

## Call to Yearly Meeting Sessions 2009

### Beginning to live into Jubilee...

Linda Jenkins, New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) Presiding Clerk

**G**OD WILLING, WE ARE BEGINNING TO LIVE INTO JUBILEE. Jesus invited us to Jubilee, acknowledging Leviticus 25 and Isaiah 61, in Luke 4:16-19. Jubilee is the joy that can arise, when, through grace and intention, way opens to the eternal, incandescent moment of unity in the Spirit. Jubilee is a giant Sabbath and Sabbath is about being with God. For this, we need to clear our individual and corporate lives of the busyness, the clutter of activities and things God either never asked us to include there, or would like us to lay down. Then we may receive the guidance that can lead us to the right ordering of our lives; we can allow the land to rest, freedom within and among us.

We made one beginning of living into Jubilee when some 220 of us gathered in extended worship in Portland, ME, 4/17-19. There, in our human-ness, we shared deep worship, times of restlessness and the joy of being together.

We can make other beginnings, as well as extend the ones already begun, at our upcoming annual Sessions. In our business sessions, we will have the chance, God willing, to clear our corporate lives of a number of business items pending before us, including recommendations for a NEYM vision statement, a new organizational/staffing structure, the incorporation of Moses Brown School, and addressing ongoing concerns around

sexual ethics and Friends United Meeting.

Sessions Committee has embraced the idea of extending the Jubilee theme to our 2010 Sessions, where we will celebrate our 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So this year, we will ask God, in and through each other, what does the Spirit want of me? What shape is Jubilee taking in my personal life, in our community life? Specifically, how might I open my life to be more available to the Divine? What is God asking me/us to let go of in order to make more room for the Spirit in my life, in our life together? What might my life look like if I were to allow the land to rest, release my time and money from keeping me and others in bondage? In preparation for our time together, I ask that you live with these queries, share them among your local meeting, sit, walk and pray with them.

Simultaneously, I ask you to inform yourself, think and pray about the pending business items and be prepared to discern what next steps we will take together. It is an exciting time to be part of NEYM. I pray that record numbers of us turn out this summer. We are all needed. Please come.

Photo: Courtesy Philip Raines



**Philip Raines**, pastor at Durham (ME) Friends Meeting, will give the keynote address on Sunday morning. Philip spent his childhood rambling amongst the mountain hollars of East Tennessee. He is a member of Chattanooga Monthly Meeting and is a graduate of the Earlham School of Religion.

changing—come and experience it for yourselves! It is an adventure we have never undertaken before and we hope as many Friends as possible will be with us from the outset.

This year our keynote speaker will be Philip Raines, the new young pastor of Durham (ME) Friends Meeting. The Keynote address will again follow the open worship time on Sunday morning. On Tuesday evening Amanda Kemp and the Theater for Transformation will present their program, *Show me the Franklins: Remembering the Ancestors, Slavery & Benjamin Franklin*. The group has performed the program at Moses Brown School as well

### Building the beloved community

Bonnie Norton, Sessions Committee Clerk

**Y**EARLY MEETING SESSIONS 2009 IS just around the corner and we invite all to the 349<sup>th</sup> gathering of NEYM. We have chosen as our theme *Living Into Jubilee*, marking the beginning of a year-long time of Jubilee, culminating in Sessions 2010, NEYM's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our usual agenda may be

as in many other Quaker venues. Eden Grace, of Beacon Hill (ME) Friends Meeting, will give the Bible Half-hour talks, speaking of Jubilee as rest, restoration redemption, and prophetic witness.

Come meet Friends from all over New England as we engage together in the process of building the beloved community. Monday night contra dance is a highlight and of course, we will have our ever-popular Coffee House talent show, "under the care" of the Young Friends on Wednesday night. If you play an instrument, be sure to bring it. Newcomers are invited to attend an orientation session either on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Transportation again will be supplied by means of electric golf cars, running at regular hours between the dorms and the main Unistructure build-

Photo: Courtesy Edén Grace



**Edén Grace**, a member of Beacon Hill (MA) Friends Meeting, and a graduate of Episcopal Divinity School, will give the Bible Half-hour talks. Edén, Jim and their sons Isaiah and Jesse have lived in Kisumu Kenya since 2004, where Edén works as the Field Officer for Friends United Meeting, overseeing FUM's mission, development, peace and justice work in East Africa. She is also involved with the World Council of Churches, most recently as an advisor to the Council's development of consensus decision-making.

Photo: Theater for Transformation



**Theater for Transformation** tours original historical theatre productions that invite audiences to transform our conversation about race and to create new possibilities by remembering, forgiving others and ourselves, and releasing our reasons for why things can't change. The theater brings **Show me the Franklins: Remembering the Ancestors, Slavery & Benjamin Franklin** to NEYM on Tuesday night.

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## Call to Yearly Meeting Sessions 2009: "Our life together in blessed community" (continued)

ing and staffed completely by volunteers. Don't forget to stop at the Volunteer Desk, as you'll find volunteering at YM is a great way to meet new people.

For families we have a rich program. A huge number of wonderful volunteers make Junior Yearly Meeting, Junior High Yearly Meeting and Young Friends programs special times for young people, to make new friends and to see old friends from the NEYM Retreats Program. In fact, it's often the children who beg their parents to return every year. The Young Adults Friends (YAFs) program, ages 18-35, balances participation in the "Adult" business meetings with specific meetings and activities just for YAFs. For families with preschoolers, there is a fairly extensive childcare program during the daytime hours. And, of course, there's the wonderful Bryant swimming pool.

Life at Bryant is a real plus and the main reason we find it hard to even contemplate changing our locale, even temporarily. (But we may, one of these years.) There are both air-conditioned and non

air-conditioned dorm rooms. Be sure to make clear your special needs and other requests. Young Friends are housed together in their own dorm, supervised lovingly by Kimberly Allen and Kate Bonner-Jackson and their team. Young Adult Friends may also choose to room near one another in a section of one of the dorms. There's a small camping area available for tenters near the townhouses. The townhouses traditionally house young families near one another so they can arrange cooperative childcare in the evenings.

Lastly, I won't forget to make sure you know about Equalization Funds for anyone needing help with the fees. The NEYM Equalization Fund will pay up to 75% of all fees for attenders of YM. No one should stay home due to financial need! In fact, Sessions Committee offers one 100% "scholarship" to each monthly meeting that has not sent anyone to YM in the past 2 years. Ask your clerk or call the NEYM Office to see if your meeting is one of those.

Also, new this year, Earthcare Ministries is helping organize Friends to travel to Sessions more sustainably. See the article below.

## Sessions Announcements

### Getting to NEYM Sessions Sustainably

Planning to attend NEYM Sessions at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI, this August? The NEYM Earthcare Ministries Committee wants to help you to help reduce NEYM's carbon footprint, by traveling in full cars, taking public transportation, or—if you're hale and hardy enough—getting yourself there on foot or by bicycle! The Fourfold Path.

This path may seem like a tall order for many of us who are accustomed to the convenience of motoring to NEYM Sessions alone. But the handwriting is on the wall: Human-induced climate change is about to alter forever the way every one of us is living on this planet, whether we find it convenient or not. If we want to continue having NEYM sessions for all the Quaker meetings and churches in New England and a sustainable future for all of life, we will need to begin now to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other greenhouse gases we produce.

Transportation accounts for a major portion of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. One way to make a big cut in our transportation-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is to make the single-occupant vehicle a relic of the past. Let's say that those who are attending this year's NEYM Sessions will make a 150-mile round trip. A single-occupant car, getting good gas mileage, traveling 150 miles, will emit about 75 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>. By comparison, a 150-mile train trip will emit about 32 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per rider, while a 150-mile bus trip will emit about 15 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per rider. The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of those who choose to bicycle or walk will

be insignificant. The bottom line: The collective carbon footprint for the number of Friends likely to attend NEYM sessions this year could be reduced 20 tons or more if we put our minds and hearts to it.

To facilitate this historic transformation in our collective witness, the Earthcare Ministries Committee has mapped out what they call the "Fourfold Path" of helping you get to NEYM Sessions in an ecologically sustainable way:

1. **Full cars.** NEYM office will send ride lists. Earthcare Ministries (EM) Coordinators: Jean Schnell [jells123@verizon.net](mailto:jells123@verizon.net) & Bill Upholt [upholt@comcast.net](mailto:upholt@comcast.net)

2. **Public transportation.** Shuttles from Providence, RI rail and bus stations will be arranged. EM Coordinators: Mary Gilbert, [mary@gilbertwhite.com](mailto:mary@gilbertwhite.com) & Scott Drysdale, [scot@cs.dartmouth.edu](mailto:scot@cs.dartmouth.edu)

3 & 4. **Bicycling and walking** part or all of the way. For biking contact Mark Fraser, [mark@woolmanhill.org](mailto:mark@woolmanhill.org) or Marcia Winters, [marcia.winters@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia.winters@yahoo.com) For walking, Louis Cox, [louis@quakerearthcare.org](mailto:louis@quakerearthcare.org) or Ruah Swennerfelt, [ruah@quakerearthcare.org](mailto:ruah@quakerearthcare.org)

Using public transportation, bicycling, and walking require, of course, a greater time commitment. But for those who can afford that time this will be a wonderful opportunity to show their love and commitment to our beautiful and sacred home planet. To step back and experience the world at a slower pace can be a life-changing experience. Slower travel also can help us appreciate how our comforts and habits may be limiting our spir-

Photo: Tom Antonik



Young Friends (high school age) at NEYM Annual Sessions

itual growth, keeping us from being part of the change we wish to see in the world.

—Louis Cox, NEYM Earthcare Ministries

### A Celebration of Quaker Witness

Join the NEYM Peace & Social Concerns Committee in the Bryant Rotunda on Sunday 8/2/09 for a joyful and inspiring look at our accumulated push toward peace and justice. Meetings, Quaker schools and organizations are invited to assemble a display of the variety of forms that their witness has taken this year. Contact: Ian Harrington, 508/655-6632 • [owlih@comcast.net](mailto:owlih@comcast.net)

### Bookstore sales & consignment items

Anyone who would like to sell items in the Bookstore at YM Sessions should make arrangements by the end of July. Friends are reminded that all sales at YM Sessions must go through the bookstore, with the exception of sales of study materials at workshops. The bookstore retains 15% of gross sales to cover the expenses of running the bookstore. Contact Sandy Moyer, 978/582-3300 • [sjmoyer@juno.com](mailto:sjmoyer@juno.com)

# 2009 ANNUAL SESSIONS ADVANCE INFORMATION

Saturday, August 1 – Thursday, August 6, 2009 • Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Online Registration  
at [neym.org](http://neym.org)

## ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is June 30, 2009.

**AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT**, VCRs, DVD players, video projectors, computers, are available in most classrooms.

**EQUALIZATION/FINANCIAL AID** is available through the NEYM Equalization Fund. Applications for grants are on the registration form. Please complete all calculations and **GET YOUR MONTHLY MEETING CLERK'S SIGNATURE**, before sending your completed registration form to the NEYM Registrar postmarked on or before 6/30/09. Do not mail after July 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact James Varner, EQ Fund Rep., 207/827-4493.

**NO PETS PERMITTED** on the Bryant College campus.

**SALE AND CONSIGNMENT ITEMS** will be located in the Bookstore. To sell items at the Bookstore, contact, Sandy Moyer, NEYM Bookstore Manager, 978/582-3300 • [sjmoyer@juno.com](mailto:sjmoyer@juno.com).

**SPACE FOR EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK** must be requested by 6/30/09. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • [exhibits@neym.org](mailto:exhibits@neym.org).

**SPECIAL MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS** are scheduled by the NEYM Office, [rooms@neym.org](mailto:rooms@neym.org).

**PLEASE BE FRAGRANCE FREE** at NEYM Sessions. Chemical sensitivities make some Friends very ill when they are exposed to scented products. Please refrain from using personal care products such as scented lotions, hair gel or spray, scents, spray deodorants and dryer sheets.

### Youth Programs Information

Each participant in all Sessions youth programs **must submit a Health Form to complete their registration**. All forms and registration information are available from the NEYM website, [neym.org](http://neym.org). Click on "Annual Sessions 2009," or contact the Registrar.

**CHILDCARE** for ages 4 & under is available in the mornings until 11:45 AM and afternoons until 5:00 PM. Drop-in orientation on Saturday is between 3:00 & 4:15 PM. Coordinator: Kimberly Walker-Goncalves, 413/773-9081 • [kbwalker@alumni.brown.edu](mailto:kbwalker@alumni.brown.edu).

**JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING** (entering grades K–6) is a structured program of learning, fun, & friendships. Parents should not bring or send children unless they are prepared to participate in the program. Parents are responsible for their children during unscheduled periods. See the *YM NEWS* for parents & children orientation times. Coordinator: Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638 • [welees@comcast.net](mailto:welees@comcast.net).

**JUNIORHIGHERS** (entering grades 7–9) program is similar to Junior Yearly Meeting, with additional activities. Parents & children orientation Saturday, 3:45 PM. Coordinator: Kara Price Bachand, 860/617-8175 • [pricequakes@hotmail.com](mailto:pricequakes@hotmail.com).

**YOUNG FRIENDS** (entering grade 10 through 2009 high school graduates) have their own dorm & program, with some activities shared with the regular Sessions program. The Young Friends program requires adherence to rules, some mandatory participation, a signed parental permission slip, & an adult sponsor. Sponsor & Young Friend orientation Saturday, 3:00 PM. Coordinator: Kimberly Allen, 207/754-9353 • [yfcoord@neym.org](mailto:yfcoord@neym.org).

**YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAFs)** (ages 18–35) have daily worship-sharing and business meetings, with some evening interest groups or programming. If you are looking for a place to spend your free time or just want to check out the YAF scene, stop by the YAF lounge. Clerk: Elias Sanchez-Eppler, 413/687-5538 • [esanchez@princeton.edu](mailto:esanchez@princeton.edu).

**YEARLY MEETING OFFICE** moves to Bryant University on Tuesday, 7/28/2009. Sessions NEYM Office phone at Bryant is 401/719-8860. For emergencies (24 hrs.) call Public Safety: 401/232-6001.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

➤ **MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM & ALL FEES**, checks payable to NEYM [minimum, non-refundable deposit, to register, **\$100 per form**—or, if less, your total fees] **TO:** Laurel Swan, NEYM Registrar, 29 Woods Rd, Bloomfield, CT 06002 • [registrar@neym.org](mailto:registrar@neym.org). **A LATE FEE** of \$10 per individual up to a \$20 maximum per household **WILL BE CHARGED** for registrations postmarked **AFTER 6/30/09** (does not apply to commuters). **SEND NO MAIL AFTER JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>**.

### ➤ CHECK-IN

8/1 **Saturday** (Hall 16 Lobby) .....10:00 AM — 5:00 PM  
9:00 PM — 10:00 PM

8/2 **Sunday** (Hall 16, Room 308).....8:00 AM — 9:00 AM  
1:00 PM — 5:00 PM  
7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

8/3–5 **Monday to Wednesday** .....9:30 AM — 11:00 AM  
(Hall 16, Room 308) 1:00 PM — 2:30 PM

➤ **CHECK-OUT:** Drop keys in box (Info Desk at Rotunda or Hall 16 lobby)

➤ **ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Friends are encouraged to register online.

### REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS (see insert on colored paper)

*ALL resident Sessions attenders must bring all bedding*—blankets, pillows, sheets, and towels. Also bring reading lamps, napkins, & mugs.

**Attenders:** Complete all information requested for each attender.

**Accessibility Needs:** If you have any specific needs that we need to know about, please be certain to tell us in the space provided (see list of "Accessibility Needs" on the second side of the registration form).

**Volunteer Choices:** We urge each person to donate several hours in service to Sessions (see list of "Volunteer Choices" on the second side of the registration form).

**Worship Sharing & Workshop Choices:** Choose from among the listings found in this issue of *The New England Friend*.

**Day of Arrival & Departure:** In the columns provided, for each person enter the abbreviated (Fri, Sat, Sun, etc.) day of the week you plan to arrive and the day of the week you plan to leave.

**LIMITED Camping:** Campsites near the townhouses will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bathrooms and showers will be available in an adjacent dormitory.

**Part-time Commuter Meals:** Meals may be purchased as you enter the dining hall.

### CALCULATING FEES:

**Line G:** Subtotal, add amounts on lines A–F

**Line H:** Members of Permanent Board, Ministry & Counsel, Sessions staff, and their families may arrive between 8–10pm Friday night. Saturday breakfast & lunch included in price. Only members of Young Friends (YF) Ministry & Counsel may stay in the YF Dorm Friday night.

**Line I:** For a single room add \$40 per person for full-time participants or \$8/day for part-time.

**Line J:** Subtotal, add fees on lines G through I

**Line K:** Tax deductible contributions to the Equalization Fund are needed and gratefully accepted.

**Line L:** Enter a credit amount if you are receiving a room and board stipend for working as Sessions staff.

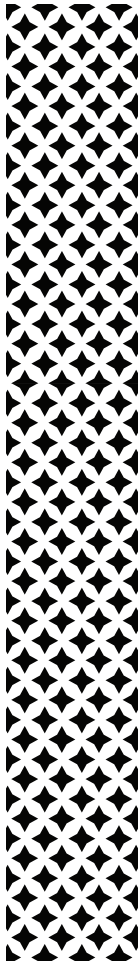
**Line M:** Grand total, add and/or subtract lines J through L. After 6/30/09, add late fee of \$10 per individual up to a maximum of \$20 per form (does not apply to commuters).

**Line N:** \$100 (or, if less, your total fees) is the minimum amount to enclose or pay by credit card with this form and is not refundable.

**Balance Due:** Calculate the amount of money due upon arrival.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION, INFORMATION AND FORMS** are available at [neym.org](http://neym.org), or contact the NEYM Registrar, [registrar@neym.org](mailto:registrar@neym.org)

# 2009 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

Saturday, August 1	Sunday, August 2	Monday, August 3	Tuesday, August 4	Wednesday, August 5	Thursday, August 6
<p>9:30 <b>Permanent Board</b> (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>9:30 <b>Ministry &amp; Counsel</b> (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>10:00 <b>Registration begins</b> (Hall 16 Lobby)</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b> [Note: Saturday arrivals purchase lunch at the door] (Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistructure)</p> <p>1:00 – 2:45 <b>Committee meetings</b> (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>2:00 <b>Meeting for Worship</b> (Rotunda)</p> <p>3:00 – 4:15 <b>Parent/Sponsor &amp; Youth Orientations</b> for all youth programs and childcare (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 <b>Orientation</b> for first-time attendees (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b> (Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistructure)</p> <p>5:00 <b>Registration closes</b></p> <p>6:45 <b>Opening Celebration</b> (all ages) (Bello Center)</p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children &amp; youth staff leave</p> <p>7:45 <b>Welcoming and Reflection on the theme “Living Into Jubilee”</b></p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 <b>Registration continues</b> (Hall 16 Lobby)</p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>9:00 <b>Meeting for Worship</b> (Bello Center)</p> <p><b>Worship &amp; Singing</b> (all ages) Young Friends Junior YM leaves (9:45)</p> <p><b>Unprogrammed Worship</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Address</b> <i>Living Into Jubilee</i>, Philip Raines</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:30 – 3:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b> (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>3:30 <b>Celebration of Friends Witness</b> (Rotunda)</p> <p>4:15 <b>USFW</b> (United Society of Friends Women) Panel Presentation “Forgiveness” (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b> sponsored by Ministry &amp; Counsel (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>6:15 <b>Orientation</b> for first-time attendees (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>7:00 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b> (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b> (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for topics and locations)</p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Jubilee as Rest</i> (Luke 4:18–19), Eden Grace</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 <b>Free Time</b></p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 <b>Worship Sharing Groups</b></p> <p>2:45 – 4:15 <b>Workshops</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>7:00 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b></p> <p><b>Contra dance</b></p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Jubilee as Redemption</i> (Luke 4:18–19)</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Simple Lunch</b></p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 <b>Free Time</b></p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 <b>Worship Sharing Groups</b></p> <p>2:45 – 4:15 <b>Workshops</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>7:00 <b>“Show me the Franklins: Remembering the Ancestors, Slavery &amp; Benjamin Franklin”</b> Theater for Transformation</p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b></p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Jubilee as Restoration</i> (Luke 4:18–19)</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 <b>Free Time</b></p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 <b>Worship Sharing Groups</b></p> <p>2:45 – 4:15 <b>Workshops</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>7:00 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b></p> <p><b>Coffee house</b></p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Jubilee, Jesus, &amp; the Prophetic Tradition</i> (Luke 4:21)</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>11:00 <b>Closing worship (all ages)</b> Epistles of all NEMY groups</p> <p>12:00 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:30 <b>Permanent Board</b> (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>2:00 <b>Check-out ends</b> Drop keys in box (Info Desk at Rotunda or Hall 16 lobby)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Business agenda</b> is available upon arrival. For advance information, go to <a href="http://nemy.org">nemy.org</a> or call the NEMY office 508/754-6760.</li> <li><b>Additions</b> to the schedule during Sessions announced in the YEARLY MEETING NEWS.</li> </ul>
					
<p><b>REGISTRATION CHECK-IN</b> (Hall 16 lobby &amp; room 308)</p> <p>Sa: 10 AM–5 PM; 9–10 PM Su: 8–9 AM; 1–5 PM; 7–9 PM M–W: 9:30–11:00 AM; 1:00–2:30 PM</p>					
<p>* <b>YEARLY MEETING NEWS</b> is published Saturday through Wednesday mornings.</p> <p>** <b>Early Worship</b> programmed, healing, unprogrammed, Earthcare (outside). (For locations see the YEARLY MEETING NEWS)</p>					
<p><b>Youth Program Schedules</b></p>					
<p><b>Childcare</b></p> <p>Su: 8:30–11:45 AM, &amp; 1:15–5:00 PM M–W: 8:15–11:45 AM, &amp; 1:15–5:00 PM Th: 8:15–11:45 AM &amp;, by special arrangement, Su–W: 5:00–5:30 PM</p> <p><b>Young Friends</b> day &amp; evening program</p>					
<p><b>Junior YM &amp; JuniorHighers</b> meet</p> <p>Sa: 7:30–9 PM; Su: 9:45–11:45 AM, &amp; 7–9 PM M–W: 8:30–11:45 AM, &amp; 7–9 PM Th: 8:30–11:45 AM</p> <p><b>Jr. YM only</b>, Su–W: 1:30–4:30 PM &amp;, by special arrangement, Su–W: 4:30–5:30 PM</p>					



## Accessibility Needs

On reverse side note all that apply

### Code

- a I need a campus handicapped parking permit
- b I have trouble with stairs
- c I have trouble walking distances
- d I use a wheelchair
- e I am hearing impaired
- f Child/teen in family with disability (please specify). A committee member will call to discuss ways to make Sessions work better for you.
- g I have chemical sensitivity (please specify)
- h I have dietary restrictions (e.g., vegetarian, please specify)
- i Other needs (please specify)

## Volunteer Choices at NEYM

Please choose one or more as you are able.

Sessions staff will contact you for specific assignments.

### Choice code

- a Registration check-in on Fri. night, Sat., or Sun. afternoon
- b Junior Yearly Meeting (K–6<sup>th</sup> grade) Afternoon Program
- c Childcare infants & toddlers (morning & afternoon)
- d Bookstore
- e Office help
- f Information desk
- g Shuttle driver for Friends with ambulatory problems
- h Carry trays in the dining hall

## Special Housing Needs

### Code

- a I need housing near a bathroom
- b I need a ground floor room
- c I want to be near other “Solo” parents for cooperative childcare
- d I would like a single room (\$40/full-time or \$8/day part-time)
- e I would like a non air-conditioned room
- f I would like to live in the fragrance/chemical free townhouse
- g Roommate or ‘housed near’ preference(s)

Name

With name

### Register online or mail this form with check or credit card information

—\$100 (or if less, your total fees) is the **minimum**, non-refundable deposit—  
payable to “New England Yearly Meeting” to:

Laurel Swan, NEYM Registrar, 29 Woods Road,  
Bloomfield, CT 06002 • [registrar@neym.org](mailto:registrar@neym.org)

**Do not mail after July 25<sup>th</sup>** go to [neym.org](http://neym.org) or contact the Registrar

Online registration and copies of all forms at [neym.org](http://neym.org)

A late fee of \$10 per individual up to a maximum of \$20 per form will be charged for registrations postmarked after June 30<sup>th</sup> (does not apply to commuters)

## 2009 NEYM Annual Sessions Equalization Fund Request Form for Financial Aid

A = B + C + D

Monthly Meeting Full Name(s) <i>(Fill this form out COMPLETELY)</i>	List total costs for each individual to attend Yearly Meeting (from reverse side of form)	I can afford to pay this amount to attend NEYM (please send with registration form)	Amount your Meeting/Quarter will contribute towards your costs (please ask)	Equalization Fund request—to a maximum 75% of your total costs. (50% maximum after June 30 <sup>th</sup> )
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The Equalization Fund provides scholarships of up to 75% of the cost of attending NEYM Sessions. The Fund’s goal is for no one to miss Sessions due to finances.

Please request the financial assistance necessary for you to attend Sessions. Funds are limited, however, so request the minimum amount you need. Every additional dollar that you contribute toward your own costs helps the Equalization Fund support other Friends.

1. Check with your Meeting/Quarter for financial assistance. Write that amount in column C (at right).

2. Fill in and complete ALL calculations on the Equalization request form (right).

3. Have your Meeting’s Clerk sign the form.

4. For applications postmarked after June 30, 2009, support from the Equalization Fund may be limited to 50% of your costs, if funds are still available. **Final deadline is July 25<sup>th</sup>.** After that, contact the Registrar.

Questions? Contact James Varner, Equalization Fund Representative on Sessions Committee, 207/827-4493.

Clerk’s phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Meeting Clerk’s signature (required)**

Clerk: Please verify the funding the applicant will receive from your Meeting or Quarter that is entered on column C above

# Youth Program Health Form

## 2009 New England Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

**One child per form** — photocopy this as needed or download copies from [neym.org](http://neym.org)

No family or Young Friend with a sponsor will be registered for Sessions until the Registrar receives a completed Health Form for each child.

This completed form is required for your child to participate in any Youth Program (including YFs who are 18 years old). **Submit this form to the Registrar.** Do not mail after July 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact the appropriate Coordinator with any questions or concerns:

**Childcare** (ages 4 & under): Kimberly Walker-Goncalves, 413/773-9081 • [kbwalker@alumni.brown.edu](mailto:kbwalker@alumni.brown.edu)

**Junior Yearly Meeting** (entering grades K–6): Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638 • [welees@comcast.net](mailto:welees@comcast.net)

**Junior High Yearly Meeting** (entering grades 7–9): Kara Price Bachand, 860/617-8175 • [pricequakes@hotmail.com](mailto:pricequakes@hotmail.com)

**Young Friends** (entering grade 10–'09 HS graduates): Kimberly Allen, 207/754-9353 • [yfcoord@neym.org](mailto:yfcoord@neym.org)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering Fall 2009: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Parent(s) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan/Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ In whose name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult sponsor at Sessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Emergency Contacts:

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to child: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Junior High program and the Young Friends program may take kids swimming. What is your child's swimming ability?

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible so that we will be able to best serve your child or teen. This information confidential will be kept confidential and will only be shared with program staff and consultants as necessary planning and to support your child or teen.

1) Please describe any allergies.

2) Please list all medications currently being taken and why they are being taken (i.e., inhaler for asthma).

*continued on reverse side*

**Please complete both sides of this form**—Submit 2009 Youth Program Health Form to Registrar—**Do not mail after July 25<sup>th</sup>**

3) Please describe your plan for administration of your child's medication. *(Please note: This plan is required for program participation. Staff can not be responsible for storing or dispensing any medication.)*

4) Please describe any physical, behavioral, emotional or learning difficulties that NEYM staff need to know about to help your child or teen during Sessions.

5) Is there anything else that we should know about your child (e.g. new sibling, recent death in the family, etc.)? Please describe.

### Permission Form

I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, *[fill in child's name]* to participate in the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Annual Sessions Youth Program under the supervision of the volunteer staff. I am aware that participation in this activity involves certain risks and dangers. I understand that while at the Annual Sessions Youth Program, participants are expected to follow the rules and standards contained in the *NEYM Sessions Policy on Addressing At-Risk or Disruptive Behavior*. In addition, participants are expected to follow all instructions of volunteer staff that are charged with their care. I hereby release and waive all claims against New England Yearly Meeting of Friends arising out of my son's or daughter's failure to remain under the supervision and comply with the rules, standards, and instructions of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

The undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, *[fill in child's name]* for his/her child, him/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns agrees that in the event any claim for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death shall be prosecuted against New England Yearly Meeting of Friends or its officers, agents, servants or employees, the undersigned parent or guardian will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless New England Yearly Meeting of Friends and its officers, agents, servants or employees from any and all claims or causes of action by my child or by any other person or entity, by whomever or wherever made or presented, and under no circumstances will the undersigned parent or guardian of my child or my child present any claim against New England Yearly Meeting of Friends and said persons for personal injuries, property damage, wrongful death or otherwise, caused by any act of negligence by New England Yearly Meeting of Friends and said persons.

The authority granted herein also includes the authority to consent to any emergency transportation, medical and/or dental treatment, and hospital care for my child, under the general supervision and/or upon the advice of, a licensed physician and/or surgeon, or by a licensed dentist. In a life threatening situation, every attempt will be made to contact both the child's parents and primary care physician as soon as possible.

I give my full permission for the release and exchange of any Health Form information about my child or teen with program staff and consultants.

I have read and agree to the above conditions.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Parent's/Legal Guardian's signature)*

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*(Parent's/Legal Guardian's signature)*

# Afternoon worship sharing & workshops

Please enter the number for worship sharing and workshop choices on the NEYM Registration Form (enclosed) — fuller descriptions online at [neym.org](http://neym.org)

## Worship Sharing Groups — Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 1:30 – 2:30pm

1. Randomly Assigned
2. Spanish Speaking (with translation)
3. Women's
4. Men's
5. Young Adult Friends
6. Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
7. In Jesus Christ
8. Worshipful Singing

**W**ORSHIP SHARING offers time set aside from a busy schedule for spiritual sharing with an intimate group over a period of three days. For some Friends, this represents an opportunity to bridge gaps such as differences in culture, gender and theological orientation. Other Friends find they can share more fully in a group whose members have more in common. Still others welcome the chance for worship sharing through an activity such as singing. NEYM reaches out to visiting Cuban [ & Spanish speaking ] Friends through a Spanish language worship sharing group. Friends are encouraged to choose the level of comfort or challenge which will offer the deepest worship. —NEYM Ministry & Counsel

## Three-day Workshops — Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 2:45 – 4:15pm

9. **Who Stole Jesus and Other Questions of Religious Thought** Richard M. Kelly & Laurel Swan **MTuW** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C)]  
How close to Jesus' thought is our modern understanding of Christianity? We will examine the contributions of Judaism, Zoroastrianism, St. Paul, Socrates, and other religions and cultures to the development of early Christianity, and the subsequent changes (including George Fox!!) that shaped it into its modern diversity. (Youth & Adults, full-time required, limit 25)
10. **Sabbath-jubilee: Liberating Us All** Viv Hawkins **MTuW** (M&C)  
We will discover and embrace Sabbath and jubilee principles and practices using scripture, Quaker writings, and life experiences exploring 1) what the Divine asks of us in a world with a growing divide (material and spiritual) between the rich and poor and 2) practices to further God's Kin-dom on Earth. (Adults, limit 20)
11. **Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice** Maureen Lopes, Dwight Lopes, Anita Mendes. **MTuW** (M&C)  
The authors of *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship* believe that telling the truth about the past relationship of North American Quakers with people of African descent will open up a new future. Join us in engaging with the themes examined in this newly published book. (Youth & Adults, full-time required, limit 15)
12. **Spiritual Authority Among Friends** Will Taber **MTuW** [Friends United Meeting (FUM)]  
Jesus was unlike other rabbis because he spoke with authority. What is spiritual authority and how do we recognize it? What is the relationship between Spirit and Scripture? What is Ranterism? What does all this mean for us, our meetings and controversies among Friends? (Youth & Adults)
13. **From Plants to Paper: Where Art, Spirit and Environmental Activism Meet** Karen Steiner **MTuW** [Earthcare Ministry (EM)]  
In this workshop we'll take common locally grown plant fiber—like iris leaves—and process it into sheets of handmade paper. We will use this as a means to experience the worshipful nature of making something by hand and explore an art form that “walks gently on the earth.” (Youth & Adults, full-time required, limit 15)
14. **Hope in Troubled Times: A Fresh Look at John's Revelation** Gerald Sazama **MTuW** (M&C)  
The early Christians went through troubled times, as did the early Quakers. Can we find hope for our times as they did in theirs? Can John's Revelation teach us something about that? Each day we'll spend one third of the time on the following: 1) lectio divina (read-
- ing with our hearts) of a section of Revelation, 2) sharing our insights, 3) presentation and discussion. (Youth & Adults)
15. **Conscience & War** J.E. McNeil (Baltimore YM) **MTuW** [Peace & Social Concerns (P&SC)]  
Come explore and discuss places in our lives where conscience & war collide: draft, universal service, military service, and recruiters in our schools and homes. (Youth & Adults, limit 20)
16. **Extended Worship with a Concern for Witness** Ian Harrington, John Humphries, Leslie Manning **MTuW** (M&C, P&SC)  
We are called to witness, to worship and to heal. Let us listen for how the Spirit might be calling us to prophetic witness in these times. As a result of the called meeting for peace held in April, Friends are invited to participate in extended worship of 1.5 to 2 hours, followed by sharing and reflection. Meets throughout worship-sharing and workshops. (Youth & Adults, full-time encouraged)
17. **A Biblical Understanding of the Jubilee Year: Leviticus 25** Cliff Harrison **MTuW** (M&C)  
*Day 1:* Summary of Biblical content, Biblical commentary and Biblical questions; group discussion. *Day 2:* Discernment about spiritual, personal, social, political and economic relevance today. *Day 3:* Worship sharing. *Note:* Please bring a Bible. (Adults)

## Two-day workshops

### Monday/Tuesday

18. **Forgiveness: The Spiritual Practice** Allison Randall **MTu** (M&C)  
One of the most cumbersome and common blocks to our spiritual development is the inability to forgive those who have done us great wrongs. We will wrestle with this spiritual practice all together, in small groups, in pairs, in writing, in readings. In the wrestling itself is spiritual growth. (Adults, full-time required, limit 16)
19. **Quakers, Philanthropy and Applied Ethics, A.K.A. Convincement, Conversion and the Kingdom** Jennie Isbell **MTu** [Development Committee (DC)]  
We will explore our awareness of and attitude towards money, against the backdrop of Quaker history and the Christian worldview of stewardship. Tools include a survey for self-discovery, discussion, and a collage of ideas from Friends of different eras. We will consider the meeting as a blessed and called community “with a budget”, and explore connections between worship and money and authentic communication. (Adults)
20. **Jubilee and Land Redemption** Bonner McAllester, Suzanne Frechette **MTu** (EM)  
*Monday:* If we aim to release the land from human bondage, can we still mow the lawn, pasture a cow, drive a car? Study land redemption and the Year of Jubilee, as described by Jim Corbett in *Sanctuary for All Life*. *Tuesday 12–4pm:* Land redemption with Smithfield Friends at their overgrown 18<sup>th</sup> century Quaker Burial Ground. Lunch, worship, fellowship, and wildlands service, 7 miles from campus. (Adults, full-time preferred, limit 12)
21. **The Spiritual Ramifications of White Privilege** Rachel Carey-Harper **TuW** [Racial, Social and Economic Justice (RSEJ)]  
Through prayer, multimedia, laughter and sharing we will examine racial barriers interfering with truly answering that of God in everyone. Beyond guilt, we will examine invisible wounds and start healing the pain that racism inflicts. The hope is that all walk away with improved abilities to talk about race, privilege and its spiritual consequences. (Adults, full-time preferred, limit 20)
22. **Racism, Discrimination & Reparations Concerning Descendants of African Slaves: What is the Role of NEYM in This Matter?** James Varner **TuW** (RSEJ)  
Participants will gain an understanding of the meaning of reparations as it applies to the debt America owes to descendants of African slaves. We will discuss the roles racism and discrimination have played in the lives of blacks and other groups in America, but the focus will be on the treatment of black people for centuries and today. (Youth & Adults, full-time required, limit 30)

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**Two-day workshops** (Tuesday/Wednesday continued)

23. **Building a Cooperative Economy: Friends Testimonies & Cooperative Values** Erbin Crowell, Kristin Howard **TuW** (P&SC)

With the mainstream economy in disarray, many Friends are looking for alternatives that are more in keeping with our testimonies and ideals. We will explore some of our econom-

ic challenges and examine the potential of cooperation, an international movement rooted in the values of democracy, self-help and solidarity. (Youth & Adults)

**One-day workshops** (See also two- and three-day workshops that offer one-day sessions)

**Monday**

24. **Walking Cheerfully Over the Earth—Friends and Transportation** Christopher Haines **M** (EM)

The workshop will investigate travel and transportation, what it means to us as Friends, how our travel affects the earth and what this will mean in the future. This will be an introduction to the workshop on electric vehicles. (Youth & Adults)

25. **Broadening Our Understanding of Kenyan Friends** Marian Baker **M** (FUM)

Many Friends are familiar with one specific project in Kenya, such as the Kakamega Care Center or AVP programs. Here's an opportunity to broaden our understandings of this branch of the FUM family. What are the beliefs and actions of Friends in the other 15 Yearly Meetings in Kenya? What can we learn from these fellow members of FUM? (Youth & Adult)

26. **What Would Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Say to Us About the 2008 US Presidential Election, If He Were Here Today?** James Varner **M** (RSEJ)

Friends will hear from and have a chance to discuss with a person of color and civil rights leader who worked with Dr. M. L. King, Jr. (Youth & Adults)

27. **Children's Sessions Peacemaker Reports: Heifer International Project** Jan West Schrock, Jean McCandless **M** [Sessions Committee (SC)]

Jan West Schrock, daughter of Heifer Project's founder, is this year's Sessions Children's Peacemaker. Join her for a special 1-day workshop to learn ways your Meeting and its children can act as world citizens, sharing their gifts of abundance with others. Heifer history and current projects will be discussed. (Adult)

28. **Energy Work** John Calvi **M** (M&C)

Come learn a simple form of laying on of hands. This is a gift for the receiver and the giver known to deeply relax, lessen worry and fear, decrease pain, and make for deeper sleep. This is a manual spiritual work for releasing tension and opening to the Divine. (Youth & Adults, limit 50)

29. **Grand Ideas: Sharing Our Quaker Faith Across the Generations** Beth Collea, Rachel Walker Cogbill **M** [Christian Education (CE)]

How do we give grandparents and cherished Meeting elders the opportunity to share their deep seasoned faith with Quaker children? A panel of grandparents and Meeting elders will ground us in the practical experience of open-

ing their lives of faith to their grandchildren. A new First Day school and family resource, "Footprints of Faith: Sharing Our Lived Quaker Faith Across The Generations," will be shared. (Adults, limit 25)

30. **How Does Meeting for Worship Live at the Heart of a Friends School?** Matt Glendinning, Galen McNemar **M** (Nurturing Friends Education Committee, ad hoc)

Administrators and/or faculty from New England Friends Schools will talk about the role of Meeting for Worship in their schools. Matt Glendinning, incoming Head of Moses Brown, will share some of his research on student responses/attitudes in schools where he has worked. The workshop will be clerked by Galen McNemar, Director of Friends Education at Moses Brown.

**Tuesday**

31. **From Gas to Electric, E-Car Conversion in Your Garage** Michael Anderson **Tu** (EM)

Michael Anderson drives an electric car over 100 miles per week and needs no tune-ups, oil changes, or new parts in what is a very simply powered vehicle. Electric vehicles offer a real alternative to gasoline-powered transportation. Come and hear how it can be done. (Youth & Adults)

32. **Birds and Bees and Quakerism, Please!** Beth Collea, Rachel Walker Cogbill **Tu** (CE)

What do we say to Quaker children coming of age in American culture? Let's explore together how to map our Quaker values onto sex and sexuality while staying grounded in the Light! A panel of parents with children of different ages will kick off discussion. Parents, come take hope, solace, and humor in your Quaker community. (Adults, limit 25)

33. **How to be a Good Steward of a Quaker Organization** Eleanor Cappa, Jackie Stillwell **Tu** (M&C)

How do we effectively manage our Quaker organizations? We will discuss the role of trustees and boards in creating and maintaining healthy and vibrant institutions with particular attention to the nominating process, training new board members, and ongoing board development and evaluation. Come ask questions and share your experiences.

34. **Full Body Clothes-on Massage** John Calvi **Tu** (M&C)

Easy simple clothes-on massage to rest and relax the body deeply. Prepare the temple of the spirit for more work in the world. All will give and receive. (Youth & Adults, limit 50)

**Wednesday**

35. **Where in the World Are We?** Kim Newlin **W** (FUM)

A presentation including slides and pictures, updating participants on FUM's activities and partnerships throughout the world. (Open to All)

36. **The Quaker Initiative to End Torture** John Calvi **W** (P&SC)

The latest update from QUIT on US torture policy, practice, experiments, "rendition," treatment and reparations for survivors and torturers. (Youth & Adults)

37. **The Ancestors Workshop** Amanda Kemp **W** (M&C)

Integrating yoga postures, creative writing, and meditation, this workshop is a space to connect with, and draw strength from, our ancestors. These ancestors may be biological, spiritual, or artistic. Appropriate for all levels of yoga and writing. Bring a mat and a journal. (Youth & Adults, limit 25)

38. **Managing Quaker Money Through the Economic Downturn** Roberta Chicos **W** (Board of Managers of Investments and Permanent Funds)

The Board of Managers invites all who are involved with the finances of their Meetings or Quaker Group to come and share their experiences and concerns about managing money during this economic downturn. We can learn from each other and articulate our needs for the future. (Adults)

39. **Quaker Hopscotch: Build Your Meeting & Your First Day School** Beth Collea **W** (CE)

Quaker Hopscotch is a creative approach to attracting new members and starting or revitalizing a First Day School the minute the first family arrives. This workshop is for anyone who carries a concern for growing Quakerism. (Adults, limit 25)

40. **John Woolman for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** Louis Cox, Ruah Swennerfelt **W** (EM)

Louis & Ruah will perform a skit about John Woolman and show his relevance to us today. Discussion following. (Youth and Adults)

41. **Minute by Minute: Capturing the Sense of the Meeting** Melissa Foster, Carl Williams **W** (M&C)

Recording is a spiritual exercise that involves listening deeply, finding God's unity in sometimes diverse voices in the meeting and capturing that sense in words. Join two former yearly meeting recording clerks in considering the spirit and practice of taking minutes. (Open to All)

# Around the Yearly Meeting

Compiled from monthly meeting newsletters and correspondence by Jonathan Vogel-Borne

• **Middlebury (VT) Monthly Meeting (MM)** conducted a “Spiritual Life Survey,” resulting in the meeting’s Worship and Study Committee drafting a set of queries around worship, prayer, leadings, and ministry. The Committee hopes that as the meeting community responds to these queries, it will elicit ideas for various Friendly Forum topics.

• **Durham (ME) MM** hired Wendy Schlotterbeck to be their youth minister. “Wendy is an experienced parent and teacher; she is no stranger to peace work and is inspired to work with all youth as they continue in their spiritual journey.”

• **Mt. Toby (MA) MM** publishes an address and phone list of “Friendly Drivers,” who have agreed to be available for driving Friends to meeting or other Mt. Toby events.

• **Hartford (CT) MM** received a reply to the Meeting’s letter of concern over the Friends United Meeting’s (FUM) discriminatory personnel policy, from Kelly Kellum, Clerk of the FUM General Board. The policy excludes unmarried people from employment with FUM—marriage defined as being between one man and one woman. Kelly Kellum’s letter notes that the conflict over the policy is based in “the cultural and the-

ological diversity which represents FUM.” He goes on to say that “some Friends view the sexual ethics policy as a matter of inequality and injustice, therefore it must be changed. Other Friends consider the policy in harmony with Biblical standards of truth and orthodox Christian faith and believe it must remain. Because we hold to our sense of “right” strongly (and we should), deep and personal disagreements exist among us. These disagreements might not be resolved. If resolution is possible, it will not be an easy journey. I am aware that sexual ethics conflicts in other religious groups result in painful schisms. Even among our members the question has surfaced if FUM should separate or dissolve because of our painful affiliation with each other. Recently our Executive Committee considered this question... and concluded that the work and relationships of FUM are too important. Yet, we must find better ways to manage impasses which cause our good work to suffer.”

• **Fresh Pond (MA) MM** has begun “Cornerstones of Quakerism,” a 15-20 minute introduction to Quaker faith and practice for newcomers. The sessions take place twice-a-month, at the rise of meeting, with a short

presentation followed by questions and answers. Topics include meeting for worship, Spirit-led decision-making, Quakers and peace, Quakers, God, & Jesus, testimonies, and membership.

• **Worcester (MA) MM, Durham (ME) MM, Dover (NH) MM, West Falmouth (MA) Preparative Meeting and Monadnock (NH) MM**, are some of the NEYM meetings actively exploring the Quaker Quest outreach program. Launched a few years ago in Britain, Quaker Quest prepares meetings to host a focused, public outreach program, letting the world know the truth we find together, at the spiritual core of our communities. In March, **Westerly (RI) MM** was the first NEYM meeting to prepare for and run a three-week Quaker Quest program. For more information [quakerquestfgc.org](http://quakerquestfgc.org)



Westerly (RI) Meetinghouse

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## In other Quaker news

### Family Camp at Friends Camp

Looking for a fun family vacation at a beautiful location, with fine activities, interesting programs and great food? The Friends Camp’s Mott Family Camp (8/16–22/09) has a few openings. Contact, Nat Shed, 207/445-2361

• [friendscamp.org](http://friendscamp.org)

### QuakerSpring, Barnesville OH

If you yearn for a more vibrant spiritual community, if you hunger for more time for worship, reflection, and deepening connections among Friends, come to QuakerSpring, 6/9–14/09, Barnesville, OH. All Friends of all ages are invited to spend time in worship, seeking God’s voice together, in conversation and play. QuakerSpring brings together Friends from all branches of Quakerism to share what Spirit-led Quakerism is about at its core. Contact: Susan Zeichner, 617/625-8797 • [quakerspring.org](http://quakerspring.org)

### Director of children’s center sought

The Friends Center for Children, for ages birth to three years old, an Urban early education center and a project of the New Haven (CT) Friends Meeting, seeks an energetic, enthusiastic leader to develop, plan and implement an expansion of our fledgling program. Responsibilities include teaching, community outreach, working with the Board, on-going administration and oversight and supervision of existing program. Minimum requirements: BA or MS in early childhood education, five years of teaching and supervisory responsibilities. Contact Wendy Kravitz, PO Box 311, New Haven, CT 06511 • [FCFC1966@yahoo.com](mailto:FCFC1966@yahoo.com).

### Bill Harley workshop at Pendle Hill

Bill Harley, a member of Providence (RI) MM and a well known recording artist, will lead a 5-day long Pendle Hill workshop, *The*

*Teaching Power of Stories*, 8/9-13/09. To Bill, a teacher is someone who gives stories to others so they can make their own. Regardless of the subject taught, story is central to how people make sense of the world and build a community with others. In this workshop, participants will look at how stories work in people’s lives, what stories define their own lives, and how to use story in an educational setting. Contact, [pendlehill.org](http://pendlehill.org)

### Gene Sharp nominated for Peace Prize

The American Friends Service Committee has nominated Gene Sharp for the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his lifelong work of studying and promoting the power of nonviolence to resist oppression and aggression. Countless democratic movements worldwide have used his findings to improve social and political conditions in their countries. For more info, [aeinstein.org](http://aeinstein.org)

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### June 2009

- 6–7 Northwest QM — Farm & Wilderness, Plymouth VT
- 13 Committee Day — New Haven, CT
- 13 Coordinating & Advisory — New Haven, CT
- 27–7/4 Friends General Conference Gathering, Blacksburg, VA

### July 2009

- 12 Coordinating & Advisory — *Location TBA*
- 19 RI-Smithfield QM — Worcester, MA
- 25 Sandwich QM — Allen's Neck, MA
- 26 Falmouth QM — Brunswick, ME

### August 2009

- 1–6 NEYM Sessions — Bryant University, Smithfield, RI
- 30 Dover QM — Pittsfield, NH

### September 2009

- 11–13 Vassalboro QM Fall Gathering — Friends Camp, ME
- 12–13 Northwest QM — Farm & Wilderness Camps, VT
- 18–20 Junior YM Retreat — Woolman Hill, Deerfield, MA
- 18–20 Young Friends Ministry & Counsel — *Location TBA*
- 19 Ministry & Counsel — *Location TBA*
- 20 Annual Sessions Debrief — *Location TBA*
- 26 Sessions Committee — *Location TBA*

### October 2009

- 3 Committee Day — *Location TBA*
- 7–11 Friends United Meeting General Board — Richmond, IN
- 10–11 Connecticut Valley QM — Woolman Hill, Deerfield, MA
- 17–18 RI-Smithfield QM — *Location TBA*
- 24 Sandwich QM — Nantucket, MA
- 25 Falmouth QM — Portland, ME
- 25 Salem QM — Beacon Hill Friends House, Boston, MA

### November 2009

- 6–8 Jr. High YM Retreat — Woolman Hill, Deerfield, MA
- 7 Vassalboro QM — Orono or Belfast, ME
- 13-15 Ministry & Counsel Retreat — Kennebunk Beach, ME
- 21 Permanent Board — *Location TBA*
- 29 Dover QM — *Location TBA*

### December

- 5–6 Northwest QM — Wilderness/South Starksboro, VT

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**Note:** The *Faith & Practice* Revision Committee generally meets on the first or last Saturday of each month.