.org/news/camp-makeover-march-2017

BURUNDI FRIENDS MISSION TO TANZANIA

MATT MACY | ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EFM

We continue to celebrate mission-sending efforts by our Friends in Africa. The Evangelical Friends Church of Burundi has been developing a mission at Kigoma, Tanzania with plans to launch church-planting efforts throughout Tanzania. Burundi Friends recently "recorded" Pastor Mapendo Songoro, and groups of Burundian Friends have been making regular ministry and encouragement trips to Kigoma over the past three years.



Burundi Friends have asked for assistance in costs of \$2,600 associated with registering the EFC-Tanzania mission and church with the government of Tanzania in Dar-Es-Salaam. This has been an important "next step" that leaders in Burundi have been talking about in recent years, but some newly enforced mandates by the government call for an immediate registration of the church. EFM has been looking for appropriate opportunities to partner with Burundi Friends in this missions-sending work. Burundi Friends have been self-funded in all of their efforts in Tanzania up to this point, and we believe this request for assistance is a wonderful opportunity for partnership.

HOME MISSIONS UPDATE

RANDY LITTLEFIELD | DIRECTOR OF MULTIPLICATION MINISTRIES

The EFC-MAYM Home Missions Board invests in powerful coaching tools through Logan Leadership to help empower people like you! The HMB prayer is that many will make the intentional decision to cooperate with God's design for their lives and take advantage of these coaching resources. You don't have to be a church elder, pastor or board chairman. For more information, please contact Randy Littlefield at 913.683.3831 or randyl@efcmaym.org.

What does it mean to have a coach? It means you will have an on-going conversation that empowers a person or team to fully live out God's calling. Coaching is for equipping and multiplying leaders, developing discipleship and spiritual formation. *"When one or a team receives coaching, they are given assistance in discovering God's agenda for their life and ministry. Then and only then, through the Holy Spirit's guidance, do the participants see that agenda become a reality."* (Gary Reinecke, *Coaching 101 Handbook*)

If you have a coach, you will not receive counseling, consulting, or advising. It is also not the Bob Newhart method of yelling "Stop it!" when assisting a client. However, through coaching, you will have a Godly support system with someone to: Believe in you, Listen to you, Ask you questions, Clarify God's plan, Celebrate with you, And PRAY for you and with you. Christianity is not a go-it-alone faith. *"For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting, and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and glory."* I Thes. 2:11-12 NIV

PASTOR'S SABBATH RETREAT



May 9-12, 2017



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER AT
EFCMAYM.ORG/PASTORS-RETREAT

ENTERTAINING ANGELS

DAVID WILLIAMS | GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

I'm sure that you are all well aware of the recent discussions taking place in our country regarding the appropriate treatment of immigrants and refugees. For those of us who claim to be devoted Christ followers, this is about much more than mere politics, demographics or statistical sound bites. These are real people with real names and real faces.

It would be good for all of us to remember that Jesus was one of those names and faces at one time as well, a Middle Eastern refugee whose family was temporarily displaced during a brutal despot's reign of terror (Mt 2:13-18). It might also help us to gain a better grasp on why our Lord is so painfully clear and unequivocal in His declaration that the way we care for our most vulnerable neighbors ("the least of these") is in reality the most accurate measure of how much we actually care for Him (Mt 25:31-46).

These conversations take on even greater weight for those Hispanic, Sudanese and Bhutanese immigrants and refugees who are part of our extended family of Friends here in Mid-America. I recently spent a weekend with some of these very real names and faces during my first site visit to St. Paul (MN) Friends Church, our newest body of believers here in EFC-MAYM. This is a fellowship comprised solely of Bhutanese refugees. Like nearly every other member of the group, their pastor, Kumar Tamang, was born and raised in the Buddhist Kingdom of Bhutan. In the 1990's, Kumar and more than 100,000 of his fellow countrymen were forced to leave Bhutan during a period of ethnic cleansing due to the fact that they are of Nepalese descent. Because the government of Nepal does not permit citizenship for Bhutanese refugees, they eventually become a people without a country, until they were granted entry to the United States.

Our new Friends in St. Paul provide us with a very tangible reminder that, as much as we might prefer to duck and run from these messy issues, we cannot do so without betraying those we have been called to embrace as our very own family members (Gal 6:10). And while we are always praying for new ways to take the gospel to the "ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8), we cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that we are currently living in a time and place when the ends of the earth are coming to us in record numbers.

So what does all of this mean for those of us who are called to serve as faithful and fearless witnesses to the gospel here in our own "Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria"?

While there are no easy answers to this question, I do want to commend the excellent work that is being done to address these critical concerns by our friends and partners at World Relief and the Evangelical Immigration Table. I would encourage you to visit their websites, where you can find additional information and valuable resources that may help you and your church family to offer Christ-like compassion and hospitality to the "aliens and strangers" who are currently knocking at our doors (Heb 11:13).

You may be surprised to discover how many angels you have been entertaining in the process (Heb 13:2).



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[Mt 25:31-46]

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