

Call to Yearly Meeting Sessions 2005

Business NOT as usual

Christopher McCandless, New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) Presiding Clerk

AND WHEN HIS DISCIPLES ASKED HIM WHAT THIS PARABLE meant, (Jesus) said... the seed is the word of God... And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. (Luke 8: 9-15)

As we gather this summer for our three hundred forty-fifth annual Sessions, New England Friends will have a special opportunity for corporate listening and discernment. Opening ourselves to hearing the word of God, we can be led to the fruits we might bring forth into this hungry world. With honest and good hearts, with patience for ourselves and one another, we will meet in silent worship, in prayer and song and fellowship, that God may find us and call us to new lives of witness and service.

As Americans, we are undeniably a part of a nation and a culture at war: with one another, with other nations and peoples,

and even with the earth itself. What does it mean to be a Quaker in these times and places? We know in our hearts that we are called to be peacemakers; perhaps we have even tasted the blessings of that difficult work. What is God calling us to do beyond the passing of minutes of concern or supporting the witness of a few courageous individuals?

Within our own small community of

Yearly Meeting, the chronic difficulty in finding Friends to do the work of our committees, recent changes in our staffing, and the realities of our finances have created among us a sense of both concern and possibility. Building on the prayerful deepening of our meetings for worship for the conduct of business in recent years, we trust that we will discover the resources to do the work—if we take the time to listen and to discern a greater unity to which the yearly meeting is called. Accordingly, the Sessions Committee has decided to set aside Sunday afternoon and evening, to meet in small and large groups, and as a gathered body, to focus on a few questions: Where is God calling us? What work has life and leading among us? What is the corporate nature of that work?

Join us. Be part of this important process. Plan to come for the five days of Sessions; bring with you a new attender from your monthly meeting. If you are only able to attend for the weekend, or even for the day on Sunday, please do come. In your small afternoon group, or in that evening's corporate gathering—in the ministry of words, or song, or silent and prayerful presence—to you might be given the opening the Spirit needs us all to hear.

Go and do likewise...

Carol Letson, Sessions Committee Clerk

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT YEARLY Meeting this year and about the opportunity to build on the conversations that came from the Parable of the Good Samaritan during last year's Sessions. The theme for this year is also from the Gospel of Luke and ties last year's theme with the Parable of the Sower "Go and do likewise"... hear the word of God, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." (Rising from Luke 10:37, 8:15) This theme rose from consideration of the interwoven and powerful messages shared last year, along with an attraction to the Parable of the Sower in calling us to hear the Word of God.

Our programs and speakers will

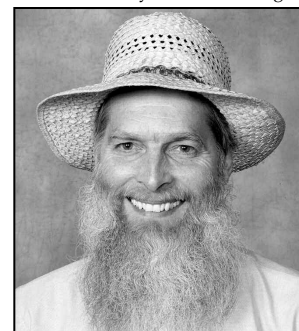
reflect various aspects of this theme. With the work and willingness of many we are ready to present the richness of offerings in our speakers and programs, worship groups and workshops.

Skip Schiel, long known among Friends in New England, will present the keynote address at the opening of Sessions. He will share his experiential faith in following a leading to participate in the Interfaith Pilgrimage for Peace and Life in 1995 and his continuing witness to peacemaking in areas of conflict. The keynote on Saturday will prepare the ground for the opportunities that follow.

We welcome Bible Half Hour speaker, Max Carter, director of Friends Center at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC, and a recorded minister in the North

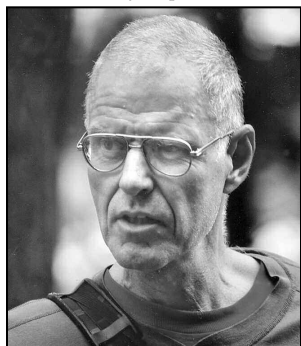
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Photo: Courtesy Guilford College



Max L. Carter, a recorded minister in North Carolina YM (Friends United Meeting), will give the Bible Half Hour talks. Max is director of Friends Center, Quaker Studies, and Campus Ministry at Guilford College and has also taught at the Ramallah Friends Schools, Earlham College, Friends Select and Friends Central.

Photo: Courtesy Skip Schiel



Skip Schiel, peripatetic photographer and witness to injustice and suffering locally and globally, will offer a multi-media presentation based on his various journeys to zones of conflict. His most recent trip, five months in Palestine and Israel, the land called Holy, the land called Promised, raised many difficult questions for him. He searches for the light—an inner light rendered visible by the camera, the light of wisdom, the divine light in us all—and with light will attempt to reveal some of the truths he discovered. Since his presentation is on the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima by the United States, as his conclusion and in conjunction with NEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee, he will invite the audience into a special remembrance.



Seeds of Peace, founded in 1993, is dedicated to empowering young leaders from regions of conflict with the leadership skills required to advance reconciliation and coexistence. On Tuesday, 8/9/05, several youth from the International Camp in Maine will join Young Friends program activities and then with the whole Yearly Meeting for an evening plenary.

Call to Yearly Meeting Sessions 2005: "Go and do likewise..." (continued)

Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM). Max Carter did his alternative service as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, teaching at the Ramallah Friends Schools in Palestine, where he continues to visit on occasion with his family. Max led the Bible Study at YouthQuake in 2003. On Sunday the Young Friends will lead us in an interactive, intergenerational meeting for worship, sharing their energy and spiritual community with the wider Yearly Meeting.

Tuesday evening will bring us an intergenerational opportunity to hear from a group of young people bearing witness to the success of their *Seeds of Peace* summer camp experience in Maine. In this program youth from many countries in conflict have met and learned from each other, gaining in knowledge and understanding. The seeds that have been sown in these young people have promise of bearing fruit in the future, and we will hear of their hopes and expectations. The Sessions schedule provides NEYM Young Friends and *Seeds of Peace* team members time to listen and learn from each other during their 24-hour stay with us on campus.

We continue to encourage new attenders to become involved in the richness of Yearly Meeting. To that end we are augmenting the ways we introduce first-time attenders to the Sessions offerings.

Additional orientation efforts are planned. If you know that new attenders are coming from your own meeting, we again encourage the planning for a mentor from your meeting for those newcomers. In this way we will encourage continuing participation at Sessions when newcomers have a successful first time experience.

Bryant University continues to provide a beautiful place for our multitude of activities. The campus has room for attendance to grow and we hope more families will be able to join us this August. We know how much children and families enjoyed the pool last summer. The dorms and meeting rooms are air conditioned, and are welcoming to those who are concerned about accessibility.

Please take advantage of the Equalization Fund that is available if the financial costs for Sessions is a challenge to you or your family. Equalization can pay up to 75% of the total fees if you apply by 6/30/05. Friends are also encouraged to contribute to this fund if you are able (see line "L" on the registration form).

The Sessions experience provides depth to our spiritual lives, richness in a shared experience, and wonderful opportunities for intergenerational events. The gift of the Sessions experience is carried home to strengthen and enrich our local meetings.

Sessions Announcements

A first-time attender's story

I want to encourage the participation of first time attenders at Yearly Meeting. Last year, I was such a first timer. The registration form offered several opportunities for attenders to help make the gathering work more smoothly. These included helping with registration, driving a transportation shuttle between the residences and the dining room for people who needed a lift, staffing the information desk and bookstore, carrying microphones during business sessions, helping with childcare, and lots of other opportunities.

I chose to sit at the registration desk and help find the registration materials as each attender arrived. The process was wonderfully planned, and all went well. There were still special cases, which needed the attention of the registrar or some other consideration. It was my job to help people find their way to the help they needed. (I didn't need to know anything complicated.) I had an opportunity to meet lots of people as they arrived.

I also helped with the dining room shuttle driving. Each morning, during breakfast, I waited outside the residence halls for Friends for whom the walk to the dining room was too long, and drove them to the back door (the point of closest approach by road). The shuttle program was also well thought out, and we had an orientation for drivers before the first use, showing us the preferred route and where the doors were. It was wonder-

ful to have a short time each day to visit with some Friends whom I otherwise would not have seen much of, and to get a view of how the week was going for them.

Volunteering was a wonderful way, for me, to participate more fully in the week as a first timer. Participation in these opportunities serves as a good orientation for new (and old) attenders at YM.

—Peter Letson, Mt. Toby (MA) MM

Get to know amazing Young Friends

As you are planning your time at Sessions—which workshops you'll attend, old and new F(f)riends you'll have meals with—think about taking some time to visit the Young Friends. The Young Friends meet daily for worship, business meeting, and program. They are also sponsoring two workshops, one on Monday and one on Tuesday. Coming as a Friendly, prayerful witness to their business or worship sessions, is a great way to get to tap into the spiritual life of this group. Participating in one of the workshops (#30 & #38) or hanging out during free time are easy ways to get to know some of the teens. Too often in our meetings and Yearly Meeting, adults feel shy and don't reach out to the teens, missing a great opportunity to get to know some amazing folks and make our youth feel welcome in the wider community. Don't worry, you don't have to be cool, hip, or fly (or even know what all those

words mean)—just sincere, caring and present. The Young Friends schedule will be available at the registration and information tables at Sessions—we look forward to seeing you this summer!

First Day School Resource Celebration

All Children's Religious Education/First Day School Committee members and teachers are invited to the Christian Education Committee's 1st Annual Sessions' Celebration on Monday afternoon from 4:30–5:30pm. Michael True of Worcester-Pleasant St. (MA) MM will give a short presentation highlighting this year's First Day School theme of non-violence. See Quaker dress-up costumes and other displays, hear about new resources, pick up free materials, get lesson plan ideas, and chat over refreshments. We'd like to thank you for all you do and celebrate our work together. Please join us!

Please come scent free to Sessions

This is a reminder to Friends attending Sessions to come scent free. Please be aware of the many everyday body and laundry care products that are scented including body wash, soap, shampoo, dryer sheets and many more. Also, many markers and felt pens are very toxic and Friends are asked not use them. Children's non toxic markers work great. Contact Jean Lawrence 413/259-1964 • mjb1152@usadatanet.net

2005 ANNUAL SESSIONS ADVANCE INFORMATION

Saturday, August 6 – Thursday, August 11, 2005 • Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is June 30, 2005.

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 completed registration form to the NEYM Registrar postmarked by June 30, 2005. Do not mail after July 22nd. Contact Nancy Isaacs, Equalization Committee Clerk, 603/532-8328 • nancyisaacs@alum.swarthmore.edu.

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.

SPACE FOR EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK must be requested by June 30, 2005. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • neym@neym.org.

SPECIAL MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS are scheduled by 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 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. Click on "Annual Sessions 2005," 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 Burnworth Walker, 617/794-1207 • 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. 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 2005 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: Lisa Graustein 617/922-7095 • 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. Clerks: Holly Baldwin, 207/644-1014 • hollyb@riseup.net and Jeff Hipp, 617/642-8478 • jeff@plowshares.us.

YEARLY MEETING OFFICE moves to Bryant University on Tuesday, 8/2/2005. Sessions NEYM Office phone at Bryant University is 401/232-4040. 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 IF POST-MARKED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2005. SEND NO MAIL AFTER JULY 22nd**, go to neym.org or contact the Registrar.

➤ CHECK-IN

8/6 **Saturday** (Hall 16 Lobby)10:00 AM — 5:00 PM
9:00 PM — 10:00 PM

8/7–10 **Sunday to Wednesday**.....10:30 AM — 12:00 PM
(Hall 16, Room 308) 4:00 PM — 5:30 PM

➤ CHECK-OUT (return room keys)

8/8–11 **Sunday to Wednesday**.....10:30 AM — 12:00 PM
(Hall 16, Room 308) 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-served 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, Discernment Group leaders 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 room 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 \$5 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 needed and 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.

2005 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

Saturday, August 6	Sunday, August 7	Monday, August 8	Tuesday, August 9	Wednesday, August 10	Thursday, August 11
<p>9:30 Permanent Board (Janikies Auditorium, Unistrukture)</p> <p>9:30 Ministry & Counsel (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>10:00 Registration begins (Hall 16 Lobby)</p> <p>(Bring your own lunch or eat off campus. The Dining Hall is not available)</p> <p>1:00 – 2:45 Committee meetings (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>3:00 – 4:15 Parent/Sponsor & Youth Orientations for all youth programs and childcare (See Saturday's YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 Orientation for first-time attendees (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner (Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistrukture)</p> <p>5:00 Registration closes</p> <p>6:45 Opening Session (all ages) (Location TBD)</p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children & youth staff leave</p> <p>7:45 Keynote Address Skip Schiel</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 Registration continues (Hall 16 Lobby)</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 Meeting for Worship (Location TBD)</p> <p>Worship & Singing (all ages) Young Friends Junior YM leaves (9:45)</p> <p>Bible Half Hour Max Carter</p> <p>Unprogrammed Worship</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 2:30 Discernment Groups I (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>2:45 – 4:00 Discernment Groups II (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>4:15 USFW (United Society of Friends Women) Program (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 Open meeting to hear concerns sponsored by Ministry & Counsel (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>6:15 Orientation for first-time attendees (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>9:00 Interest groups (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for topics and locations)</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>2:45 – 4:15 Workshops</p> <p>2:45 – 4:15 Workshops</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>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 – 2:30 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>2:45 – 4:15 Workshops</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 Intergenerational Event Seeds of Peace</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 – 2:30 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>2:45 – 4:15 Workshops</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 (Hall 16 Lobby)</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 (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>12:00 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 Permanent Board (Janikies Auditorium)</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 YEARLY MEETING NEWS.
<p>* YEARLY MEETING NEWS is published Sat., Mon., Tues., & Wed. mornings.</p> <p>** Early Worship programmed, healing, unprogrammed, unity with nature. (For locations see the YEARLY MEETING NEWS)</p>			<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>Jr. YM only, Su-W: 1:30-4:30 PM &, by special arrangement, Su-W: 4:30-5:45 PM</p>		

Youth Program Schedules

2005 Annual Sessions Registration & Housing Form

Saturday, August 6 – Thursday, August 11, 2005, Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Form #: _____

Household Information			Program						Housing					Fees					
(Use codes on reverse & below — worship sharing & workshop listings in The NE Friend)																			
Please indicate by 1 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 2005	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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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 30 th , subtract \$5 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)	\$	N
Position(s):	\$	
Balance Due Upon Arrival check payable to NEYM	\$	

Registrant's Information (one form per household)

Family Last Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local Meeting(s): _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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I will download advance documents (posted 7/25/05) from the NEYM website, neym.org

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	\$365
2 Adult part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch) per night	\$80
3 Young Adult Friend Dorm full-time	\$365
4 Young Adult Friend Dorm part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$80
5 Young Friend (entering grade 10 – graduating seniors) full-time	\$365
6 Young Friend part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$80
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

Commuters & Campers*

code	Dollar Amount
10 Adult (Young Friend & older) camper/commuter full-time all meals	\$275
11 Adult commuter full-time (no meals)	\$130
12 Adult, camper per night or commuter per day , part-time with 3 meals	\$60
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

\$5 Discount for full-time, adult (Young Friend & older) participants **only on fully-paid registrations** postmarked on or before **Thursday, June 30, 2005**

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 22nd go to neym.org or contact the Registrar

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

\$5 Discount for full-time, adult (Young Friend & older) participants **only on fully-paid registrations** postmarked on or before **Thursday, June 30, 2005**

2005 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)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
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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, 2005, support from the Equalization Fund may be limited to 50% of your costs, if funds are still available. **Do not mail after July 22nd** contact the Registrar.

Questions? Nancy Isaacs, Equalization Committee Clerk,
603/532-8328 • nancyisaacs@alum.swarthmore.edu

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

2005 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 22nd. Contact the appropriate Coordinator with any questions or concerns:*

- Childcare** (Birth–pre-K): Kimberly Burnworth Walker, 617/794-1207 • kbwalker@alumni.brown.edu
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): Lisa Graustein, 617/922-7095 • yfcoord@neym.org & Ben Guaraldi, 617/869-8457 • ben@bluesock.org

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 #:** _____

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 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 and why they are being taken (i.e., inhaler for asthma).

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Please complete both sides of this form—Submit 2005 Youth Program Health Form to Registrar—Do not mail after July 22nd

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 _____, 2005

(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, 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

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, 2:45 – 4:15pm

9. **Deepening Silence and inviting Vital Ministry: Strengthening our Meetings for Worship.** Debbie Humphries, Peter Crysedale. **M Tu W** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C)]
Meeting for worship is Quakerism's heart. How do we strengthen silent worship and vocal ministry? What can past Quaker voices, current concerns about worship and ministry, the tradition and our experience teach us? (Adults & Youth, Full time, Limit 24)
10. **Sexuality, Quakerism and the Bible.** Stephanie Crumley-Effinger, Thayer Quoos. **M Tu W** [M&C and the NEYM Friends United Meeting Committee (FUM)]
Study many ways the Bible handles sexuality, led by Stephanie Crumley-Effinger, Earlham School of Religion, and hear what relationship individual Friends experience between their sexuality and Quakerism. (Adults & Youth, Full time)
11. **The Spirituality of Money.** Gerald Sazama, Diana White. **M Tu W** (Development)
What role does money play in our spiritual journey? Play a market simulation game, full of surprises about us and money. We'll demystify the economics of money. Then, in worship sharing see how ways we receive and use money can deepen our spiritual journey. (Adults, Full time, Limit 25)
12. **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible.** Richard M. Kelly. **M Tu W** (M&C)
13. **White Privilege/Racism.** Melody Brazo, Bunny Meyer. **M Tu W** [Racial, Social & Economic Justice (RSEJ)]
Friends who identify as white can examine and begin to dismantle barriers to hearing the fullness and depth of the Holy Spirit in others. Through deep listening, hear about pain racism inflicts on all and how work to heal the damage rewards us. (Adults, Full time, Limit 20)
14. **Reparations.** James Varner, Jerry Leaphart. **M Tu W** (RSEJ)
What does Reparation mean? How does it relate to the slavery's legacy in America? Why do the government and certain large U.S. companies owe reparations to descendants of African American slaves? What should Quakers do about this issue. (Adults & Youth)
15. **With an open heart: A Journey to Palestine & Israel.** Skip Schiel. **M Tu W** (RSEJ)
A listening journey to Israel & Palestine, 9/2004 through 1/2005, with emphasis on the occupation and the holy sites. Focusing on Friends activities in the region, and encouraging deep study and possible visitation by workshop participants. (Adults & Youth, Full time encouraged, Limit 20)
16. **Peacemaking through Nonviolence and Simplicity.** Frances Crowe. **M Tu W** [Peace & Social Concerns (P&S)]
Day 1: Michael True: The Testimony and Spirituality of Peacemaking and Global Nonviolence Since 1980. *Day 2:* Mary Ellen Cohane & Frances Crowe: "Footprints Big and Small: Changing Practices and Social Structures that Lead to Overconsumption and War." *Day 3:* Priscilla Adams, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: War Tax Resistance. Mary Ellen and Frances: "Building a More Sustainable Vision." (Adults & Youth)
17. **Extending the Friends United Meeting Triennial Experience to NEYM.** Ann Armstrong. **M Tu W** (FUM)
NEYM Friends who attended the FUM Triennial in July 2005 share their experiences. Margaret Hart, Ann Dodd-Collins, Will Taber, Margaret Hawthorne, Karen Armstrong, Deana Chase, Jan Hoffman and others. (Adults & Youth)
18. **Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC): Three views.** Gordon Browne, Don McNemar, Katharine Cullinan. **M Tu W** (FWCC)
Day 1: FWCC: An Overview. *Day 2:* QUNO, Quaker Voice at the United Nations. *Day 3:* International Quaker Aid in action. We will brainstorm ideas of what work FWCC should be doing. (Adults & Youth)

Two-day workshops — Monday/Tuesday & Tuesday/Wednesday 2:45 – 4:15pm (Except for workshop #24)

Monday/Tuesday

19. **Carpe Diem: Living with Our Mortality.** Frances C. Brokaw, MD. **M Tu** (Aging)
"We cannot love to live, if we cannot bear to die." —William Penn. Worship and music guide us as we examine how our experiences and beliefs about death and dying shape our lives. *Day 1:* loss, grieving and growth. *Day 2:* facing death, finding hope. (Adults & Youth, Limit 20)
20. **Tending the Orchard: Exercising Stewardship and Harvesting Fruit.** Ralph Greene. **M Tu** (M&C)
Let us examine the spirituality, the history (especially Quaker history), the work of bearing fruit as good stewardship. This arises from John 15:1-17 and the old Quaker interest in raising apple trees. (Adults & Youth, Full time encouraged)

Tuesday/Wednesday

21. **Bearers of the Light: an experiential exploration of belief in action.** Ed Schwartz. **Tu W** (M&C)
We will read aloud dramatic scripts derived from the lives of profound spirited leaders like John Woolman & Margaret Fell that illustrate tensions between spirituality and acting in the world and consider questions these stories raise in worship sharing. (Adults & Youth, Full time, Limit 15)
22. **Friends Testimonies & Economic Alternatives.** Erbin Crowell, Kristin Howard. **Tu W** (Earthcare Ministry (EM))
Some among us witness against unjust mainstream economic structures and work to create more just models. Examine Friends historic responses and how participatory economic alternatives speak to our values. Identify tools for engaging in this work. (Adults & Youth, Full time, Limit 15)

23. **Child Sexual Abuse: Reducing Risk in Our Meetings.** Bill How, Chris Jorgenson. **Tu W** (M&C)

Learn how to develop guidelines and practices in your meeting for preventing and responding to sexual abuse. Background information and resources to take back to your community. (Adults, Full time, Limit 25)

Monday/Wednesday

24. **The Oral History Project: Preserving the Knowledge, Wisdom and Experiences of Elder Friends.** Karen Will. **M W** (Aging)

Learn about recording, preserving and sharing oral history: the wealth of wisdom and experiences from our older members. Bring tape recorder, camcorder or pen and pad, and conduct an interview between the two workshop days. (Jr. High to Adults, Full time)

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

Monday

25. **The Transforming Power of Nonviolence.** Barbara Hildt. **M** (P&SC)

An introduction to HIPPP, Help Increase the Peace Program, an experiential program to teach young people about the transforming power of nonviolence. Barbara Hildt trains youth workers to promote peaceable culture in schools and youth programs. (Adults & Youth)

26. **Using the Past to Inform Present Racial Concerns and Commitments.** Donna L. McDaniel. **M** (M&C Working Party on Racism)

See how understanding our current condition on racial justice in light of the historical relationship of Friends of European descent and African Americans, including African American Friends, strengthens and expands our commitment to equality. (Adults & Youth)

27. **Military Counseling and Countering Military Recruitment.** Bill Sweet. **M** (P&SC)

Learn how to set up counter-recruitment programs from Bill Sweet, a trained military counselor for the GI Rights Hotline and counter-recruitment program organizer. (Adults & Youth)

28. **Schlepping the Light.** John Calvi. **M** (M&C)

What Elder Quakers told John about deeper spiritual life. John interviewed elder Quakers to learn how lives of seeking and prayer, integrated over years, brought them to deeper spiritual experience. (Adults & Youth)

29. **Following Job Scott.** Marnie Miller-Gutsell. **M** (Archives)

In 1792, Job Scott sailed from Boston to travel among Friends in England, Wales and Ireland. Earlier this year Marnie Miller-Gutsell set out to track his final journey. Share her experiences of "following Job". (Adults & Youth)

30. **Queer 101.** Peterson Toscano, Young Friends Staff. **M** [Young Friends (YF)]

One-man, multi-character comedy plumbs the depths of queer history and humorously exposes conflicts and contradictions within the queer community to open minds and hearts. Facilitated discussion follows. (Adults & Youth)

31. **Natural Inspiration and Expression.** Suzanne Frechette. **M** (EM)

A focused opportunity to open ourselves to nature. We will observe, then draw, paint, or write. If weather permits, we will meet outside. Plan to bring supplies. We will share our work and experience. (Adults & Youth, Limit 15)

32. **Democratic Elections.** Ann Cook-Frantz, Teresa Hommel. **M** (P&SC)

Democracy requires trust. Can we trust our election process? How serious are its problems? How can we bring Quaker values of faith and cooperative action to bear? Explore these questions with Teresa Hommel, an elec-

tion reform activist from New York. (Adults & Youth)

Tuesday

33. **Effective Advocacy to Elected Officials.** Barbara Hildt. **T** (P&SC)

As Massachusetts State Representative, Barbara Hildt learned how citizen advocates get elected officials to pay attention to their concerns. Effective strategies and relationship building with people in power. Bring your favorite cause! (Adults & Youth)

34. **Managing Quaker Money.** Roberta Chicos. **T** (Board of Managers of the Pooled Funds)

Do you seek to invest your meeting's funds in companies with practices consistent with Quaker values? The Board explains the investment selection process and how to pro-actively "watchdog" selected firms. (Adults & Youth)

35. **Quaker Work Teams: The Personal Impact.** Beth Collea, NEYM Christian Education Coordinator. **T** [Christian Education (CE)]

How can hands-on work, far from home, change your spiritual life? Friends young & old who have worked in Cuba, Costa Rica and Africa reflect on the personal significance of their experience. Learn about future work team plans. (Adults & Youth)

36. **Quaker Governance.** Margaret Hart, Director, Beacon Hill Friends House. **W** (M&C)

How do we govern Quaker organizations effectively? What practices that help Quaker organizations can work for your meeting? Explore radical ideas of cooperation, partnering, encouraging, and sharing the wealth. Bring examples from your Quaker life. (Adults)

37. **Energy Work.** John Calvi. **T** (M&C)

Learn an easy hands-on energy work form for pain relief, deep relaxation, better sleep. Particularly good during these trying times. (Adults & Youth)

38. **Between the Generations.** Lisa Graustein, Interim Young Friends Coordinator. **T** (YF)

Our age and generation shape our spiritual journeys. What spiritual challenges does each generation face? At this Young Friends sponsored "fish bowl" workshop, answer, and hear others' answers, to these and other questions. (Adults and Youth)

39. **The Hidden Wounds.** Kevin, Joyce, and Debbie Lucey. **T** (P&SC)

In memory of their son and brother, Jeffrey, the Luceys tell how hidden wounds he brought home from Marine service in Iraq affected him and continue to affect his family and friends. They hope sharing these lessons helps to ensure that their tragedy never happens to anyone else. (Adults)

Wednesday

40. **In God We Trust: A Quaker response to a post 9/11 world.** Will Taber. **W** (P&SC)

Starting from the story of King Hezekiah, 2 Kings 18-19, explore what being faithful and trusting in God in a dangerous world means. We will see how fear can be manipulated for political control and ask ourselves "What am I afraid of?" (Adults & Youth)

41. **News from the FUM Africa Ministries Office.** Eden & James Grace. **W** (FUM)

Eden & James Grace, NEYM members, in Kenya as Field Officers for FUM's new Africa Ministries Office, share about the life and witness of African Friends and ways God is working to build the global fellowship of Friends. (Adults & Youth)

42. **Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice.** John Humphries. **W** (M&C)

Learn how this statewide interfaith network of clergy and people of faith in Connecticut seeks to provide leadership in opposing the Iraq war and share ideas for local faith-based organizing to help Friends to find our prophetic voices. (Adults & Youth) (Limit 25)

43. **Sex Offender in the Meeting.** John Calvi. **W** (M&C)

How do meetings react to this difficulty? I'll share what I have seen, what can be expected, and ideas to consider. (Adults)

44. **Health Care and Social Security.** Bob First. **W** (P&SC)

45 million Americans have no health care. Health care costs are rising faster than inflation. Social security and medicare and medicaid are vulnerable. We will discuss these issues and solutions consistent with our testimonies. (Adults)

45. **Friendly Investing—Right Use of Our Resources.** Martha Schwope, Mary Gilbert. **W** (EM)

Mutual funds often invest our money in enterprises that promote violence, destroy environments and devastate communities. We will investigate "Socially Responsible Investing" and "Going Local" for economic health. (Adults & Youth)

46. **Why we don't take showers on cloudy days: Successes and Failures in Sustainability.** Mary Ellen Cohane, Mark Fraser. **W** (EM)

Mark Fraser relates lessons and challenges in rural sustainability. Mary Ellen Cohane discusses her massive failure in rehabilitating a simple house in town. Participants will be encouraged to share. (Adults & Youth)

47. **Gandhian Principles For Children.** Dot Walsh, The Peace Abbey. **W** (CE)

See how to develop lesson plans for elementary-aged children using the life story of Gandhi, in large pictures and simple text. Learn about "Gandhi Guides," a teaching tool to help develop values and practices based on nonviolence. (Adults)



Around the Yearly Meeting

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

• **Storrs (CT) Monthly Meeting (MM)** and many Friends around NEYM were saddened by the death of John Plank. A memorial meeting for John, a long-time Storrs MM member, was held 5/9/2005.

• **Sandwich (MA) MM** united in a minute affirming that “any adult couple, regardless of gender, who wishes to marry under the care of the meeting or after the manner of Friends, will be considered in the usual way as detailed in NEYM *Faith & Practice*.” A letter describing the Meeting’s action was sent to *The Cape Cod Times*.

• **Midcoast (ME) MM** sent letters to local newspapers informing “the residents of Maine that it continues to offer a safe depository for any formal statements of conscience expressing individual opposition to the participation in war,” thereby assisting individuals who wish to document their claim to status as conscientious objectors to war.

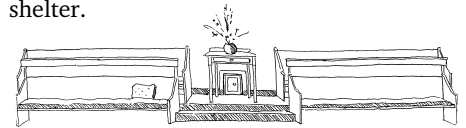
• **Middlebury (VT) MM** First Day School wrote “group stories” (one person says four words, the next adds four more words, etc.) teaching Quaker values. The class performed the stories with masks and simple props at the rise of meeting.

• **Plainfield (VT) MM** held a session on “Quaker Speak,” a light hearted look at Quaker terminology, jargon, and our Friendly acronym soup (AFSC, FCNL, & co). Each participant received a Quaker glossary.

• **Falmouth (ME) Quarterly Meeting** sponsors a website for all Quakers in Maine, www.mainequakers.org. The site is designed so that Friends do not have to be web designers or programmers to share information that might be of interest to Quakers in Maine. A content management system facilitates the online communication process, so that anyone with internet access can contribute information.

• **Durham (ME) MM** is considering a “Coming of Age” program for children approaching their teenage years. The program would include exploration of Quakerism, development of each participants understanding of their spiritual experience, projects related to Friends faith and practice, and regular meetings with adult mentors. Upon completion of the program, a meeting for worship would celebrate and welcome these young people into Durham Meeting as adults.

• **Westerly (RI) MM** will again be wearing their “Bowl in the Light” tee-shirts at the annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser for the Westerly Area Rest an Meals (WARM) homeless shelter.



The facing bench at Westerly (RI) Meetinghouse

Artwork: Alice Willis

In other Quaker news

\$7000 needed to support the WGYF

NEYM Young Adult Friends (YAF) will send the second largest North American delegation to the World Gathering of Young Friends (wgyf.org) this summer, and ask for Friends prayers and money to help this happen.

The delegation includes the two NEYM representatives, Kara Price, Smithfield (RI) MM, and Kristna Evans, North Shore (MA) MM, and six at-large participants, Zach Alexander, North Shore (MA) MM, Holly Baldwin, Mid-Coast (ME) MM, Jennifer Bishop, Orono (ME) MM, Jeffrey Hipp, Cambridge (MA) MM, Steve Logan and Rosemary Logan, both of Hanover (NH) MM. Seeking to strengthen the bridge of love with Cuban Friends, NEYM will also finance Cuba YM’s representatives, Benny Hidalgo Cruz and Zaidee Garcia Fernandez

The WGYF joins Friends ages 18-35 from across the world and the different branches of our religious society to build community within the next generation of Quaker leaders. \$7000 is needed to support the Cuban and New England representatives to the WGYF. Please send checks to NEYM, earmarked “WGYF,” to the NEYM Treasurer, 343 West St., Amherst MA 01002-2928.

Respite care at NE Friends Home

Sometimes families who are caring for frail elders are reluctant to leave on vacations or even for a weekend. The New England Friends Home in Hingham, MA, now has availability for respite care. The Friends Home offers a safe, secure environment for a temporary stay. For more information on respite care or residency contact Gretchen Condon, 781/749-3556 • nefh@att.net

GiveMonthly to NEYM

Please support NEYM and its many programs of faith and action. Send one-time gifts or sign up for automatic monthly contributions. Contact the NEYM Treasurer, 343 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002-2928, • 413/253-6713 • treasurer@neym.org

Young Friends need cooks

Young Friends, the NEYM high school youth group, is looking for some new cooks for our retreat program. Cooks do the shopping and preparations of meals for a Young Friends retreat. Young Friends help with preparation, do the clean-up, and offer a very modest stipend. The coordinator can supply shopping lists and menus of simple, healthy, easy

to prepare food. This is a great way to support our fabulous youth and get to know some NEYM teens. Couples/partners/friends who want to team up to cook are most welcome. Contact Lisa Graustein, 617/922-7095 • yfcoord@neym.org

New peacemaking video

Tom Jackson, of Dover (NH) MM, has a new video with a message of hope and peace. “Worlds Apart” focuses on a small group of New York City first responders who worked to save lives on 9-11, and who oppose war as a response to the 9-11 attacks. As part of their peacemaking efforts, the founder of the first responders’ group, Ground Zero for Peace, went to Afghanistan to reach out to Afghan first responders and civilian victims of war. Contact Tom Jackson, 603/430-2886 • joepublicfilms@yahoo.com

Quaker Peacebuilder Camp

Learn community organizing and nonviolent action skills with a diverse group of inner city, suburban and rural teens. 6/30–7/10/05 at The Meeting School. Contact John Humphries, 860/236-5175 • jhumphries@igc.org

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YEARLY MEETING CALENDAR

June 2005

- 3–5 YAF Retreat—Providence MM (RI)
- 4–5 Northwest QM—Farm & Wilderness (VT)
- 11 Committee Day—hosted by Mt Toby MM (MA)
- 26 Coordinating & Advisory—Weare MM (NH)

July 2005

- 2–9 Friends General Conference Gathering—Blacksburg, VA
- 13–17 Friends United Meeting Triennial—Des Moines, IA
- 17 RI–Smithfield QM—Worcester MM (MA)
- 23 Sandwich QM—Allen’s Neck MM (MA)
- 23 Falmouth QM—Durham MM (ME)
- 31 Dover QM—North Sandwich FM (NH)

August 2005

- 6 Permanent Board meeting at Sessions
- 6–11 YM Sessions—Bryant University, Smithfield, RI
- 11 Permanent Board meeting at Sessions

September 2005

- 9–11 Vassalboro QM Gathering—Friends Camp, (China ME)
- 10–11 Northwest QM—Farm & Wilderness, VT
- 16–18 Elementary Retreat—Woolman Hill, Deerfield, MA
- 17 Ministry & Counsel—Location, TBA
- 24 Sessions Committee—Location, TBA

October 2005

- 1 Committee Day—Location, TBA
- 8–9 CT Valley QM—Woolman Hill, Deerfield, MA
- 7–9 Friends United Meeting General Board, Richmond, IN
- 15–16 RI–Smithfield QM retreat—Location, TBA
- 22 Falmouth QM—Windham FM (ME)
- 22 Sandwich QM—S. Yarmouth Prep (MA)
- 23 Salem QM—Wellesley MM (MA)
- 27–30 FGC Central Committee Mtg.—New Windsor, MD
- 30 Dover QM—Location, TBA

November 2005

- 5 Vassalboro QM—Location, TBA
- 11–13 Ministry & Counsel retreat—Location, TBA
- 19 Permanent Board—Location, TBA
- 18–20 Elementary Retreat—Westport FM (MA)

December 2005

- 3 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.