

Sessions 2004, "And who is my neighbor?"

Photo: Barry Scott

Deana Chase, New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) Presiding Clerk



Photo: Courtesy Friends United Meeting

Diana Abdel Nour, Principal at the Ramallah Friends Schools, will speak to us on Tuesday night about living her faith and the challenge of running a Quaker School in the midst of the intifada.



Photo: Susan Wilson

Nick Page, composer, conductor, author, song leader and director of Boston's Mystic Chorale, will lead us in an intergenerational "Power Sing" on Sunday afternoon.

supportive community seeking to experience God and to find new ways to apply that experience in our lives.

Our programs have been chosen to reflect many aspects of our theme. We will be inspired, nourished, and encouraged by our speakers, workshops, and interest groups. Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye will open our sessions as keynote speakers, sharing their research on historical Quaker racism. Diana Abdel Nour will speak of her spiritual journey and the challenges of running the Ramallah Friends School. There will be opportunities for worship sharing, committee meetings, worship, casual fellowship, an occasional short nap, and of course, time to gath-

"AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?" (Luke 10:25-37) What a profound query in these technological times! As a young person, I knew the names of all the neighborhood families. Today I don't know who lives in the house south of us, but, I can make contact with Friends in Kenya, Ramallah, and Cuba. We form a faith community at the NEYM Sessions and I invite you to join us in worship, work, workshops, singing, and playing with our Quaker neighbors. Look around your meeting and encourage each other to set aside August 7th to 12th, to reconnect with old neighbors and discover some new ones.

As our concept of neighbor expands, Friends struggle to determine if and how and when am I, are we, to respond to leadings and to unfolding world events? When is it time to pray? When is it time to act? Friends are seeking ways to put faith into action in a manner that is in unity with Friends practices. Our business sessions are a combination of both silent waiting/listening and action/speaking. As usual, the keynote on racism and the Bible half hours by our NEYM pastors will help set a tone for our business meetings. This is not, however, the only time that we listen deeply to each other about our concerns. We seek God's truth throughout the year in our committee meetings and our monthly and quarterly meetings. At Sessions we

have meaningful conversations over meals, while watching our children and during worship sharing. It is in the business meetings that we find, through the guidance of the ever present Spirit, where we can agree what action, if any, we are called to take.

This year we have the usual items: the budget, appointments to committees, staff reports and appointments, reports from representatives including the Friends World Committee for Consultation Triennial in New Zealand. There are name changes and some items carried over from last year. We will discern action involving a corporate restructure plan and for a change in the use of the Freedman's Fund. The advance documents, which will be available on line, contain the business agenda including the committee work done this year and all actions we are asked to consider.

Please hold the theme and those of us who help organize the Annual Sessions in your prayers. Come with hearts and minds prepared to seek how God is calling us to respond to the needs of our neighbors.

Nancy Haines, Sessions Committee Clerk

WE ARE PARTICULARLY EXCITED about Sessions this year (our 344th annual gathering!). Our theme from the Gospel of Matthew arose from prayerful consideration of our ongoing concern with racism, but this passage offers us a much broader challenge.

At the root is our desire to be a sup-

porter in meeting for worship for the transaction of business.

New England Yearly Meeting has nine programmed meetings, and the pastors of some of these meetings will present the daily Bible Half-Hours and the intergenerational worship on Sunday morning. The pastoral meetings are an often forgotten minority in New England; this is an opportunity to appreciate the special gifts brought to the whole yearly meeting by the pastors and the meetings that support them in ministry.

We are restructuring registration to make the process more welcoming. This year there will be both a registrar and a housing coordinator to handle problems
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Vanessa Julye (left), Central Philadelphia (PA) Monthly Meeting & **Donna McDaniel** (right), Framingham (MA) Friends Meeting, will share some of their research on the relationship between Friends and African Americans—Quaker and non-Quaker—over the years, in the Saturday night keynote at Sessions. They believe that telling the truth about our past opens the way to the future we want to create with our sisters and brothers of African descent.

Photo: Jonathan Vogel-Borne



NEYM Pastors, (left to right), Janice Gibson & Michael Wozich, Windham (ME) MM, Maggie Edmondson, Winthrop Center (ME) MM, Marnie Miller-Gutsell, Smithfield (RI) MM, Peter Crysdale, Allen's Neck (MA) MM, and Jim Douglas, Durham (ME) MM, [not pictured, Steven Terrell, Dartmouth at Smith Neck (MA) MM] will lead us in the Bible Half Hours and in Sunday worship.

Sessions 2004, "And who is my neighbor?" (continued)

should they arise. Ministry and Counsel will have listeners available on Saturday for those who arrive on campus under stress or who need to talk over a concern before they can fully enter into the spirit of sessions. There will be an increased focus on volunteering this year. We urge each person to donate several hours in service to their neighbors at sessions by working at the bookstore, driving the shuttle, carrying trays, helping out under the tent for afternoon choices. A volunteer coordinator will be available at registration with a full range of ideas.

Bryant College is welcoming us back this summer. The campus is nicer than ever and this year we will not have to share the campus with the New England Patriots and their fans. Bryant has several new buildings, lovely landscaping, and a pool! The dorms and

meeting rooms are air conditioned, which we can fully appreciate after our two years on other campuses. The Unistucture with our plenary room, meeting rooms, and dining hall, has also been remodeled with many improvements for accessibility.

Please don't stay away from sessions if finances are a challenge. We are blessed with a strong Equalization Fund to help those who don't have the money to pay the fees. Equalization can pay up to 75% of the total fees if you apply by the deadline. I encourage Friends to contribute to this fund if you can (line "L" on the registration form) when you send in your registration.

With God's loving guidance, we can grow as a faith community and use this experience to strengthen our monthly meetings. I look forward to seeing each of you in August.

Sessions Announcements

Youth Program Health Forms—Required!

One Youth Program Health Form is included in the enclosed registration materials. You must submit a signed Health Form for each child to the Registrar before Sessions. No family or Young Friend with a sponsor will be registered for Sessions until the Registrar receives a completed Health Form for each child. Please help by:

1. Filling out one Health Form for each child or Young Friend.
2. Making sure that a parent or guardian signs the form.
3. Returning the form to the Registrar with your other registration materials; **do not mail after July 23rd**, bring Health Forms to registration check-in!

All the information included on the Health Forms is confidential and only available, as necessary, to adults working directly with your children. Please photocopy the enclosed Health Form as needed, go to the NEYM website, neym.org, to download a ".pdf" copy of the form, or contact the NEYM Office for more copies.

Surviving NEYM Sessions with MCS

Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) is a chronic illness caused by exposure to harmful chemicals in our environment and can trigger varying degrees of allergic reactions from severe headache, nausea and confusion, to the tightening of the throat and breathing difficulties.

Those of us with MCS need the cooperation of Friends attending Sessions. We often exert quite a bit of energy at Yearly Meeting

Sessions coping with environmental problems when we really want to concentrate on deepening our spiritual growth as Quakers and being of service to Yearly Meeting.

Please do not bring strongly scented products such as shampoos, cream rinses, body soap, hair spray, hair gel, hand and body lotions as well as laundry soap, dryer sheets, after shave, perfumes and colognes. Instead we ask that you use unscented options which are available in most brands or come as simply as possible. We hope to be able to provide some free samples and small containers of products we know to be safe. We also ask that Friends facilitating workshops, committees, or interest groups be aware of these conditions and try to be as accommodating as possible. Sometimes there are simple solutions such as making sure rooms are aired out, copying materials in advance, use non-toxic markers such as Crayola markers for paper and white board. Also be aware of any environmental problems that might pose difficulties such as newly painted rooms, new carpet, new fabric on chairs or any other building materials with harsh chemicals.

This year we have a townhouse that will be as fragrance/chemically free as possible. This will meet the needs of Friends with MCS and other related illnesses. We are hoping that other Friends who choose not to use scented products will join us.

We understand that Friends cannot support a completely safe environment, howev-



Bryant College—Smithfield, Rhode Island

Photo: Courtesy Bryant College

er we are asking for your support in helping to make Sessions a healthier place for all of us. We are grateful for the ongoing support we have receive from NEYM and look forward to attending Sessions.

—Jean Lawrence, Northampton (MA) MM
& Lee Hamilton, Yarmouth (MA) PM

Help for families with children and teens with disabilities to attend NEYM Annual Sessions

NEYM Ministry & Counsel's Disabilities and Accessibility Subcommittee is looking for ways to make the Annual Sessions more open to people with a variety of special needs. In addition to accessibility issues such as mobility, chemical sensitivities, hearing and vision impairments, the Subcommittee is beginning to address the concerns of families with children and teens with disabilities. When registering for Sessions, parents of these families can indicate particulars of their situation in the "Accessibility Needs" section of the registration form. A Subcommittee member will call the family to discuss ways to make Sessions work better for them.

2004 ANNUAL SESSIONS ADVANCE INFORMATION

Saturday, August 7 – Thursday, August 12, 2004 • Bryant College, Smithfield, RI

ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is June 30, 2004.

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT (VCRs, tape recorders, & slide-tape units) is available on a limited basis. Please bring your own if possible.

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 complete registration form to the NEYM Registrar postmarked by June 30, 2004. Do not mail after July 23rd. Contact Nancy Isaacs, Equalization Committee Clerk, 603/532-8328 • nancy@isaacs.mv.com.

NO PETS PERMITTED on the Bryant College campus.

SALE AND CONSIGNMENT ITEMS will be located in the Bookstore. Contact, Marian Dalton, NEYM Bookstore Manager, 207/725-8216 • nightmare@suscom-maine.net.

SPACE FOR EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK must be requested by June 30, 2004. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • neym@neym.org.

SPECIAL-REQUEST MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS are made through the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • neym@neym.org.

PLEASE BE FRAGRANCE FREE at NEYM Sessions. Chemical sensitivities make some Friends very ill when they are exposed to scented products. Please do not use 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 click on "Annual Sessions 2004," or contact the Registrar.

CHILD CARE 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: Kate Kerman, 603/876-4562 • kkerman@phoenixfarm.org.

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. Parents & children orientation Saturday, 3:00 PM. Coordinator: Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638 • welees@comcast.net.

JUNIOR HIGHERS (entering grades 7–9) program is similar to JYM, with additional activities. Parents & children orientation Saturday, 3:45 PM. Coordinators: Amy Lee-Vieira 617/770-9855 • alee3@boston.k12.ma.us and Buddy Baker-Smith, 508/997-0940 • baker-smiths@prodigy.net.

YOUNG FRIENDS (entering grade 10 through 2004 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: Chris Jorgenson, 617/625-4494 • cmjorgens@aol.com.

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. Coordinator: Karen Armstrong, 508/754-6760 • adminyaf@neym.org.

YEARLY MEETING OFFICE moves to Bryant College on Tuesday, 8/3/2004. Sessions NEYM Office phone at Bryant College is 401/719-7896. For emergencies (24 hrs.) call Public Safety: 401/232-6001.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

➤ **MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM & ALL FEES**, [minimum to register, \$75 per form—or, if less, your total fees] to: Laurel Swan, NEYM Registrar, 29 Woods Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002 • 860/243-2217 • registrar@neym.org. Checks payable to NEYM. **DISCOUNT POST-MARKED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2004. SEND NO MAIL AFTER JULY 23rd**, go to neym.org or contact the Registrar.

➤ CHECK-IN

8/7 **Saturday** (Hall 16 Lobby)10:00 AM — 5:00 PM
9:00 PM — 10:00 PM

8/8–11 **Sunday to Wednesday**.....10:30 AM — 12:00 PM
(Rotunda, Unistructure) 4:00 PM — 5:30 PM

➤ CHECK-OUT (return room keys to Bryant College staff)

8/8–11 **Sunday to Wednesday**.....10:30 AM — 12:00 PM
(Rotunda, Unistructure) 4:00 PM — 5:30 PM

8/12 **Thursday** (Hall 16 Lobby)8:00 AM — 2:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS (see insert on colored paper)

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

Attendees: Complete all information requested for each attendee.

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.

Campers: Bryant College has marked 18 on-campus sites for our use. These sites will be available on a first-come, first serve basis. Bathrooms and showers will be available in adjacent dormitories.

Commuter Meals: Groups of meals may be purchased in advance through the NEYM registration process, or individual meals may be purchased as you enter the dining hall.

CALCULATING FEES:

Line G: Total of the 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. Only members of Young Friends Ministry & Counsel may stay in the Young Friends Dorm on Friday night.

Line I: For a single rooms add \$35 per person for full-time participants or \$7/day for part-time.

Line J: Total fees on lines G–I

Line K: Enter a \$10 discount for each full-time fully paid adult (Young Friend and older) on registrations postmarked by June 30th.

Line L: Tax deductible contributions to the Equalization Fund are gratefully accepted.


Line M: \$75 (or if less, your total fees) is the minimum amount to enclose with this form and is not refundable.

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

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

ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND FORMS are available from the NEYM website, neym.org, or contact the NEYM registrar.


2004 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

Saturday, August 7	Sunday, August 8	Monday, August 9	Tuesday, August 10	Wednesday, August 11	Thursday, August 12
<p>9:30 Permanent Board (<i>Janikies Auditorium, Unistructure</i>)</p> <p>9:30 Ministry & Counsel (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations</i>)</p> <p>10:00 Registration begins (<i>Hall 16 Lobby</i>) (<i>Bring your own lunch or eat off campus. The Dining Hall is not available</i>)</p> <p>1:00 – 2:45 Committee meetings (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations</i>)</p> <p>3:00 – 4:15 Parent/Sponsors & Youth Orientations for all youth programs and childcare (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations</i>)</p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 Orientation for first-time attenders (<i>Janikies Auditorium, Unistructure</i>)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner (<i>Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistructure</i>)</p> <p>5:00 Registration closes</p> <p>6:45 Opening Session (all ages) (<i>Location TBD</i>)</p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children & youth staff leave</p> <p>7:45 Keynote Address Vanessa Julye & Donna McDaniel</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 Registration continues</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 Meeting for Worship (<i>Location TBD</i>)</p> <p>Worship & Singing (all ages) NEYM Pastors Junior YM leaves (9:45)</p> <p>Bible Half Hour NEYM Pastors</p> <p>Unprogrammed Worship</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business State of Society (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>2:15 – 4:00 “Power Sing” (all ages) Nick Page (<i>Rotunda, Unistructure</i>)</p> <p>4:15 USFW (United Society of Friends Women) Program: Mary Juma, Kenyan Rural Service Project (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 Open meeting to hear concerns sponsored by Ministry & Counsel (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location</i>)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>6:15 Orientation for first-time attenders (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location</i>)</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>9:00 Interest groups (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for topics and locations</i>)</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 Workshops</p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Open meeting to hear concerns</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Open meeting to hear concerns</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>9:00 Interest groups</p> <p>Contra dance</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 Workshops</p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Open meeting to hear concerns</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>7:45 Tuesday Night—Spiritual Journey Diana Abdel Nour</p> <p>9:00 Interest groups</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 Workshops</p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Open meeting to hear concerns</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>9:00 Interest groups</p> <p>Coffee house</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 Check-out begins (<i>Hall 16 Lobby</i>)</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:00 Closing worship (all ages) Epistles of all NEYM groups (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>12:00 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 Permanent Board (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>2:00 Check-out ends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business agenda is available upon arrival. For advance information, go to neym.org or call the NEYM office 508/754-6760. • Additions to the schedule during Sessions announced in the <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS</i>.
					
<h2>Youth Program Schedules</h2>					
<p>Childcare</p> <p>Su: 8:30-11:45 AM, & 1:15-5:00 PM M-W: 8:15-11:45 AM, & 1:15-5:00 PM Th: 8:15-11:45 AM</p> <p>Young Friends day & evening program</p>					
<p>Junior YM & Juniors meet</p> <p>Sa: 7:30-9 PM; Su: 9:45-11:45 AM, & 7-9 PM M-W: 8:30-11:45 AM, & 7-9 PM Th: 8:30-11:45 AM</p>					
<p>* YEARLY MEETING NEWS is published Sat., Mon., Tue., & Wed. mornings.</p> <p>** Early Worship programmed, healing, unprogrammed, unity with nature. (<i>For locations see the YEARLY MEETING NEWS</i>)</p>					

2004 Annual Sessions Registration & Housing Form

Saturday, August 7 – Thursday, August 12, 2004, Bryant College, Smithfield, RI

Form #: _____

Household Information			Program						Housing				Fees						
(Use codes on reverse & below — worship sharing & workshop listings in The NE Friend)																			
Please indicate by  next to the names below, choice of roommates for a double room. For roommates not listed below, indicate at choice code "g" under "Special Housing Needs" on backside of form. Please complete both sides of this form.			Date of Birth	Gender (M or F)	Child's grade, Fall 2004	1 st time at NEYM?	Accessibility Needs Code(s)	Volunteer Choice Code(s)	Worship Sharing #	Monday Workshop #	Tuesday Workshop #	Wednesday Workshop #	Day of Arrival (e.g., Sat, Sun)	Day of Departure (Wed, Thu)	Rm./Brd./Fees Choice Code	Camper (18 sites on-campus)	Commuter	Special Housing Needs Code	Enter the total dollar figure for your Rm./Brd./Fees Choice
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Registrant's Information (one form per household)

Family Last Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local Meeting(s): _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

indicate family member

E-mail: _____

indicate family member

I will download NEYM advance documents from the NEYM website, neym.org

Total Fees
(add lines A – F) \$ G

Friday night non-staff, \$30/adult–\$20/child
Name(s): \$ H

Add \$35/full-time or \$7/day part-time
for each single room requested above \$ I

Total
(add lines G – I) \$ J

If form postmarked by June 30th, subtract
\$10 for each fully paid, full-time adult \$ K

Equalization Fund Contribution
(help others attend NEYM Sessions) \$ L

Amount enclosed
(minimum \$75, or, if less, your total fees) \$ M

Less Sessions Staff/Speakers Credit(s)
Position(s): \$ N

Balance Due Upon Arrival
check payable to NEYM \$

Room, Board, & Program Fees (enter on lines A – F above) Bring **ALL** bedding — pillow, blanket, sheets, towels. Also fan, lamp, mug, cloth napkin.

Residents in Dormitories

Choice code	Dollar Amount
1 Adult full-time	\$345
2 Adult part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch) per night	\$70
3 Young Adult Friend Dorm full-time	\$345
4 Young Adult Friend Dorm part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$70
5 Young Friend (entering grade 10 – graduating seniors) full-time	\$345
6 Young Friend part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$70
7 Child with bed (age 3 – entering grade 9) full-time	\$190
8 Child on floor (age 3 – entering grade 9) full-time	\$105
9 Child part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$40

Campers & Commuters*

code	Dollar Amount
10 Adult (Young Friend & older) camper/commuter full-time all meals	\$255
11 Adult commuter full-time (no meals)	\$115
12 Adult, camper per night or commuter per day , part-time with 3 meals	\$50
13 Adult commuter part-time per day (no meals)	\$20
14 Child (age 4 – entering grade 9) camper/commuter full-time all meals	\$145
15 Child commuter full-time (no meals)	\$50
16 Child, camper per night or commuter per day , part-time with 3 meals	\$30
17 Child commuter part-time per day (no meals)	\$10

*Camping—18 sites on-campus. Commuters can purchase meals at dining hall

\$10 Discount for full-time, adult (Young Friend & older) participants **only on fully paid registrations** postmarked on or before **Wednesday, June 30, 2004**

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

Sessions staff will contact you for specific assignments

Choice code

- a Registration check-in
- b Junior Yearly Meeting (K-6th 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 (\$35/full-time or \$7/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

Mail completed form, Youth Health Forms, and check for ALL costs—\$75 (or if less, your total fees) is the minimum amount due with this form—**payable to New England Yearly Meeting to:**

Laurel Swan, NEYM Registrar, 29 Woods Road,
Bloomfield, CT 06002 • 860/243-2217 • registrar@neym.org

Do not mail after July 23rd go to neym.org or contact the Registrar

More information and copies of all forms available at neym.org

2004 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 th)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

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, 2004, support from the Equalization Fund may be limited to 50% of your costs, if funds are still available. **Do not mail after July 23rd** contact the Registrar.

Questions? Contact Nancy Isaacs, Equalization Committee Clerk, 603/532-8328 • nancy@isaacs.mv.com

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

\$10 Discount for full-time, adult (Young Friend & older) participants **only on fully paid registrations** postmarked on or before **Wednesday, June 30, 2004**

Youth Program Health Form

2004 New England Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

One child per form — photocopy this as needed or download copies from neym.org

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.** No family or Young Friend with a sponsor will be registered for Sessions until the Registrar receives a completed Health Form for each child. Do not mail after July 23rd. Contact the appropriate Coordinator with any questions or concerns:

- Childcare:** Birth to pre-Kindergarten: Kate Kerman, 603/876-4562 • kkerman@phoenixfarm.org
Junior Yearly Meeting: Grades K–6: Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638 • welees@comcast.net
Jr. High Yearly Meeting: Grades 6–8: Buddy Baker-Smith, 508/997-0940 • baker-smiths@prodigy.net & Amy Lee-Vieira, 617/770-9855 • alee3@boston.k12.ma.us
Young Friends: Grades 9–12: Chris Jorgenson, 617/625-4494 • cmjorgens@aol.com & Lisa Graustein, 617/740-9377 • Lisa_G@theworld.com

Child's name: _____ Birth date: _____ Grade Completed: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Co.: _____

Plan/Policy #: _____ In whose name: _____

Family Doctor Name _____ Phone #: _____

Sessions Adult sponsor, if not Parent/Guardian: _____

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 Jr. 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 is confidential information 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.

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Please complete both sides of this form—Submit 2004 Youth Program Health Form to Registrar—Do not mail after July 23rd

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 _____, 2004

(Parent's/Legal Guardian's signature)

(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)

Worship Sharing Groups — Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 3:15 – 4:15pm

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

WORSHIP 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. The Yearly Meeting reaches out to visiting Cuban 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, 1:30 – 3pm

9. **The Mystical Voice: Encounters with the God of our Experiences.** Susan P. Davies. **M Tu W** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C)].
We may sometimes miss God's messages because they seem so numbingly mundane yet at other times we are transported beyond all apparent boundaries by the transcendent beauty of the world around us or by inexplicable synchronicities. For some the invading power of the Presence may shake the very foundations of our understanding of reality. Let us find ways to speak of such things. (Adults & Youth. 3 day attendance encouraged.)
10. **Natural Inspiration and Expression.** Suzanne Frechette. **M Tu W** [New England Friends in Unity With Nature (NEFUN)].
Designed to open ourselves to Nature. We will observe then draw, paint, or write in response. Weather permitting, we will meet outside. Please bring your own supplies. Participants encouraged to share and reflect on their work. (Adults & Youth, limit 15)
11. **The Love and Care of Small Meetings.** Susan Reilly. **M Tu W** [M&C].
Join with others concerned for the spiritual health and vitality of small meetings. Share the joys and challenges small meetings face. We hope to establish lasting connections and discover the supports of the wider community available to those called to serve the small meeting. (3 day attendance encouraged.)
12. **Clerking: Letting the Light Shine In.** Richard Ristow. **M Tu W** [M&C].
If Friends are "practical mystics", the joining of "practical" and "mystical" is particularly pronounced in Friends business practice. We will explore and discuss the practical, always from the view that the practical techniques are there to offer room for the Light.
13. **Faith & Practice.** **M Tu W** [Faith & Practice Revisions Committee]
How does *Faith & Practice* function as a guide for your meeting, personal, family, and business life? Does it offer appropriate guidance, helpful queries, enough clarity and yet enough openness to embrace the different strands of Quakerism in New England? We will listen to our experience with and reflection upon these topics, but will not be presenting any draft text for consideration. *Monday:* Beliefs & testimonies. *Tuesday:* Membership. *Wednesday:* Marriage and committed relationships. (3 day attendance encouraged.)
14. **Globalization.** **M Tu W** [Peace and Social Concerns (P&SC)].
Monday: Bruce Gagnon, "U.S. Space Command: The military arm of corporate globalization." *Tuesday:* Tom Jackson, "Attacking the Commons: Nicaraguan opposition to 'privatization.'" *Wednesday:* Don McNemar, "Quaker Values and perspective on the global economy."
15. **Friends United Meeting's (FUM's) Vision of Global Partnership.** Mary Kay Rehard & Patrick Nugent. **M Tu W** [FUM].
"Friends from the United States began overseas missionary work over a hundred years ago. They are now outnumbered by Friends in East Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean. As a faithful international community, we seek to model the body of Christ. We recognize that we are dependent on each other and need to receive each others' gifts. We work together to celebrate the Kingdom of God among us in genuine global partnership." Mary Kay and Patrick are FUM field staff in Kenya. (Adults & Youth. 3 day attendance encouraged.)
16. **Early Friends & Aboriginal Peoples in America. A Journey through Journals.** Ralph Greene. **M Tu W** [M&C].
Early Friends were noted for keeping journals of their spiritual experiences as well as details of their experiences in ministry. Contact with First Nations people proved to be a means of putting Quaker and Christian testimonies to work. Quaker Journals from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries will be examined and discussed. (3 day attendance encouraged.)
17. **How Do I Recognize My "Neighbor?"** Jean-Marie Prestwidge Barch. **M Tu W** [Friends General Conference (FGC)].
Consider questions of relationship with the Light within and the ways in which racial identity and racism get in the way of fully exploring our connections with our neighbors and our Friends. (Adults & Youth. 3 day attendance encouraged.)
18. **Decade to Overcome Violence.** Tom Paxson. **M Tu W** [FGC].
Learn about the World Council of Churches Decade to Overcome Violence. Explore the spiritual foundations of such an endeavor. Review the initiatives of other member churches and put together a packet for Quaker meetings. (Adult & Youth. 3 day attendance encouraged.)

Two-day workshops — Monday/Tuesday & Tuesday/Wednesday 1:30 – 3pm

19. **Carpe Diem: Living with our Mortality.** Fran Brokaw. **M Tu** [Aging].
Worship, prayer and music will guide us as we examine our experiences and beliefs. *Monday:* Experiences of loss, grieving and growth. *Tuesday:* Facing death, finding hope.
20. **Journaling, a Quaker Tradition.** Dorothy Zug. **M Tu** [M&C].
The practice of journaling is an individual matter and need not be done according to any particular method. We will discuss journaling, in general, and try out several different approaches. (Adults only)
21. **Ministering to Injustice.** Holly Baldwin. **M Tu** [Young Adult Friends].
Examining ways Friends can minister to injustices in the prisons. *Monday:* Nancy Shippen shares about inmates she has met who struggle to address and overcome their own and others' racism. *Tuesday:* Hear from and share with Springfield Corrections volunteer coordinator, and others who have ministered in prison. (Adult & Youth, limit 25)
22. **"I pray for the defeat of my country." Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Journey: Pacifism, Nonviolence and Resistance.** Nancy Lukens & Martin Rumscheidt. **M Tu** [P&SC].
Sure of the imperative of Christian faith to resist the systemic violence and atrocities being committed by the Nazis, Bonhoeffer's faith led him down a path of resistance involving conspiracy against Hitler and eventual imprisonment and execution. What can Quakers learn from this journey?
23. **Whose Water Is It?** Denise Hart & Arnie Alpert. **M Tu** [M&C & NEFUN].
Where does your water come from? Who owns it? Explore right-sharing of water, a most precious resource all life depends on. Denise will share her leading to work with a community group to stop a bottled water company. Arnie will share about worldwide efforts to stop corporate takeover of water. Please bring a small container of water from where you live.
24. **Building an Independent Society Depends on an Independent Media.** Frances Crowe & Carl Doerner. **Tu W** [P&SC].
What can Friends do today to address this issue in our communities? *Tuesday:* Carl Doerner, independent reporter & writer, will join us for a presentation. *Wednesday:* We will view and discuss the film "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised."

#23 note change from print version, now *Mon/Tues*

2004 Afternoon Worship Sharing and Workshops

Two-day workshops — Tuesday/Wednesday, 1:30 – 3pm (Except for workshop #26)

25. **Globalization and Environment: Learning Tools for Meetings.** Molly Anderson, Ruah Swennerfelt, Mark Fraser. **W ONLY!** [NEFUN, Christian Ed].

Economic globalization impacts the environment, and connects with racism, poverty and humanitarian crises. We will introduce to *Earthcare for Adults. A Study Guide for Friends Meetings & Churches* (copies avail-

able), and discuss discernment practices for responding to economic and environmental globalization.

Monday & Wednesday

26. **The Oral History Project: Preserving the Knowledge, Wisdom and Experiences of Elder Friends.** Karen Will and Committee on Aging. **M & W** [Aging].

Our meeting's older members have a wealth of wisdom and experiences to share. This workshop will train interested Friends in the process of recording, preserving and sharing oral history. Participants should bring the tool(s) you would use: tape recorder, camcorder or Pen 'n pad, and will conduct an actual interview between the two workshop days. (Jr. High to Adults)

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

Monday

27. **Continuing the Keynote Conversation.** Donna McDaniel. **M** [M&C Working Party on Racism (M&C WP on Racism)].

Join a follow-up conversation about the keynote lecture on the relationship of Friends of European descent and African Americans over the years. Share responses to queries the speakers offer on just where Friends stand today in living their testimony of equality and what stands in the way of our working fully for racial justice.

28. **New Perspectives on Clearness Committees.** Judith Graham. **M** [M&C].

Brief look at historical context of clearness committees. Then look at use of clearness committees today and what we need to be effective members of such committees. Review of visioning and using perspectives, being curious for the sake of learning, asking powerful questions, "staying the course" and dealing with our own discomfort. (Adults & Youth)

29. **Grounded in Faith: Teaching Young Quaker Children about the Integrity Testimony.** Jean McCandless. **M** [Christian Education].

Teaching 5-8 year olds the testimony that challenges us to be Truth-full and to act with integrity in all aspects of our daily lives. (Adults & Youth)

30. **Between the Generations.** Chris Jorgenson. **M** [Young Friends].

In the interest of getting to know and communicate with our adult Friends and neighbors, Young Friends are leading a workshop about age and spirituality in a "fish bowl" format. We want to hear from you so come with an open mind and heart. (Adults & Youth).

31. **Simple Healing Massage.** John Calvi. **M** [M&C].

Simple clothes-on massages to rest, restore, and reenergize vital energies in a noisy and violent world which asks much of us. Come learn tools for restoration. Give and receive. (Adults & Youth)

32. **Concrete Steps to Address Racism that your Monthly Meeting Can Take.** Dwight Lopes. **M** [M&C WP on Racism].

Come share your ideas and find out what other MM's are doing to address racism in ourselves, our meetings and in society. We will have packets of materials to help you get started in your monthly meeting. (Adults & Youth)

32. **A Friend's Journey through Israel and Palestine.** Lisa Graustein **M** [FUM].

See slides and hear about one Friend's expe-

~~riences in Israel and Palestine as part of an FUM trip this summer. The presentation will cover some basic history of the region, an overview of some of the different peace activist groups, and updates on the work of the Ramallah Friends School. This workshop will be more of a personal sharing of experiences & relationships and less about politics and national policy. (Adults & Youth) **Cancelled**~~

Tuesday

34. **Including the Special Needs Children in your First Day Program.** Jean McCandless. **Tu** [Christian Education, M&C Subcommittee on Disabilities].

Interactive workshop for those who want to effectively include special needs children in First Day School programs. (Adults & Youth)

35. **Energy Work.** John Calvi. **Tu** [M&C].

Learn simple energy work to reduce fear, lessen pain, and deepen sleep for yourself or a friend. Lie on the floor or sit in a chair. Easy, reliable, reverent. (Adults & Youth)

36. **Developing a Quaker "Coming of Age" Process.** Martha McManamy. **Tu** [M&C].

In what ways do we walk with our preteens and teens on their spiritual paths as they make the transition from childhood to adulthood? What clear signposts are we providing our young people as they make this transition? Can we envision a "coming of age" that might encourage our young people to embrace the Quaker faith as they grow up? (Adults & Youth)

37. **Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) Program.** Don McNemar. **Tu** [P&SC].

QUNO supports peace, women's rights, human rights campaigns and economic development. How can we work to further these values? (Adult & Youth)

38. **Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Half-way House.** Peterson Toscano. **Tu** [Young Friends].

Actor/storyteller Peterson Toscano uses humor, jargon, and eye-witness accounts to lead a "tour" of a 12-step residential program that attempts to save men from homosexuality, based on his real life experience with ex-gay ministries. The performance and discussion will look at what it means to "come out" and the communal commitment required. (Adult & Youth)

39. **Reparations: The Legacy of Slavery and NEYM's Freedman's Fund.** James Varner. **Tu** [Committee on Racial, Economic & Social Justice].

New England Yearly Meeting administers a fund to educate descendants of slaves. Is it time to divest of these moneys? We will be talking about NEYM's position and concern about reparations to African Americans.

Wednesday

40. **Prayer Shawl.** Dorothy Zug. **W** [M&C].

Loving one's neighbor and knitting combine into a ministry that reaches those in need of comfort, love, and healing. Both giver and receiver feel the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, nurturing God. Each participant should bring 3 skeins of Lion Brand Home-spun, or 185 yards of other bulky yarn and size 11 needles. Materials available at the workshop. Knitting directions supplied.

41. **An Introduction to Godly Play.** Laurie Rizzo. **W** [Christian Education].

Godly Play is an approach to religious education centered around the telling of a story. We will taste and reflect upon one of the stories. (Adults & Youth)

42. **The Why & How of Less Toxic Living.** Liberty Goodwin. **W** [M&C Disabilities Subcommittee].

Chemical sensitivities to the huge increase in synthetic chemicals gives rise to illness—asthma, allergies, ADHD, MCS, cancer. Review of routes into the body, neurological effects, health issues, environmental concerns and effective responses.

43. **Our Prison Neighbors.** Nancy Shippen. **W** [M&C].

Biblical tradition, historical Quaker work and current issues in the prisons. The spiritual journeys and wisdom of some inmates. What can we learn from such work? From those who are imprisoned?

44. **Meeting for Healing.** John Calvi. **W** [M&C].

This will be a meeting for healing with hands-on energy work for all who are called to receive and/or to give, complete with guidelines and historic and current background. (Adults & Youth)

45. **Restorative Justice: The Language of Apology.** Shelby Grantham. **W** [M&C WP on Racism].

Brainstorming on a public apology from NEYM to Black Americans for slavery and to Native Americans for treachery and genocide. What would such apologies look like if NEYM were to decide to make them? (Adults & Youth, limit 12)

Around the Yearly Meeting

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

• **Acadia (ME) Monthly Meeting (MM)** is encouraging the local implementation of Maine legislation that mandates teaching Wabanaki history and culture in all Maine schools. The meeting will donate a copy of the American Friends Service Committee's (AFSC's) book, *The Wabanaki of Maine and the Maritimes* to each of the five schools on Mt. Desert Island. The meeting will follow up their gift by visiting each school, requesting a few minutes of time at a teacher's meeting to mention the book's uses, and to make sure that the book will be placed in a readily accessible location. The AFSC Wabanaki Committee hopes that other meetings might do something similar.

• **Westport (MA) MM** approved hosting a series of "Conversation Cafés." The Cafés, a project sponsored by the New Road Map Foundation (conversationcafe.org), are "open, hosted drop-in conversations among people with diverse views, but a shared passion for engaging with others." The project prospectus notes, "brevity when talking and care when listening—with a generous dash of compassion, respect and curiosity—can

make anything good for a great conversation." **Allen's Neck (MA) MM** is eager to be a part of the monthly cafés.

• **Plainfield (VT) MM** established a new standing Committee on End-of-Life Issues, formerly a subcommittee of their Ministry & Counsel. The committee is charged with planning and oversight of the meeting's memorial garden and with education of the meeting community.

• **Vassalboro (ME) MM** organized "Aging with Joy and Grace: A Retreat for Everyone Alive." A number of Friends from other meetings in the Quarter joined with Vassalboro Friends to tell stories, share information on the preparation of wills, Medicare, last wishes, and living wills.

• **Storrs (CT) MM** is holding a series of "Sustainability Fairs" to celebrate the earth and to raise awareness around living ecologically sustainable lives. The meeting held an Intergenerational Fun Night where activity groups were formed around air (music), water (painting), and fire and earth (dance & movement). Each group prepared a part of a grand celebration of the earth, by cre-

ating a colorful banner, singing songs, drumming, and dancing.

• **Northampton (MA) MM's** Young Friends are raising \$1000 for the Central Committee for Conscientious Objection by organizing a "Rent-A-Friend," service for the meeting. Young Friends will be available for "rent" to do 1 to 2 hours of light yard or housework, babysitting, or odd jobs.

• **Framingham (MA) MM's** First Day School Committee sponsored a meeting wide conversation and reflection on NEYM's eighth Query on the Care of Children within the Meeting. Queries have been the First Day School's theme this year.



Framingham (MA) Meetinghouse

Artwork: Courtesy Framingham MM

In other Quaker news

Mary Dyer Day at East Sandwich, MA

At 7pm, 6/1/2004, at the East Sandwich (MA) Meetinghouse on Cape Cod, Jessa Piaia will perform "Mary Dyer: Colonial Rebel Quaker" as part of the meeting's annual commemoration of Mary Dyer's hanging on Boston Common in 1660.

Woolman Hill's 50th Anniversary!

On 6/26/2004, come celebrate Woolman Hill Conference Center's 50 years of service and take part in the dedication of the lovingly restored North Dartmouth Meetinghouse. Contact, Woolman Hill, 107 Keets Road, Deerfield, MA 01342 • 413/774-3431 • info@woolmanhill.org

Friends Camp 2004

NEYM's Friends Camp, in China, ME, is a residential, co-ed summer camp for young people ages 7–17. Campers choose elective programs that are offered each day. Program

choices include drama, ceramics, photography, sports, day trips and waterfront activities. Friend's values and ethics are the foundations of our community. Campers take leadership roles for building community through group discussions consensus, work projects and daily meetings for business and worship. Sign up today. Camperships available. Contact, Nat Shed, Director, 207/445-2361 • www.friendscamp.org

Hosting Cuban Friends

The Puente de Amigos committee reports that both the U.S. and Cuban governments have become slower in giving permission for Cubans to visit the U.S. We therefore need to be more flexible in planning for Cuban visitors. The committee would like to hear from meetings and individuals who can help with hosting, including visitation opportunities at regular or special, short notice events, translation skills at any level, home hospi-

tality, and transportation between meetings. Contact Doug or Ann Armstrong, 978-425-4620 • wannarms@yahoo.com

3rd Annual Woolman Hill "Friend-zy"

The "Friend-zy," 8/26–29/2004, is four days of camping, community, and intergenerational fun. We'll be singing, worshipping, swimming, playing games, story-telling, and more. Reasonable rates and financial aid available. Contact, Woolman Hill, 107 Keets Road, Deerfield, MA 01342 • 413/774-3431 • info@woolmanhill.org

BHFH Assistant Director sought

Beacon Hill Friends House is accepting applications for Assistant Director, a full-time, live-in position available 8/15/2004. Duties include clerical, hospitality, financial management, preparation of a newsletter and some development work. Contact Margaret Hart, 617/227-9118 • directors@bhfh.org

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May 2004

30 Dover QM – W. Epping/Gonic MM (NH)

June 2004

4–6 Ministers & Elders – Woolman Hill, MA
 5–6 Northwest QM – Farm & Wilderness (VT)
 12 Committee Day – Wellesley FM (MA)
 18–20 YAF Retreat – Portland MM (ME)

July 2004

3–10 Friends General Conference Gathering – Amherst, MA
 8–11 United Society of Friends Women International – Greensboro, NC
 18 RI-Smithfield QM – Providence MM (RI)
 24 Falmouth QM – Location, TBA
 24 Sandwich QM – Mattapoisett MM (MA)
 30–31 Stillness Retreat – Monadnock MM (NH) [For info: Kate Kerman, 603/876-4562 or kkerman@phoenixfarm.org]

August 2004

7–12 YM Sessions – Bryant College, Smithfield RI
Theme: “And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29)
 19–22 FGC RE Institute – Silver Lake, NY
 29 Dover QM – Location, TBA

September 2004

10–12 Vassalboro QM Gathering – Friends Camp (ME)
 11–12 Northwest QM – Farm & Wilderness (VT)

17–19 Elementary Retreat – Woolman Hill, MA
 18 Ministry & Counsel – Location, TBA
 25 Sessions Committee – Location, TBA

October 2004

2–3 CT Valley QM Retreat – Woolman Hill, MA
 9 Committee Day – Location, TBA
 23 Falmouth QM – Windham FM (ME)
 23 Sandwich QM – Martha’s Vineyard MM (MA)
 30–31 RI-Smithfield QM retreat – Location, TBA
 31 Dover QM – Location, TBA
 31 Salem QM – FM at Cambridge (MA)

November 2004

6 Vassalboro QM – Midcoast MM (ME)
 12–14 Ministry & Counsel retreat – Woolman Hill, MA
 19–21 Elementary Retreat – Westport FM (MA)
 20 Permanent Board – Location, TBA

December 2004

4 Northwest QM – Location, TBA
 27–30 Young Friends Midwinter – Location, TBA

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