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Friends,

Please remember that the 2017 Meeting of Wilmington Yearly Meeting will take place SOON!! We hope to see you for the entire event, 7/ 27-30. Please get your registration forms in ASAP if you have not done so already! Remember especially that there will be a very important business session of historic importance on 7/29. Please be present!

As most of you already know, our Executive Secretary, Doug Haag, is leaving us to pursue God's calling to return to pastoral ministry. Though we hate to see Doug go, we wish him and Karen the very best as they enter into a new phase of life and ministry! At their Monthly Meeting on July 16, Bethel Friends approved a call to Doug to serve as their pastor and he has accepted that call. Bethel Friends is part of Indiana Yearly Meeting and located 5 miles south of Marion, Indiana. Doug will begin this new position on September 1.

The Executive Committee, recognizing the need to have someone in the office to keep things going until we find a new Executive Secretary, has hired a TEMPORARY Office Administrator to serve in the interim. After interviewing two candidates, the Executive Committee has selected Donne Hayden for the position. Donne brings impressive experience and credentials to the position and I am confident that she will do a wonderful job for us until we are ready to hire a new Executive Secretary.

Donne will have regular **Office Hours in the yearly meeting office from 10:00-2:00** on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. Other times can be arranged by appointment.

I asked Donne if she had any concerns about the position that she wanted me to emphasize in writing this letter. In return she wrote the following statement which beautifully summarizes the tasks that the Executive Committee has set before her. I was going to write something like this, but she has done it so well that I will just use her description.

"In assuming the position of WYM Interim Office Administrator, I am led to work on organizing YM information (files, etc.) and improving communication to & from Meetings with the WYM office. My plans include updating directories and contact lists; improving the YM website, i.e., making it more "alive" and therefore user-friendly; and setting up a YM Facebook page. The YM must take advantage of social media in order to reach people (especially younger ones) who nowadays find most things by looking on the Internet. AT THE SAME TIME, we must find ways to include those folks who do not use email or other forms of electronic communication. I will be asking a great deal of care and cooperation from individuals and monthly meetings.

The Executive Committee was careful to create this position as temporary and administrative, not including spiritual or theological leadership for the yearly meeting. I am conscious of that distinction, content with it, and would like everyone in WYM to remember that I am *not* the WYM Executive Secretary, a position with much broader responsibilities than Interim Office Administrator."

Donne will be a great asset to us as she serves our Lord and Wilmington Yearly Meeting. Please do what you can to make her welcome!

Thank you F/friends! I will be seeing you soon!  
Dave