

Meeting for Worship for Healing:

Background Information

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1. Meeting for Worship for Healing (MFWFH) in Frampton on Severn with my grandmother, Florence Rose Morgan in the 1960's & '70s. Information about and from George Fox's Book of Miracles as related by my grandmother
2. 1984, October came to Red Cedar Friends Meeting. Discussed Meeting for Worship for Healing at December Business Meeting
3. Had sporadic Meeting for Worship for Healings in my home for personal friends throughout the 1980's.
4. Gathering at John & Joanna Gott's home for Marion – was a time for sharing fears and concerns. Subsequent meeting at the Anderson's was more like a meeting for healing. (1986?)
5. Late 1980's offered MFWFH to Lake Erie YM at Barnesville, Ohio with the support of Shirley Bechill. We have had MFWFH at Lk. Erie YM every year since.
6. First MFWFH through the FGC Men's Center at first St. Lawrence Gathering (1989). MFWFH occurred a minimum of three times each week during FGC for every subsequent year since 1989; until 1996, when it became a twice daily event
7. Early 1990's described MFWFH to John Calvi & George Lakey. Neither Friend had heard of it before. Asked about the Book of Miracles George Lakey had heard of it; John Calvi had not. Traveled to Meetings throughout the U.S. investigating MFWFH as practiced by N. Am. Friends
8. 1993 first month, MFWFH with Mennonites in Lansing. Red Cedar Friends several months later started monthly meetings.
9. 1995: Participated in MFWFH with Friends in Worthing, Sussex. Interviewed elderly Friends about MFWH and took notes. I participated in Britain Yearly Meeting and was recorded as Lk. Erie YM & Indiana YM. Met with Reps. from Friends Fellowship of Healing, purchased materials, discussed Book of Miracles. Merry Stanford and I wrote article for "Friends Journal" and "Quaker Life." Workshop for Indiana YM Friends with Merry.
10. Christmas 1994 my first copy of Henry Cadbury's, George Fox's Book of Miracles. 1996, First workshop at FGC with Shirley

Bechill. I have done the workshop alone the past three years. Shirley and I have done several mini-workshops for various Meetings. 1999 to present: North American Rep. For Friends Fellowship of Healing.

11. Doctor of Divinity dissertation utilizing workshop materials & Bibliography.
12. Wrote a review of Henry Cadbury's George Fox's Book of Miracles for "Friends Journal" 2000. Book reprinted 7/2000. 2001 first All Gathering MFWFH at FGC through the Worship Committee. Coordinated with FGC Healing Center. Proposed speaker for FGC Plenary. "Crutches" rating system. Listserv developed by 2001 Workshop Participants.
13. 10/2001 Oversight Committee, request for workshop at Friends' Lake Community for Lk. Erie YM

Oversight Issues:

Red Cedar Friends

1. Record keeping – requests & progress of healing, confidentiality. Follow-ups, New Age incursions. Keeping MFWFH "Friendly"
2. Invitation only MFWFH
3. Reconnecting with Mennonites
4. Another article for "Friends Journal" based upon our Meeting's experiences with MFWFH
5. Meeting for Remembrance tied to MFWFH
6. Meeting more than once a month
7. Limiting the # of request to 8 per evening. Requests from YM & FGC for prayer. Approx. 60 requests

FGC

1. Support for gathering workshop, staffing of daily MFWFH
2. Support for All Gathering MFWFH
3. Support for possible Plenary presentation
4. Continuation of the listserv

Friends Fellowship of Healing

1. A Healing Organization for N. Am. Friends – Healing Center
2. Continued links to British Friends, funds
3. Workshops in Britain