

# Chain of Prayer

## The final year for Friends United Meeting's Chain of Prayer!

Yes, you read that right — 2016 is the final year for the *Chain of Prayer*. In years past, the *Chain* has been organized as a continuous length of time (up to a 24-hour period) for meetings to engage in prayer for the ministries and people of FUM. In more recent years, it has been utilized as a way to link one church/meeting to another in meaningful, intentional prayer.

In 2017, we will begin a new program for an opportunity to pray — one that will encourage us to gather as Friends in a beloved fellowship and deeply connect to one another. We will join together through our shared experience of God because we are united in common ministries that are powerfully at work in our local areas and across the world!

As we enter into this time of prayer from January 1 to Pentecost Sunday (May 15), we encourage you to be creative and let us know how you organized your day of prayer. Send your stories, photos and ideas to the Richmond office so the new program can include elements that work well already.

But for now, let's continue to pray for one another and our faith community. Sign up on the enclosed registration form and return it to the Richmond office. After receiving your registration, we will send your meeting a packet of information, including a poster and an updated *Daily Prayer Guide*.

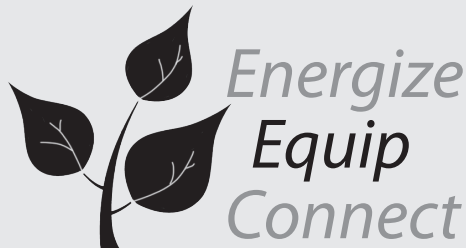
This is an exciting time for Friends United Meeting! God is transforming the community of FUM into a people who are more lovely and whole than we could ever be on our own. Thank you for being a partner in this work and a member of this amazing community.



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*"Now may God, who gives peace . . .  
fully equip you with every grace that you  
may need for the doing of His will.*

— Weymouth New Testament

We will continue with our 2014-2017 Triennium theme — **Energize, Equip, Connect** — until we meet again for the 31st Triennial Gathering of Friends United Meeting in Wichita, Kansas, in July 2017. We focused on the word, **energize**, in 2015 and in 2016, you will notice an emphasis on the word, **equip**, especially in *Quaker Life* magazine and the monthly mini-newsletter, *Connections*. For more information on any of these resources, contact FUM at info@fum.org or call (765) 962-7573.