

Call to Yearly Meeting Sessions 2007

Dearly Beloved Friends...

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

Lord, prepare me
to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy,
tried and true.
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Photo: Karen Sanchez-Eppler



Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, a member of Northampton (MA) Monthly Meeting, will give the Bible Half-Hour talks. Born in Cuba, Benigno left in 1967 with his family, first to Ecuador and later to Miami. He found Friends in the early 1980s where he has joyfully drafted minutes, gathered the sense of the meeting, driven children to retreats, stood at vigils, cooked for Friends, cared for the loves of all manner of couples, taught young people. He has interpreted for FWCC, and helped build one meetinghouse and one bridge of love from Cuba Yearly Meeting to New England.

for those of us repeat attenders is that we have finally learned to find our way around. And, our hosts at the Bryant Conference Office are so cooperative and welcoming. The bad news is that Bryant is again involved in construction projects that will impact us. As with all challenges, we will be able to draw from our creative center as a community to meet them and take new and positive lessons from them. Enlargement of the dining room area and renovation of the dishwashing equipment will necessitate the use of disposable recycled paper products and plastic table-

THIS SUMMER, AS WE GATHER FOR our 347th Annual Sessions, New England Friends will have many things on our hearts and minds. With our money and in our name, our nation continues to prosecute war as the solution to the violence abroad in the world. In response, Friends feel frustrated and powerless to find effective corporate witness to our historic testimony on peace. Caught up in a materialist culture that is fixated on the security of things, we are afraid to honestly examine our possessions for the seeds of war and environmental destruction that may lie within. Racism still pervades our society, now visible in the conflicts over immigration. And in our own family of faith, intolerance and

condemnation of non-heterosexuals has caused deep pain and brokenness.

In the face of all these things, God still offers us a covenant: "let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." In our days together, we can begin to create that sanctuary, first by listening to one another in deep and profound ways. We need to hear the pain and anger as well as the hope and yearning. We will make spaces and places for this to happen.

And when we have done so, let us come together unafraid into the silence, the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. There we may be taken together to places we cannot imagine in our minds alone, or that in our hearts we fear to go. Having first listened in love to one another, I pray that we will let the silence still our minds and hearts, so that in the sanctuary of our corporate worship, we may listen to God.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Bonnie Norton, Sessions Committee Clerk

COME ONE, COME ALL to the Annual Sessions of New England Yearly Meeting this summer! Our theme, "Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary," the first line from one of the Young Friends favorite songs, holds the promise of bringing us corporately and individually to a deep consideration of our roles as Quakers in a divisive and violent world. We will gather August 4th through 9th at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. This will be our third year at Bryant since returning and we have really enjoyed the many improvements that have been made since our earlier gatherings there. The good thing about coming back to this campus

ware. Please consider bringing along your own mug and cloth napkins so that our use of disposables is at a minimum.

Those who have never attended Yearly Meeting Sessions are warmly invited to come—to broaden your knowledge of the wider world of Quakerism in New England, to make new friends and to participate in a major summer vacation bargain for families. Once children have the Yearly Meeting experience, we find they become its most ardent boosters. That's not to say, however, that the whole thing is just a "family affair." If you love Quaker speakers, workshops, worship sharing, Quaker Bible study, and most of all, meeting for business—this is the place for you! And that doesn't even include the lighter side of our gatherings: getting to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends during meals, the Monday evening contra dance, swimming at the beautiful Bryant pool, and our sometimes hilarious, always enjoyable all-age talent show on Wednesday evening—the Coffee House, organized by Young Friends. Also this year, instead of starting with the keynote speech on our first evening together, we are planning large and small group opportunities, to meet newcomers, to reflect upon the theme, and to reconnect after the long hiatus since last YM Sessions. It will be the first step in building the "beloved community" for Yearly Meeting Sessions 2007. On Sunday night, there will be a more serious plenary session under the care of Ministry & Counsel wherein the gathered body, again in small and large group format, will meet to share feelings about

Photo: Courtesy FWCC



Duduzile Mtshazo of Southern Africa Yearly Meeting will give the keynote address, Sunday morning, 8/5/07. Duduzile is the Presiding Clerk of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. She leaves our annual sessions for the 22nd FWCC Triennial to be held in Dublin, Ireland.

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potentially divisive concerns around NEYM's relationship with Friends United Meeting. It is hoped that by having this time on the weekend, more Friends will be able to participate in the discussion.

When we talk about a summer vacation bargain, of course that is relative. For some Friends the cost is quite dear, but we cannot emphasize enough that no Friend need be frightened away from attendance for financial reasons. Our Equalization Fund pays up to 75% of registration and room and board fees for those who apply by the deadline of June 30th. Ask your monthly meeting clerk about this. Those of you who can afford it are invited to donate to the Equalization Fund by adding some extra dollars to your check when you register.

When filling out the registration form, be clear about any special needs that you have—if you prefer air-conditioning or not (most dorm rooms are air-conditioned), if you have mobility problems, sensitivities to chemical or other substances, or would like to be located near certain friends. Please complete your registration as early as possible. The Registrar can much more easily make changes

before Yearly Meeting begins, if something comes up. Registering on-line, if you have the capacity to do that, is always appreciated. Read the form carefully before you mail it in. If you misplace it, you can find it on the Yearly Meeting website, neym.org. We also urge you to sign up to volunteer on the registration form, as there are a wide range of volunteer opportunities available. Volunteering can be particularly satisfying for new attenders—it's a great way to meet people as well as to do something for the general good.

This year our keynote speaker is Duduzile Mtshazo, Clerk of Friends World Committee on Consultation and a native of South Africa. She has been an important force in peace and reconciliation initiatives in Africa. As we seek ways to "prepare ourselves to be sanctuaries for God" and to be part of healing our world and our nation, we look forward to learning from her wisdom. Our Bible Half-Hour leader will be our own Benigno Sanchez-Eppler of Northampton Meeting. The topic of sanctuary will be explored through various Biblical references. God willing, we will see you in August!

Sessions Announcements

A Celebration of Quaker Witness

Let's measure the wingspan of our witness as a yearly meeting! Join the NEYM Peace & Social Concerns Committee at 3:30pm on Sunday 8/5/07 for a joyful and inspiring look at our accumulated push toward peace and justice as Friends in New England. Meetings, Quaker schools and organizations are invited to assemble a display of the variety of forms that their witness has taken this year. Include pictures of your vigils, marches, and service projects. Bring your minutes and letters to newspapers. Fill us in on your prison ministry and Earthcare witness. Show us how you speak for racial justice, fair housing, immigration rights, and gay rights. This is a great chance to showcase a First Day School peace vigil or service project. Let's celebrate all of the forms that our Quaker Light and love have taken beyond the walls of our meetinghouses this year. Contact: Ian Harrington, 508/655-6632 • owli@comcast.net or Beth Collea, 781-784-3471 • BethCollea@aol.com

Afternoon Choices Coord. sought

Afternoon Choices is an activity program for children in Junior Yearly Meeting, grades K-6, that occurs under the dining tent from 1:15 to 4:30pm on Sunday through Wednesday afternoons. Children whose parents have committee meetings can stay until 5:30. Responsibilities of the Coordinator include: planning activities for Afternoon Choices, purchasing supplies as needed, helping to select and supervise an Assistant Coordinator and two Junior Staff, soliciting and supervising parent volunteers, planning for snack

time, signing children in and out of the program, and inviting other adults to provide special activities. The Coordinator receives a \$200 stipend and room and board at YM Sessions. Contact Peter Colby, 978/549-4406 • Peter@pmcolby.net

EQ Fund, call for support

The Equalization Committee is a committee, which has as its mission or purpose to ensure that Friends and attenders who need financial help in order to attend NEYM get that help. As a recipient of the Equalization Fund for years, I can tell you that I could not have attended, grown spiritually, and made contributions to the YM Sessions over the past years as a Friend of color without this fund.

The fund is a lifeline to many individuals and families who could not attend YM Sessions without the financial help. Please check to see if your meeting has made a donation to the Equalization fund this year. If not, ask your meeting to do so as soon as possible and please be sure that your meeting includes an annual contribution to the Equalization Fund in your giving to the Yearly Meeting. Individual contributions are also welcomed.

I wish to update you at this time about our Committee. We are at the present time a small committee having lost members due to term expiration, moving out of the area, overload and burn out. However, we do still exist as a committee. We are looking at possibly becoming a part of Sessions Committee.

Photo: Minga Claggett-Borne



A Friendly meal at the 2006 NEYM Annual Sessions

We want to ensure that the Equalization Fund is available in the future for those who can not attend NEYM without help. The future of the NEYM Equalization Committee will be decided at NEYM in August. Thank you for helping with the Equalization Fund, and please hold us in the light.

—James Varner, Clerk EQ Committee

Bookstore sales & consignment items

Anyone who would like to sell items in the Bookstore at YM Sessions should make arrangements by the end of July. A variety of items are sold, including Quaker books, Friendly crafts, and items from Quaker organizations. You will receive a number with which to mark your items. Friends are reminded that all sales at YM Sessions must go through the bookstore, with the exception of sales of study materials at workshops. The bookstore retains 15% of gross sales to cover the expenses of running the bookstore, including charge card fees, shrinkage, supplies, and staffing expenses. Contact Sandy Moyer, 978/582-3300 • sjmoyer@juno.com

2007 ANNUAL SESSIONS ADVANCE INFORMATION

Saturday, August 4 – Thursday, August 9, 2007 • Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Online Registration
at neym.org

ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is June 30, 2007.

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

EQUALIZATION/FINANCIAL AID is available through the NEYM Equalization Fund. Applications for grants are on the registration form. Please complete all calculations and **GET YOUR MONTHLY MEETING CLERK'S SIGNATURE**, before sending your completed registration form to the NEYM Registrar postmarked on or before 6/30/07. Do not mail after July 28th. Contact Laurel Swan, NEYM Registrar, registrar@neym.org.

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 6/30/07. 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 2007," 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, 413/773-9081 • 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.

JUNIORHIGHERS (entering grades 7–9) program is similar to Junior Yearly Meeting, with additional activities. Parents & children orientation Saturday, 3:45 PM. Coordinator: Buddy Baker-Smith, 508/997-0940 • baker-smiths@prodigy.net.

YOUNG FRIENDS (entering grade 10 through 2007 high school graduates) have their own dorm & program, with some activities shared with the regular Sessions program. The Young Friends program requires adherence to rules, some mandatory participation, a signed parental permission slip, & an adult sponsor. Sponsor & Young Friend orientation Saturday, 3:00 PM. Coordinator: Kimberly Allen, 207/754-9353 • yf.yafcoord@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: Cat Burgin, 978/263-8062 • cburgin@smith.edu and William Jennings, 978/495-1153 • will.jennings@gmail.com.

YEARLY MEETING OFFICE moves to Bryant University on Tuesday, 7/31/2007. Sessions NEYM Office phone at Bryant is 401/719-8860. For emergencies (24 hrs.) call Public Safety: 401/232-6001.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

➤ **MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM & ALL FEES**, checks payable to NEYM [minimum to register, **\$100 per form**—or, if less, your total fees] **TO:** Laurel Swan, NEYM Registrar, 29 Woods Rd, Bloomfield, CT 06002 • registrar@neym.org. **A LATE FEE** of \$10 per individual up to a \$20 maximum per household **WILL BE CHARGED** for registrations postmarked **AFTER 6/30/07** (does not apply to commuters). **SEND NO MAIL AFTER JULY 28th**.

➤ CHECK-IN

8/4 **Saturday** (Hall 16 Lobby)10:00 AM — 5:00 PM
9:00 PM — 10:00 PM

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

8/6–8 **Monday to Wednesday**9:30 AM — 10:30 AM
(Hall 16, Room 308) 4:30 PM — 5:30 PM
7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

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

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

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS (see insert on colored paper)

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

Attenders: Complete all information requested for each attender.

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

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

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

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

LIMITED Camping This Year: Due to construction, Bryant University has marked only a few 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 an adjacent dormitory.

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

CALCULATING FEES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

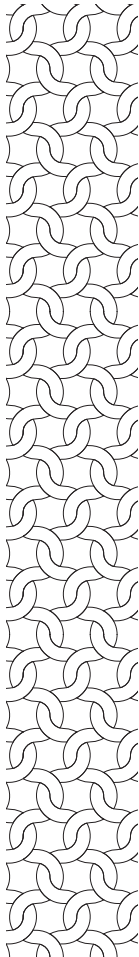
Line M: Grand total, add and/or subtract lines J through L. After 6/30/07, add late fee of \$10 per individual up to a maximum of \$20 per form (does not apply to commuters).

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

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

ONLINE REGISTRATION, INFORMATION AND FORMS are available at neym.org, or contact the NEYM Registrar, registrar@neym.org

2007 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

Saturday, August 4	Sunday, August 5	Monday, August 6	Tuesday, August 7	Wednesday, August 8	Thursday, August 9
<p>9:30 Permanent Board (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>9:30 Ministry & Counsel (<i>Room M44</i>)</p> <p>10:00 Registration begins (<i>Hall 16 Lobby</i>)</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch (<i>Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistructure</i>)</p> <p>1:00 – 2:45 Committee meetings (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations</i>)</p> <p>2:00 Meeting for Worship (<i>Rotunda</i>)</p> <p>3:00 – 4:15 Parent/Sponsor & Youth Orientations for all youth programs and childcare (<i>See Saturday's YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations</i>)</p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 Orientation for first-time attendees (<i>Janikies Auditorium</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 Celebration (all ages) (<i>Bello Center</i>) "Let them make me a sanctuary" Exodus 25:8</p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children & youth staff leave</p> <p>7:45 Reflection on the theme of Sanctuary</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 Registration continues (<i>Hall 16 Lobby</i>)</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 Meeting for Worship (<i>Bello Center</i>)</p> <p>Worship & Singing (all ages) Young Friends Junior YM leaves (9:45)</p> <p>Unprogrammed Worship</p> <p>Keynote Address Dudzile Joyce Mishazo</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 – 3:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct</p> <p>Business (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>4:15 USFW (United Society of Friends Women) Program (<i>Janikies Auditorium</i>)</p> <p>3:30 Celebration of Friends Witness (<i>Rotunda</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 attendees (<i>See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location</i>)</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business Our relationship with Friends United Meeting (<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 Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, Exodus 25:8, Matthew 18:20</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>Contra dance</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour Matthew 18:20, Song of Songs 7:12</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 Meeting for Yearnings</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Simple 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>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour Luke 1:35, I Corinthians 3:16</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>8:30 Bible Half-Hour Deuteronomy 10:16, Jeremiah 4:4, Revelation 3:8</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:00 Closing worship (all ages) Epistles of all NEMY 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 Drop keys in box (<i>Info Desk at Rotunda or Hall 16 lobby</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business agenda is available upon arrival. For advance information, go to nemy.org or call the NEMY 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 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 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: 4:30–5:30 PM</p>					
<p>REGISTRATION CHECK-IN (<i>Hall 16 lobby & room 308</i>) Sa: 10 AM–5 PM; 9–10 PM Su: 8–9 AM; 1–5 PM; 7–9 PM M–W: 9:30–10:30 AM; 4:30–5:30 PM; 7–9 PM</p> <p>* YEARLY MEETING NEWS is published Sat., Mon., Tues., & Wed. mornings.</p> <p>** Early Worship programmed, healing, unprogrammed, unity with nature. (<i>For locations see the YEARLY MEETING NEWS</i>)</p>					

2007 Annual Sessions Registration & Housing Form

Saturday, August 4 – Thursday, August 9, 2007, Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Household Information				Program				Housing & Meals				Fees										
(Use codes on reverse & below — worship sharing & workshop listings in The NE Friend)																						
Please complete both sides of this form. Please indicate by ↖ next to the names below, choice of roommates for a double room. For roommates not listed below, indicate under "Special Housing Needs" choice code "g" on the backside of form.				Date of Birth	Gender (M or F)	Child's grade, Fall 2007	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 (Limited # of sites)	Commuter	Special Housing Needs Code	Enter the total dollar figure for your Rm./Brd./Fees Choice		
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Registrant's Household Information (one form per group)

Family Last Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local Meeting(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

indicate family member

I will download advance documents (posted 7/24/07) from the NEYM website, neym.org

Subtotal (add lines A – F)	+\$	G
Fri. night & break./lunch: \$45/adult – \$30/child		
<i>Name(s):</i>	+\$	H
Add \$35/full-time or \$7/day part-time for each single room requested above	+\$	I
Subtotal (add lines G – I)	+\$	J
Equalization Fund Contribution (help others attend NEYM Sessions)	+\$	K
Less Sessions Staff/Speakers Credit(s)	-\$	L
<i>Position(s):</i>		
Grand Total (after 6/30 add \$10/pers. \$20 max.) (add and/or subtract lines J – L)	+\$	M
Amount check enclosed or by credit card (minimum \$100, or, if less, total fees)	-\$	N
Balance Due Upon Arrival check payable to NEYM	\$	

Payment by Credit Card: MasterCard Visa (circle one)

CC#: _____ / _____ / _____ Exp: _____

Name as it appears on card _____ Amount: \$ _____

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	\$395
2 Adult part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch) per night	\$85
3 Young Adult Friend Dorm full-time	\$395
4 Young Adult Friend Dorm part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$85
5 Young Friend (entering grade 10 – graduating seniors) full-time	\$395
6 Young Friend part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$85
7 Child with bed (age 3 – entering grade 9) full-time	\$200
8 Child on floor (age 3 – entering grade 9) full-time	\$110
9 Child part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch—no on floor option)	\$45

Commuters & Campers

(Limited # of campsites. Part-time commuters purchase meals at dining hall)

Choice code	Dollar Amount
10 Adult (Young Friend & older) camper/commuter full-time all meals	\$295
11 Adult commuter full-time (no meals)	\$150
12 Adult, camper part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$65
13 Adult commuter part-time per day (no meals)	\$20
14 Child (age 3 – entering grade 9) camper/commuter full-time all meals	\$145
15 Child commuter full-time (no meals)	\$50
16 Child, camper part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$35
17 Child commuter part-time per day (no meals)	\$10
18 Toddler (birth through age 2)	no charge

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

Accessibility Needs

On reverse side note all that apply

Code

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

Volunteer Choices at NEYM

Please choose one or more as you are able.

Sessions staff will contact you for specific assignments.

Choice code

- a Registration check-in on Fri. night, Sat., or Sun. afternoon
- b Junior Yearly Meeting (K–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 this form, Youth Health Forms, and check or credit card info
—\$100 (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 • registrar@neym.org

Do not mail after July 28th go to neym.org or contact the Registrar

Online registration and copies of all forms at neym.org

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

2007 NEYM Annual Sessions Equalization Fund Request Form for Financial Aid

	A	=	B	+	C	+	D
	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)
Monthly Meeting							
<i>(Fill this form out COMPLETELY)</i>							
Full Name(s)							
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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, 2007, support from the Equalization Fund may be limited to 50% of your costs, if funds are still available. **Final deadline is July 28th.** After that, contact the Registrar.

Questions? Contact Laurel Swan, NEYM Registrar, registrar@neym.org

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

2007 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 28th. Contact the appropriate Coordinator with any questions or concerns:*

Childcare (ages 4 & under): Kimberly Burnworth Walker, 617/983-0096 • kbwalker@alumni.brown.edu

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

Junior High Yearly Meeting (entering grades 7–9): Buddy Baker-Smith, 508/997-0940 • baker-smiths@prodigy.net

Young Friends (entering grade 10–07 HS graduates): Kimberly Allen, 207/7549353 • yf.yafcoord@neym.org

Child's name: _____ **Birth date:** _____ **Grade Entering Fall 2007:** _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Primary Parent(s) Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Medical Insurance Co.: _____

Plan/Policy #: _____ **In whose name:** _____

Family Doctor Name _____ **Phone #:** _____

Adult sponsor at Sessions: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Additional Emergency Contacts:

1) Name: _____ 2) Name: _____

Relation to child: _____ Relation to child: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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The 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 information confidential will be kept confidential and will only be shared with program staff and consultants as necessary planning and to support your child or teen.

1) Please describe any allergies.

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

continued on reverse side

Please complete both sides of this form—Submit 2007 Youth Program Health Form to Registrar—Do not mail after July 28th

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 _____, 2007

(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. NEYM reaches out to visiting Cuban [& Spanish speaking] Friends through a Spanish language worship sharing group. Friends are encouraged to choose the level of comfort or challenge which will offer the deepest worship. —NEYM Ministry & Counsel

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

9. **Alternatives to Violence Project: (AVP) Community, Prison & the World** Nancy Shippen **MTuW** [Peace & Social Concerns (P&SC)]
The development and current state of AVP and a sample of exercises which make the program so effective. From beginnings with Green Haven Prison and New York Quakers to today's programs which span continents. (Adults, Full Time encouraged, Limit 20)
10. **A Quaker Missionary—oxymoron or what?** Eden & James Grace **MTuW** [Friends United Meeting Committee (FUM)]
What is mission work, and who is a missionary? Why are these words so loaded? Is liberal Quakerism inherently anti-missions? Or is there a distinctively Quaker approach to missions, drawn from our testimonies and traditions? (Adults & Youth)
11. **Deepening the Bible Half-Hours through Writing** Becky Jones **MTuW** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C)]
We will write together, in direct response to the Bible Half-Hours and Yearly Meeting theme or prompts given by the facilitator. Group members will be invited to read our writings aloud in worship-sharing. Please attend Bible half hours and bring pen and paper. (Adults & Youth, Full Time encouraged, Limit 15)
12. **Gandhi & the Lamb's War** John Humphries **MTuW** (M&C)
Intriguing similarities between the revolutionary social movements of Gandhi and early Friends offer inspiration for those of us seeking powerful, spirit-led Quaker witness today and challenge us to search beyond weekly peace vigils. (Adults & Youth, Full Time encouraged, Limit 20)
13. **How a Quaker uses Scripture to Prepare** Paul Buckley, Earlham School of Religion **MTuW** (M&C)
When George Fox asked, "What canst thou say?" Margaret Fell replied, "We are all thieves, we are all thieves, we have taken the Scriptures in words and know nothing of them in ourselves." We will seek to prepare ourselves in the same Spirit that inspired the Scriptures. (Adults & Youth)
14. **Lessons We Can Learn from the Hermit Crab** Alan Eccleston **MTuW** (M&C)
We have all been through stressful times—failure, illness, loss—that, in retrospect, are times of inner growth. Here we consider how, like a hermit crab whose shell has grown too tight, we can listen to the still small voice, embrace the unknown and move on—or not. We will share and learn together. (Adults, Full time, Limit 20)
15. **Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary** Alison Randall **MTuW** (M&C)
How do we open ourselves to being prepared to be a sacred place? What are our resistances, our blocks? Do we shut our inner eyes and inner ears to being prepared? Can we even imagine ourselves being sacred places? What part might prayer have in this? (Adults & Youth, Full Time, Limit 12)
16. **Practicing Peace in the Manner of Friends** Cathy Whitmire **MTuW** (M&C)
A contemplative exploration of the Quaker spiritual disciplines of peacemaking, including prayer, discernment, faith, and love, with opportunity for reflections on peace, prayer, guided meditation, journaling, and small group sharing. (Adults & Youth, Full Time)
17. **The Bible & the Development of the Early Christian Church** Richard Kelly **MTuW** (M&C)
How the Christian Bible developed as part of the early development of Christianity, using the Canonical Gospels, the other "Gospels," Paul's letters, the Book of Acts and the controversy about the Book of Revelation. (Adults, Full time, Limit 20)
18. **The Planetary Emergency** Ruah Swennerfelt **MTuW** [EarthCare Ministry (ECM)]
The interrelated challenges of sustainable energy, transportation, food supply, local economies, money, and health are a planetary emergency. *Day 1:* Ken Hoffman facilitates a discussion; *Days 2, 3:* ECM members explore specific challenges and solutions. (Adults & Youth)
19. **The Question of Palestine & Israel** Skip Schiel **MTuW** [Racial Social & Economic Justice (RS&EJ)]
Based on photos and stories from Skip's most recent journeys to Israel and Palestine, we will explore the background and context for the conflicts in Israel-Palestine and concentrate on crafting a proposal for Quakers to help build peace and justice there. (Adults & Youth, Full time)
20. **Urban Seeds** Greg Williams **MTuW** (RS&EJ)
How do Friends "Summoned by Love," engage a world full of ills? We will reflect on "Good News" that liberates the oppressed, the word and actions of Quakers over time, and other relevant Spirited sources. We will explore a dynamic and creative, spiritual/action path for Quakers today, in urban settings. (Adults & Youth, Full Time, Limit 20)

Two-day workshops — Monday/Tuesday

21. **Engaging with Immigrants: coerced labor and vulnerable neighbors** Mary Hopkins, Diego Low **MTu** (P&SC)
A mosaic of contributions to help us grasp how unfree labor underpins our economy and lives. How do we witness to the systematic exploitation of these "strangers amongst us?" (Adults & Youth)
22. **Give Thanks for the Light as Revealed in the Life—Memorial Minutes** Patsy Shotwell, Sarah Spencer **MTu** [Permanent Board (PB)]
Day 1: Resources, guidelines. Learn by writing your own memorial minute. *Day 2:* Learn where memorial minutes go and practice discernment with (fictional) sample minutes. (Adults)
23. **White Privilege/Racism** Kathy Zager, Rachel Carey-Harper, **MTu** (RS&EJ)
Friends who identify as white examine and begin to dismantle barriers that keep us from hearing the Spirit in others. Through deep listening, our goal is to hear the pain that racism inflicts on all people, but also the gifts available to those who work to heal the damage. (Adults & Youth, Full Time, Limit 20)

Two-day workshops — Tuesday/Wednesday

24. **Living the Gospel: Responding to Poverty in New England** Martha Yager **TuW** (P&SC)
New England is thriving and home to substantial wealth. Yet in our midst are people who are homeless, have medical problems with no insurance, and bouncing from one low paying job to another. What does our Quaker tradition ask of us? (Adults & Youth, Full Time encouraged)
25. **Lobbying for Peace in Washington DC** Tim Barner & Julia Hejl of FCNL, Ian Harrington **TuW** (P&SC)
Day 1: The legislative process, how to convey your messages to your legislators, how to be an effective lobbyist, and how the lobbyists of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) act on our behalf. *Day 2:* Update on legislation in areas of interest and opportunities to influence its fate. (Adults & Youth, Full Time encouraged)
26. **Out of Balance: Exxon Mobil's Impact on Climate Change** Tom Jackson **TuW** (P&SC)
A documentary, "Out of Balance: Exxon Mobil's Impact on Climate Change" shows Exxon Mobil's undue influence on policy while making record profits. Director, Tom Jackson, facilitates discussion after the screening. (Adults & Youth, Full Time encouraged)

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

Monday

27. **Finances & the Spirit** Eileen Cummings **M** [Finance Committee (FinCom)]
How does spirit inform our individual and communal decisions about money? Join Finance Committee to share experiences and insights. Bring writings that have helped you or your meeting find the spiritual in this worldly resource. (Adults & Youth, Limit 20)
28. **From "Talking Walls" to "Africa Is Not A Country"** Margy Burns Knight **M** [Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)]
Based on her children's books, Margy leads us in discussing how to embrace what unites us and understand what divides us as we work on fairness, justice, tolerance and global awareness. (Adults & Youth)
29. **Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT): Contemporary Witness of the Historic Peace Churches** Jean McCandless **M** [Christian Education (CE)]
Tom Fox of Langley Hill (VA) Friends Meeting gave his life to the work of CPT in Iraq. Our Christian Education Committee plans to bring another member of this group to meet with our older children and youth during YM Sessions. This is your opportunity to hear about the CPT witness to conflict and violence in our world. (Adults & Youth)
30. **Nonviolence and (Pro)Feminism** Sara Burke & Sam Diener, AFSC *PeaceWork* co-editors **M** (P&SC)
Discuss interconnections between nonviolence and feminism, violence and patriarchy and allying for justice. What can the Quaker testimonies of peace and equality show us? Bring one story from your own experience and one question. (Adults & Youth)
31. **Quaker Spirituality and the Natural World** M. Philip Clayton **M** (M&C)
Quakers are famous for turning inward to hear the Spirit and turning to others to establish justice. But where is nature in this process? Explore and deepen your sense of nature spirituality, in Quaker tradition and the new "universe story" in science. (Adults)
32. **What makes an organization Quaker?** Jackie Stillwell, The Meeting School; Holly Baldwin, Beacon Hill Friends House **M** (M&C)
How a Quaker audit can help us create organizations that prepare a place for each of us and our organization as a whole to be a sanctuary where the Holy Spirit is at work. (Adults)

Tuesday

33. **A Calendar of Queries for Children and Families** Jean McCandless **Tu** (CE)
Over 2 years, Christian Education Committee developed queries for children, youth and parents. Twelve issues are addressed through potent, open-ended questions. Explore the power of this way of teaching Quaker values and beliefs. (Adults & Youth)
34. **Assisted Living in General & The Friends Home in Particular** Gretchen Condon **Tu** (New England Friends Home Committee)
An increasingly popular housing option for isolated, frail seniors who wish to stay in their community (or, perhaps, that of their children). The Friends Home is a concrete example of the benefits of this type of housing.
35. **Separation of Church and State? Revisiting the Role of Government in Friends Marriages** Marcia L. Mason, Susan Spencer Smith **Tu** (M&C)
Based on our Testimony of Equality, should a clerk of a monthly meeting sign marriage or civil union licenses issued by the state if there is legal inequality between opposite-sex unions and same-sex unions? (Adults, Limit 20)
36. **Bridge the Gap: Quaker Values and Popular Culture** CE members **W** (CE)
An opportunity for parents in community to explore ways to nurture our children's religious faith in the face of powerful secular values and the increasing influence of religious fundamentalism. (Adults & Youth)
37. **Managing Quaker Money** Roberta Chicos **W** [Board of Managers, Pooled Funds]
A review of 2007 Pooled Fund's proxy voting, shareholder actions, and community investing. Board process and fund performance. Economic forecasts and recommended 2008 budget target for income. (Adults)
38. **Reparations** James Varner **W** (RS&EJ)
What reparations means. How it relates to the legacy of slavery in America. What Friends should do. An update on last year's workshop. (Adults & Youth Limit 30)
39. **Teaching Testimonies Through Music** Clare Wetteman **W** [Youth Program Committee (YPC)]
Bring ideas and explore ways to use music to bring the testimonies to life for kids. Using the CD "Sweet Flowing Witness: Songs of Faith and Witness" as an example. (Adults)

Wednesday

40. **We Are All Illegal** Gabriel Camacho **W** (P&SC)
A year after the immigrant mobilizations of '06, just immigration reform is no closer. Where the movement is headed and how to get involved. (Adults & Youth)
41. **Anti-racism/diversity/white privilege/justice: What's in A Word (or 2)?** Donna McDaniel **W** (M&C, working party on Racism)
Does it make a difference what words we choose to talk about this? Let's discuss these words, their differences, and the possibility



Around the Yearly Meeting

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

• **Vassalboro (ME) Monthly Meeting (MM)**, NEYM Young Adult Friends and Young Friends mourn the loss of Christopher Clark, who was active in the NEYM youth programs for his whole life. Christopher died in an auto accident 2/6/2007.

• **Northampton (MA) MM** adopted a minute on ecological integrity. The minute says in part, "because we know and treasure that of God in every person and because we see every form of life as an expression of universal love, we recognize that it cannot be right to leave the world poorer than we found it in beauty or in the rich diversity of life forms. ... We seek to recognize and decrease our individual and corporate consumption so that the Earth's resources may be sustained, replenished, and equitably shared by all. We know that this will entail major adjustments in what we purchase, what we eat, and in our transportation..."

• **Fresh Pond (MA) MM** sponsored "An Evening with Friends," a series of two, small group, potluck dinners held in meeting member's homes. The dinners are part of an ongoing process of building the spiritual life of the meeting community. The following questions were developed to guide the conversations: *First Dinner*, What brought you to Quaker meeting? What have you found? *Second dinner*, Where do you want to go in

your spiritual journey at present? What keeps you coming to Quaker meeting at Fresh Pond MM? Who has influenced your spiritual life (past and present) and how? A whole meeting potluck is scheduled in June to share experiences about the dinners and to consider doing other kinds of community building activities.

• **Windham (ME) MM** has added an 11am unprogrammed meeting for worship to their Sunday schedule. The morning begins with a 9am programmed meeting for worship, led by Michael Wozich and Janice Gibson, co-pastors.

• **Cambridge (MA) MM** is hosting a weekly "Meal and Sharing Circle" for formerly incarcerated people, their families and friends, people recovering from addictions, Quakers and others interested in being part of a supportive community. Each Wednesday evening there is a home-cooked meal, sharing information of interest, and a circle where each participant can speak what is on his or her heart. The program is sponsored by the meeting's Prison Fellowship Group and the Friends for Racial Justice Committee.

• **Salem (MA) Quarterly Meeting (QM)** has asked its constituent monthly meetings to find more ways to be a welcoming and affirming spiritual community for Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgendered (GLBT)

persons. The Quarterly Meeting is circulating a list of suggestions to make GLBT persons more welcome in our meetings.

• **Dover (NH) QM** hosted a workshop, "Speaking Truth *With* Power: Strengthening Quaker Social Witness Today," led by John Humphries and Brian Drayton from The Meeting School's Quaker Peacebuilder Program. The workshop was a foretaste of the Spiritual Transformation Program that begins this fall (see "In Other Quaker News" below).

• **Portland (ME) MM** is making a quilt for Portland's new "Freedom Trail," sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Peace Action Maine. The quilt will be draped over one of the markers along the Trail at the site of the Falmouth Monthly Meeting meetinghouse, once a station on the Underground Railroad. The meetinghouse burned down in 1865.



Portland meetinghouse

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In other Quaker news

NEYM YAFs gather at Mt. Toby

Come join the Young Adult Friends (YAFs), ages 18-35ish, at beautiful Mt. Toby Meeting in Leverett, MA, 6/15-17/07. The retreat theme is "Our Footprint on the Earth." Contact Kimberly Allen, 207/754-9353 • yf.yafcoord@neym.org

Boston area Young Adult Friends

Boston area YAFs are gathering each week at 6:30pm after the rise of 5pm meeting for worship at the Cambridge meetinghouse. YAFs can join one or both of the following Google Groups to keep informed about activities. 1) groups.google.com/group/BYAF or 2) groups.google.com/group/BYAF-announce (announcements only).

Spiritual Transformation Program

The Quaker Peacebuilder Camp is launching a new intergenerational program to strengthen our religious witness for peace and justice. We seek to nurture communities of Friends who are learning together, practicing corporate discernment and challenging each other to deepen their spiritual lives while putting their faith into action. Envisioned as a second phase of the Spiritual Formation program, this new program will draw upon Gandhi's three dimensions of social change—which can be framed as personal, communal and social transformation—and upon the Quaker concept of the Lamb's War, linking obedience and faithfulness of individuals and faith communi-

ties with the need for social transformation.

The program, encouraged by YM Ministry & Counsel, includes an opening retreat at The Meeting School, 10/12-14, small-group gatherings during the year, an overnight retreat in February, and a closing retreat in the spring. Contact John Humphries 860/236-5175 • jhumphries@igc.org

Tom Gates' Weed Lecture Pamphlet

"You Must Lead a Dying Life": *Reflections on Human Mortality and the Spiritual Life*, a pamphlet by Tom Gates, is now available. Many attenders of Tom's 2007 Weed Lecture have been waiting to see this in print. To order, call Beacon Hill Friends House, 617-224-9118, or go to www.bhfh.org

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June 2007

- 2–3 Northwest QM—Farm & Wilderness (VT)
- 9 Committee Day—Midcoast FM (ME)
- 15–17 Young Adult Friends Retreat—Mt. Toby MM (MA)
- 16 Permanent Board—Durham FM (ME)
- 24 Coordinating & Advisory—Lawrence (MA)

July 2007

- 15 RI–Smithfield QM—Smithfield FM (RI)
- 28 Falmouth QM—Durham MM (ME)
- 28 Sandwich QM—Allen’s Neck MM (MA)
- 29 Dover QM—Pittsfield (NH)

August 2007

- 4–9 YM Sessions—Bryant University, Smithfield RI

September 2007

- 7–9 Northwest QM—Farm & Wilderness (VT)
- 8–9 Vassalboro QM—Friends Camp, South China ME
- 14–16 Jr. High Retreat—Westport FM (MA)
- 15 Ministry & Counsel—Location, TBA
- 21–23 JYM Elementary Retreat—Woolman Hill (MA)
- 21–23 Young Friends Ministry & Counsel—Location, TBA
- 22 Sessions Committee—Location, TBA
- 29 Committee Day—West Falmouth Prep (MA)
- 30 Dover QM—Concord MM (NH)

October 2007

- 6–7 CT Valley QM—Woolman Hill (MA)
- 12–14 Spiritual Transformation Program—The Meeting School, Rindge, NH
- 10–14 FUM General Board Mtg.—Woolman Hill (MA)
- 19–21 Young Friends Retreat—Portland FM (ME)
- 20–21 RI–Smithfield QM retreat—Camp Clara Barton, North Oxford (MA)
- 27 Falmouth QM—Windham FM (ME)
- 27 Sandwich QM—Martha’s Vineyard FM (MA)
- 28 Salem QM—Fresh Pond MM (MA)

November 2007

- 2–4 Jr. High Retreat—Woolman Hill (MA)
- 3 Vassalboro QM—Cobscook MM (ME)
- 9–11 Ministry & Counsel—Location, TBA
- 16–18 JYM Elementary Retreat—Westport FM (MA)
- 17 Permanent Board—Location TBA

December 2007

- 1 Northwest QM—Burlington FM (VT)
- 30 Dover QM—Location, TBA

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