

Dear Friends,

Transforming Lives is the theme of the 2011 FUM Triennial to be held July 27–31 at Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio. The phrase is taken from the FUM tag line, “Listening to Christ: A Simple Faith that Transforms Lives”, as well as *Romans 12:2*, “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Transforming Lives is a powerful phrase. Who wouldn’t want to take part in that transforming power, or belong to an organization that will transform, in positive ways, a child at school, a loved one in the hospital, or someone seeking to know Christ?

This year for FUM Sunday and the Chain of Prayer, we challenge you to think about *Transforming Lives*. What do that phrase and the accompanying Scripture verse mean to you? How are you conforming, and how are you being transformed? Is your life a Living Witness to the power of God that transforms lives? Do you know how you can transform lives around the world through Friends United Meeting?

Make *Transforming Lives* a theme in your meeting for FUM Sunday on November 7, 2010, or a different date of your choosing.

- Allow time for reflection on the Scripture passage.
- Consider inviting FUM General Secretary Sylvia Graves or *Quaker Life* Editor Katie Terrell Wonsik to share what this phrase and Scripture means to them.
- Use your meeting’s copy of the May/June 2010 issue of *Quaker Life* magazine to learn more about how your support of the ministries of Friends United Meeting allows God’s power to transform lives in North America, Cuba, Belize, Ramallah, and East Africa.
- Take up a special collection to help continue this good work.

Then sign up for your meeting’s day in the Chain of Prayer. Make it a priority to pray for the ministries of your own meeting, another FUM meeting that we partner you with, and those of Friends United Meeting. Prayer is one way we can partner with God in transforming lives.

May the next several months be a time of discovering how you can respond to the Great Commission by “going into all the world” (*Mark 16:15*) to be God’s hands and feet in transforming lives.



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P.S. Be sure to sign up for the Chain of Prayer on the enclosed flyer and let us know if you need further resources or a speaker for your FUM Sunday meeting. Your support is critical to the work God has set before Friends United Meeting.



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