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## Visit with FUM Member Yearly Meetings in the U.S. and Canada!

Consider visiting Friends in North America and Canada at their yearly meeting sessions. Intervisitation among Friends is an opportunity to listen, learn, grow and develop relationships with FUM Friends.

### **Western Assoc. of the Religious Society of Friends**

*February 20*

Whittier First Friends, California

[www.firstfriendswhittier.org/warsf.html](http://www.firstfriendswhittier.org/warsf.html)

### **Southeastern Yearly Meeting**

*March 31–April 4*

Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, Florida

[www.seym.org](http://www.seym.org)

### **Great Plains Yearly Meeting**

*June 3–5*

Heartland Friends, Wichita, Kansas

[www.greatplainsyearlymeeting.org](http://www.greatplainsyearlymeeting.org)

### **New York Yearly Meeting**

*July 18–24*

Silver Bay, New York

[www.nnym.org](http://www.nnym.org)

### **Wilmington Yearly Meeting**

*July 22–25*

Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio

[www.wilmingtonyearlymeeting.org](http://www.wilmingtonyearlymeeting.org)

### **Indiana Yearly Meeting**

*July 29–August 1*

Quaker Haven Camp, Syracuse, Indiana

[www.iym.org](http://www.iym.org)

### **Iowa Yearly Meeting**

*July 29–August 1*

William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa

[www.iaym.org](http://www.iaym.org)

### **Western Yearly Meeting**

*July 30–August 1*

Plainfield Friends, Plainfield, Indiana

[www.westernym.net](http://www.westernym.net)

### **Baltimore Yearly Meeting**

*August 2–8*

Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Maryland

[www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org)

### **New England Yearly Meeting**

*August 7–12*

Bryant University, Smithfield, Rhode Island

[www.neym.org](http://www.neym.org)

### **Canadian Yearly Meeting**

*August 13–21*

Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Manitoba

[www.quaker.ca](http://www.quaker.ca)

### **North Carolina Yearly Meeting**

*September 3–6*

Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina

[www.ncym-fum.org](http://www.ncym-fum.org)

**United Society of Friends Women International/Quaker Men International Triennial**

July 1-4 • Sun N Sand Beach Resort, Mombasa, Kenya

*Extend your stay in Kenya and visit FUM project partners for 2–10 day tours following the Triennial.*

*Visit [www.fum.org](http://www.fum.org) for more information.*

**Chwele Yearly Meeting** was established on February 3, 2003. The yearly meeting was established from the Elgon Religious Society of Friends Lugulu. The yearly meeting occupies the extreme Western part of Kenya on the slopes of Mt. Elgon, bordering Uganda. Chwele was one of the missionary-established stations in the late 1940s.

The community around the yearly meeting has experienced a lot of problems and many times people have ended up as internally displaced persons (IDP) in their own homes. Even the clerk of the yearly meeting was at one time an IDP during the post-election violence in Kenya.

The yearly meeting has 8 quarterly meetings, 25 monthly meetings, 90 village meetings and an estimated membership of 15,000 members. It sponsors 11 high schools and 31 primary schools in the area.

The yearly meeting has a health clinic which is being supported by Lugulu Friends Hospital. It is developing a Peace Centre to help carry out peace education in the communities nearby who have been fighting each other. Through its six-year strategic plan, it is now organizing to purchase a shuttle for mission work in the region and Uganda. The yearly meeting has a good mission relationship with Uganda Yearly Meeting, since they are neighbors.

The yearly meeting was accepted into full membership of FUM in July 2008 at High Point, North Carolina, USA, during the FUM Triennial. Chwele Yearly Meeting celebrated its FUM membership during their yearly meeting annual sessions on August 8, 2009.

Joseph Mamai Makokha, the current clerk of the yearly meeting, is also the chairman of Friends Church Peace Team (FCPT). Stephen Sikulu Kisiangani is the general secretary of Chwele Yearly Meeting, Pastor Alex Waliaula the general superintendent, Amos Simiyu Wekhuyi the treasurer, Rachel Lusweti the USFW clerk and Jacob Chemuku the young Friends presiding clerk.



*John Muhanjji offers a dedication of the Chwele clerks to the Lord.*

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