

FOCUS

on the ministries of

Friends
United Meeting



“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2, NIV)

Hundreds of Friends will gather in Wilmington, Ohio, July 27–31 for the Triennial gathering of Friends United Meeting. Friends are traveling from Jamaica, Cuba, Kenya, Belize, Ramallah, Canada and many areas of the United States. We expect toddlers and elderly Friends, youth and middle aged Friends. Yet thousands of Friends, even hundreds of thousands of

Friends, who are members of FUM yearly meetings will not be attending for a variety of reasons. We wish everyone could come to sing and worship together, talk over how God is working in our lives and celebrate the ministries of FUM. We pray for God’s transforming power to affect all of us, and not just those who will be in Wilmington!

With this FOCUS, we invite you to be present with us in spirit. We invite your daily prayers for:

- Safety in traveling;
- Productive and spirit-filled conversations;
- Loving and lasting relationships to be strengthened;
- God’s message to come through all speakers and workshop leaders;
- The readiness of all FUM Friends for God’s transformation to bring us closer to God’s will.

If there are members of your meeting who are coming, please hold them in Christ’s Divine Light. When they return home, we hope you will give them the opportunity to share what they have learned.

We are grateful for your attention to the FUM Triennial and thank you for your prayers!

Triennial Theme Song: Change!

The theme song of the 2011 FUM Triennial to be held at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, July 27-31, 2011, was written (words and music) by John W. Carter, inspired by the Triennial theme, "Transforming Lives: Romans 12:2."



Brother, sister, can you hear? Winds of change are blowing near! From the mountains to the plain, earth and angels call for change!

Every stranger, every child, waits for us to be reconciled. Sons and daughters stand free and tall with "Peace on Earth, goodwill to all!"

Come, thou Holy Spirit, start changing minds and changing hearts! Dance we to the eternal drum! Shout to Heaven, "Thy kingdom come!"

Chorus

Let's start with you and me, and let us both agree, to live in harmony, as we were meant to be! We'll set that Spirit free, for all the world to see! Take my hand, my friend, let the transformation begin!

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