

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Run For Missions

The Run for Missions 2016 events are only a few weeks away! The 5K, 10K, and Half-marathon will be held on Saturday, October 29 in Haviland, KS. Register now at [runformissions.org](http://runformissions.org).



Form a team of 10 from your church or group to compete in the 5K team competition.

### 100 Mile Fundraiser

The 9th annual 100 Mile Fundraiser Run from Haviland to Wichita will be held October 31st. Goal is to raise \$25,000. You can give online at [runformissions.org](http://runformissions.org) or by mailing a check to the Ministry Center.



## NEW MISSION STATEMENT

ADOPTED AT OUR 2016 MINISTRY CONFERENCE

We, the people of  
Evangelical Friends Church-Mid America Yearly Meeting,  
have been created by the Father,<sup>1</sup> commissioned by the Son,<sup>2</sup>  
and consecrated by the Holy Spirit<sup>3</sup> for one holy purpose:  
to equip the whole church<sup>4</sup> to take the whole gospels  
to the whole world<sup>6</sup> in Jesus' name.<sup>7</sup>

(1) Eph. 2:10, (2) Matt. 28:18-20, (3) Acts 1:8, (4) Eph. 4:11-16, (5) Luke 4:18-19, (6) Mark 16:15, (7) Phil. 2:5-11

# EvangelicalFriendsChurch

MID AMERICA

WHOLECHURCH.WHOLEGOSPEL.WHOLEWORLD

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR KALEO ACADEMY

**BROCKIE FOLLETTE** | KALEO ACADEMY DIRECTOR

How is your church investing in Leadership Development for the future? Do you have anything in place to encourage young people towards a life of ministry, service and calling? Kaleo ("to call") Academy would like to come alongside your church in helping develop high school leaders for the Friends Church, and most importantly, for the Kingdom of God. 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. The Academy is a 10 month program which includes: a week long Theology Camp on the campus of Barclay College (June 25 – July 1, 2017); a supervised Mentor Program to walk alongside the student and mentor from your local faith community; an Online Learning Community with students, mentors, and Friends teachers/leaders; and the Released Project directed towards 50 hours of student service learning.

Kaleo Academy Staff is interested in visiting your local church or your Yearly Meeting Region and presenting a workshop on how the program can take place in your congregation. If you are interested in more details, please contact Kaleo Academy Director, Brockie Follette at [brockie.follette@barclaycollege.edu](mailto:brockie.follette@barclaycollege.edu) or 620-862-5252 ext. 26.

The group that formed around George Fox and started the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) were known as the Valiant Sixty. Those early Quakers were young and passionate in telling people about Jesus, the One who can speak to every person's condition. We are looking for the new Valiant Sixty; young people who are ready to answer the call and help lead the Friends Church into the future!

Visit our website for more information and to apply: <http://www.barclaycollege.edu/kaleo/> Applications are being accepted now through January 1, 2017.



## UPCOMING EVENTS | 2016

- October 8 – Tri-State Area Leadership Retreat
- October 14-16 – Friends Women Retreat, Galveston, TX
- October 29 – Run for Missions 5K, 10K, Half-Marathon, Haviland, KS
- October 31 – Run for Missions 100 Mile Fundraiser Run, Haviland to Wichita
- November 12 – Northeast Area Leadership Retreat
- December 29-January 1 – reGENERATION, Quaker Ridge, Woodland Park, CO

For more information visit [efcmaym.org/events](http://efcmaym.org/events)

# insights

EVANGELICAL FRIENDS CHURCH  
MID AMERICA YEARLY MEETING  
2018 WEST MAPLE ST  
WICHITA, KS 67213

WHOLECHURCH.WHOLEGOSPEL.WHOLEWORLD

# EvangelicalFriendsChurch

MID AMERICA

NON PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
WICHITA, KS 67213  
PERMIT NO. 774

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The upcoming Leadership Institute sessions will be held on **Oct 3, Nov 7** and **Dec 5** at 7:00 p.m. (Central Time). To learn how to participate, visit [efcmaym.org/leadership-institute](http://efcmaym.org/leadership-institute).

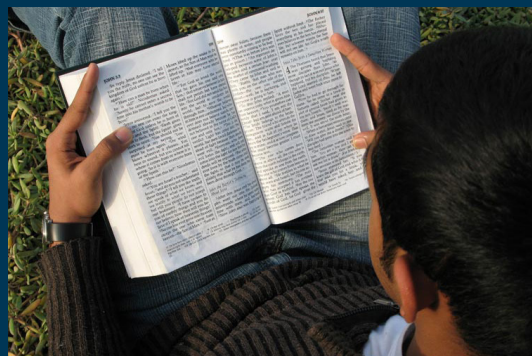
### reGENERATION 2016

This discipleship and formation focused gathering targets our EFC-MAYM youth age 13-19 and will be held at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, Colorado December 29 through January 1. Registration opens October 1st!



## BIBLE QUIZZING

Junior High Bible Quiz season is January through April with 5 tournaments. Check out this program that helps our students "hide God's Word in their hearts". Please contact Linda Stratton with questions about forming a Bible Quiz team for the 2017 season: Linda & Gene Stratton, [quiz@efcmaym.org](mailto:quiz@efcmaym.org), EFC-MAYM Junior High Bible Quiz Directors.



## UPDATE ON MULTIPLICATION MINISTRIES

**RANDY LITTLEFIELD** | ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF MULTIPLICATION MINISTRIES

Most transformational organizations, religious or otherwise, are launched with a certain ethos and energy that starts with a seminal vision/idea and swells like a wave to impact society around it. Take the Celtic Christians, the Moravians, early Pentecostalism, and closer to our time, the Vineyard, for examples of dynamic movements that have had global impact. It is perfectly true to say that most groups that have impact on either a local, national, or international level almost always begin with a form that sociologists call a movement. That is, there are some common characteristics that mark off the early phase of dynamic social movements that are distinct from the social structures of the later institutions that arise from them. This is as true for ecclesial, para-church, and mission agencies, as it is for corporations, community projects, political parties, and many other secular organizations.

However, in the midst of the rapid change and hyper-growth of almost everything around us, we as the Church have almost lost our voice to impact the culture. Now more than ever, what is "new and improved" becomes "old and worn out" in just a fraction of the time. This dramatically impacts the mission of the church. As leaders responsible for our generation, we simply cannot expect significantly different outcomes using outmoded understandings of the church and culture. If churches are not prepared for what is here today, how will they respond to what lies ahead? So the good news is that we can become the church as it was always meant to be – a rapidly spreading, high impact, movement. We need not settle merely for striving in this rapidly changing world; Jesus' people can actually thrive in it, and God willing, even redirect it. But if we are to do so, we will have to change. Our Heavenly Father has given us everything we need to get the job done.

Church multiplication matters! First of all, because the church is the bride of Christ, but also the church is God's intended vehicle to advance the gospel and grow believers into the image of Jesus. New churches matter because they are the most effective of all churches in reaching the lost around us. New church planting is no longer on the fringes of church life. It is now an anticipated and even preferred destination for new church leaders. It must be a priority for denominations, networks, and local churches. In our Friends Church movement our response to this challenge is a new non-profit organization that we have chosen to call Multiplication Catalyst Ministries, or MCM Associates, which is easier to say! Persons wiser than I have rightly recognized that a committee or a board sometimes paralyzes the movement of God's Holy Spirit. Although you see, we are not planting churches so much as we are planting a movement; the movement of the Friends Church! We will identify, train, empower and champion any ready churches and Friends regions in North America over the next few years. Our mission is to reanimate a church movement by deeply embedding "a go with Jesus!" challenge into our local ministry culture.

For more information see [www.efcmaym.org/news/movement](http://www.efcmaym.org/news/movement).



## THE ANTIDOTE FOR FRANTIC FIDELITY

**DAVID WILLIAMS** | GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

I don't know about the rest of you, but this summer was a bit of a blur for me. It's all good, of course – Saltshaker trip to Burundi, Pastor's Short Course in Indiana, Ministry Conference in Wichita, Multiplication Conference in Haviland, a road trip to Yellowstone for a 33rd anniversary getaway with my beautiful wife – but suddenly we find ourselves at the beginning of a new school year, doing our best to catch our breath.

If you're like me, I find that I can relate all too well and all too often to the following summary from Thomas Kelly's *A Testament of Devotion*:

"The problem we face today needs very little time for its statement. Our lives ... grow too complex and overcrowded ... in frantic fidelity we try to meet at least the necessary minimum of calls upon us. But we're weary and breathless. And we know and regret that our life is slipping away ... in guilty regret we must postpone till next week that deeper life of unshaken composure in the holy Presence, where we sincerely know our true home is, for this week is much too full" (89-90).

Originally published in 1941, these words have never been more applicable than they are today. We live in a time of unprecedented complexity and confusion. Our high tech culture is obsessed with novelties, gadgets and an endless variety of "time-saving" electronic devices. The world has never known a society with more leisure time on its hands, and yet, we are among the most chronically exhausted, stressed-out people on the planet. There must be a better way!

*"Could it be that the only way for the spiritual fissures in our lives to close is by allowing the retaining walls we have built up around our souls to cave in?"*

"For over the margins of life comes a whisper, a faint call, a premonition of richer living which we know we are passing by ... we have hints that there is a way of life vastly richer and deeper than all this hurried existence, a life of unhurried serenity and peace and power. If only we could slip over into that Center!" (92).

Thankfully, Kelly offers hope for those of us who continue to struggle against the forces that would keep us from "slipping over into that Center" of Divine Love, out of which we are enabled to love others as we have been loved by God. The hope Kelly offers us can be found not only in the words he writes, but in the life that he, and others, lived. Citing the examples of prominent Quakers such as George Fox and John Woolman, Kelly highlights those traits that set these spiritual leaders apart as passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

One of the greatest insights to be gleaned from *A Testament of Devotion*, however, is actually not even written by Thomas Kelly, but by his close friend and colleague, Doug Steere, as part of a biographical memoir that is attached to the end of the book. Here we discover that living out of the Divine Center came late in life for Kelly, an intellectually restless, professionally ambitious, Harvard-trained, Quaker scholar.

According to Steere, the pivotal event took place sometime in the autumn of 1937, during which time "a new life direction took place in Thomas Kelly. No one knows exactly what happened, but ... a fissure in him seemed to close, cliffs caved in and filled up a chasm, and what was divided grew together within him" (118). A year later, following a summer visit among Friends in Germany, Kelly himself testified to Steere, "It is wonderful. I have been literally melted down by the love of God" (120).

Could it be that each of us is not so different from Thomas Kelly, not to mention George Fox, John Woolman and every other prominent spiritual leader who has gone before us? Could it be that the only way for the spiritual fissures in our lives to close is by allowing the retaining walls we have built up around our souls to cave in? Could it be that the best antidote for "frantic fidelity" is a "holy meltdown"?

As we prepare to enter into a new season of life and ministry together as friends, colleagues, brothers and sisters, I am thankful for all of the flawed yet faithful men and women of God who have gone before us, and for their willingness to allow their lives to be refined in the furnace of God's purifying love. By their examples, each of them call us to surrender our own lives to this same holy fire, with deep confidence that the One who melts and molds us is utterly good and trustworthy and has our best interest in mind. In the process, we are relieved from the burden of "frantic fidelity" and we can find rest for our weary souls as we recognize that it is God's work, not ours, that will stand the test of time:

"Thus we have begun to live in guidance. And [we] find He never guides us into an intolerable scramble of panting feverishness ... for after all God is at work in the world. It is not we alone who are at work in the world, frantically finishing a work to be offered to God ... we need not get frantic. He is at the helm. And when our little day is done we lie down quietly in peace, for all is well" (100).

