

Call to Yearly Meeting Sessions 2008

Dearly Beloved Friends...

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

AS I REFLECT ON THIS, MY FOURTH AND FINAL YEAR as your clerk, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the faith community I love, and offer my prayer that we will be together in the presence of God this August:

GOD, HELP US: Help us to be Your people, a people of peace in a world awash in the imagery and realities of war. Forgive us our complicity, by our corporate silence and the taxes we render unto America, in our nation's headlong prosecution of military responses to the violence in the world. As Friends, we have become embedded in a culture that has seized upon war as the dominant model for solutions to all its problems. There are wars on terror and drugs and cancer and poverty, so it has become an easy step to make wars on people, when they act or sound or worship in ways unfamiliar to us. But they are Your people, too. Lead us instead to be witnesses to the ways of peace.

GOD, HELP US: Help us forgive one another for the wars of words that arise between us when we speak or act in hurtful ways that deny the light of Your presence in the hearts of all Your children. Help us look beyond the policies and the preaching, to find strength in our corpo-

rate testimony that You are a loving and forgiving God, who gives Your gifts regardless of how our fellow beings may regard us.

GOD, HELP US: Help us, in the words of our Young Adult Friends, to face our fears and our powerlessness. Redeem us from despair at the failures of our stewardship of that small part of Your beautiful creation we call Earth. Empower us to work for Your commonwealth here in the now of our nation and culture. Yet keep us from placing too much of our trust in politics, powers and principalities. Teach us instead to have faith in You. *GOD, HELP US.*

FRIENDS, WE NEED YOUR HELP AS WELL.

Please come this summer to be a part of Annual Sessions, to join in our centuries-old practice of opening ourselves, individually and corporately, to the will and leadings of the Holy Spirit. Let us gather in joy and hope, with every child, woman and man who is called to do their piece of the work that Friends have always been called to do: to be makers of peace.

Photo: Marge Rubin



Ernestine Buscemi our Keynote Speaker is a member of Morningside (NY) Monthly Meeting. She is currently serving as clerk of New York Yearly Meeting and is a 2006 graduate of the School of the Spirit program. Ernie has traveled widely among Friends, facilitating workshops and retreats during her ten years as the Friends World Committee for Consultation's delegate to the United Nations following issues of social development with UNICEF. She is a wife and grandmother living in New York City seeking God's guidance and leadings for a just and peaceful world.

Photo: Courtesy of Peter Crysdale



Peter Crysdale (left, with grandson), our Bible Half Hour Speaker, is a contemplative/activist/blundering Friend, a member of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting in Berkeley, California, presently serving as the hiring minister at Allen's Neck Friend's Meeting in Dartmouth, MA. He speaks often in Meeting for Worship and is sometimes favored. He organizes and leads spiritual direction groups. His concerns include deepening silent worship; rediscovering prophetic vocal ministry; raising Friends business practice from the dead; and lighting a fire under Friends testimonies.

the program that we will be presenting and the presence of so many of you, "way will open" for us to hear God's call in these troubled times. Our keynote speaker is Ernestine Buscemi, the Clerk of New York Yearly Meeting. Ernestine has worked for years as the Friends World Committee for Consultation's delegate to the United Nations. Our Tuesday night program will feature Anais Mitchell, a young New England Friend who sings outstanding songs of freedom and justice. Our own Peter Crysdale, pastor of

In a time of war, God help us!

Bonnie Norton, Sessions Committee Clerk

WELL, FRIENDS, AFTER MORE THAN six years of war, our annual Sessions will have as its 2008 theme, *War: God Help Us!* Despite our strong historic peace testimony, we have somehow managed for the past six annual Sessions to skirt the issue of the wars our country is engaged in. The Sessions Committee at our fall meeting strongly felt the call for a witness from this Yearly Meeting. We hope that because of both

Allen's Neck (MA) Friends Meeting, promises to be an exciting presenter for the Bible Half-hours. In addition to our wonderful meetings for worship with a concern for business, we have three days of workshops and worship sharing, committee meetings and all kinds of special interest sessions at 9pm each evening at the end of business.

And of course, having hundreds of Friends together will once again give us a taste of the beloved community we savor each August. Our small and large group gathering on Saturday evening last year was a big hit and we plan to repeat it this year, with the Keynote address again on Sunday morning. Monday evening there will be a lively contra dance and Wednesday evening the Young Friends will again emcee the famous Coffee House, featuring amazing talent both serious and hilarious.

Photo: Courtesy Anais Mitchell



Anais Mitchell, [Middlebury (VT) Friends Meeting] our Tuesday Night speaker, is a Vermont-based, nationally touring singer-songwriter. Known for her elegant, lyric-driven, often political songs, Anais' recorded work includes 2004's *Hymns for the Exiled* (Waterbug Records) and 2007's *The Brightness* (Righteous Babe Records).

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Call to Yearly Meeting Sessions 2008: "War: God Help Us!" (continued)

If you have never attended New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) before, you have a treat in store for you. At first you may feel a little lost and inundated with too many choices. Just getting around can be a hassle to a newcomer. This year we hope to have a "buddy system" for first-time attenders, either from their own monthly meetings or from the volunteer pool. There will be orientation for first timers both on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Transportation around the campus for those with ambulatory issues (or just too hot to walk) will be supplied for the second year by several golf cars driven by volunteers on a fixed schedule. Actually, newcomers who want to fit in fast, be sure to sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities which are listed in the registration materials.

For families our program is so rich. Junior Yearly Meeting (elementary school age), Jr. High Yearly Meeting, and Young Friends (high school age) programs are special times for youth to make new friends around NEYM and, especially for children from small meetings, to experience the fellowship of kids "like them." The youth staff go out of their way to make the program memorable for children. It's often the children who beg their parents to keep coming year after year. There is also a Young Adult Friends (YAF) program (ages 18-35) that balances participation in the "Adult" program, and specific meetings and activities just for YAFs. For families with preschoolers, there is a fairly extensive childcare program during

the daytime hours. And, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the wonderful Bryant swimming pool.

Happily, this year construction at Bryant will be at a minimum. There will be no circuitous detour paths and all entrances and exits will be open. We also have a new elevator in the Unistructure, one much closer to where the classrooms are. Now, the best news of all—the dining hall renovation is complete and it now seats 500 people! There will be no need for overflow seating in the tent, though there will be a smaller tent and a few tables out there. Also, a beautiful new air-conditioned, accessible dormitory is now available for our use. Be sure to specify on your registration form if you have any special needs and we will try our hardest to satisfy them. A limited number of camp sites will again be available near the townhouses.

Lastly, I can't forget to tell you about the Equalization Fund. We hope that no one will stay home from Sessions for lack of funds. Our NEYM Equalization Fund is available to pay up to 75% of your expenses, and if the last 25% is not completely doable, there are often monthly meeting funds that can help. Car pooling may be available, so call the Sessions Coordinator, Jonathan Vogel-Borne, 617/354-3808, to inquire about others coming from your area.

Let us pray that this year's Yearly Meeting Sessions feed the hunger in our hearts for active peace witness and bring us home to our local meetings refreshed and renewed.

Sessions Announcements

NEYM children to design global flag

With all the talk of the global economy, global warming, hunger in global proportions, are national flags irrelevant especially when seen as standards for factions fighting other factions? Without global cooperation will there be any way to peace?

Michael Anderson, First Day School teacher at New Haven (CT) Monthly Meeting is organizing *The One World Global Flag Project* and calls on all Quaker visual artists to help the children design the flags during Afternoon Choices (1pm-4:30pm) and to help choose one to be put on fabric. The flag will then be reproduced and hung on highway overpasses throughout New England. Contact: Michael Anderson, 203/453-5878 • Michael.anderson@yale.edu

A Celebration of Quaker Witness

Join the NEYM Peace & Social Concerns Committee in the Bryant Rotunda on Sunday 8/3/08 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. Contact: Ian Harrington, 508/655-6632 •

owlih@comcast.net or Beth Collea, 781/784-3471 • BethCollea@aol.com

EQ Fund, call for support

I am James Varner, presently Equalization (EQ) Fund representative on our Sessions Committee. Previously, I was clerk of the Equalization Committee before it was laid down at the 2007 annual Sessions and its function made part of the Sessions Committee.

I wish to assure Friends, especially those who support or use the Equalization (EQ) Fund to attend YM Sessions (available for up to 75% of your room, board and registration expenses), that the program will function the same as it has in past years. Personally, I am pleased that we have the EQ Fund, because without it, as a senior citizen, I could not afford to attend Sessions, an experience I look forward to each year to help me on my spiritual journey.

This year we are again offering full EQ support to 14 NEYM meetings to send a representative to the annual Sessions. We have not seen anyone attend Sessions from these meetings for at least two years. Our work and community are always enhanced by broad representation from all meetings.

Photo: Jonathan Vogel-Borne



Bello Center and Library at Bryant University

I want to take this opportunity to thank NEYM individuals and meetings who continue to support the EQ Fund each year. For questions about the Fund, please call me at 207/827-4493

—James Varner, EQ Fund Representative

Bookstore sales & consignment items

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

2008 ANNUAL SESSIONS ADVANCE INFORMATION

Saturday, August 2 – Thursday, August 7, 2008 • Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Online Registration
at neym.org

ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is June 30, 2008.

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 6/30/08. Do not mail after July 26th. Contact James Varner, EQ Fund Rep., 207/827-4493.

NO PETS PERMITTED on the Bryant College campus.

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

SPACE FOR EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK must be requested by 6/30/08. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • exhibits@neym.org.

SPECIAL MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS are scheduled by the NEYM Office, rooms@neym.org.

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

Youth Programs Information

Each participant in all Sessions youth programs **must submit a Health Form to complete their registration**. All forms and registration information are available from the NEYM website, neym.org. Click on "Annual Sessions 2008," 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. See the *YM NEWS* for parents & children orientation times. Coordinator: Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638 • weeles@comcast.net.

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

YOUNG FRIENDS (entering grade 10 through 2008 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. Clerk: Ian Broome, 508/942-5571 • auranor@gmail.com.

YEARLY MEETING OFFICE moves to Bryant University on Tuesday, 7/29/2008. 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 6/30/08** (does not apply to commuters). **SEND NO MAIL AFTER JULY 26th**.

➤ CHECK-IN

8/2 **Saturday** (Hall 16 Lobby)10:00 AM — 5:00 PM
9:00 PM — 10:00 PM

8/3 **Sunday** (Hall 16, Room 308).....8:00 AM — 9:00 AM
1:00 PM — 5:00 PM
7:00 PM — 9:00 PM

8/4–6 **Monday to Wednesday**9:30 AM — 11:00 AM
(Hall 16, Room 308) 1:00 PM — 2:30 PM

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

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

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS (see insert on colored paper)

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

Attenders: Complete all information requested for each attender.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALCULATING FEES:

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

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

Line I: For a single room add \$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.

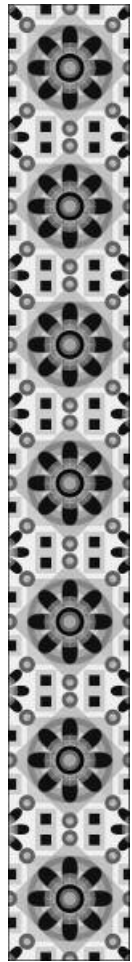
Line M: Grand total, add and/or subtract lines J through L. After 6/30/08, add late fee of \$10 per individual up to a maximum of \$20 per form (does not apply to commuters).

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

2008 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

Saturday, August 2	Sunday, August 3	Monday, August 4	Tuesday, August 5	Wednesday, August 6	Thursday, August 7
<p>9:30 Permanent Board (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>9:30 Ministry & Counsel (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>10:00 Registration begins (Hall 16 Lobby)</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch [Note: Saturday arrivals purchase lunch at the door] (Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistructure)</p> <p>1:00 – 2:45 Committee meetings (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>2:00 Meeting for Worship (Rotunda)</p> <p>3:00 – 4:15 Parent/Sponsor & Youth Orientations for all youth programs and childcare (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 Orientations for first-time attendees (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner (Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistructure)</p> <p>5:00 Registration closes</p> <p>6:45 Opening Celebration (all ages) (Bello Center)</p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children & youth staff leave</p> <p>7:45 Welcome on and Reflection on the theme "War: God Help Us!"</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 (Bello Center) Worship & Singing (all ages) Young Friends Junior YM leaves (9:45)</p> <p>Unprogrammed Worship</p> <p>Keynote Address <i>Peace—Living Into the Work</i>, Ernestine Buscemi</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 – 3:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business (Janikies Auditorium)</p> <p>3:30 Celebration of Friends Witness (Rotunda)</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 Orientations for first-time attendees (See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business Our relationship with Friends United Meeting (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 Peter Crysdale</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</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</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 Sharing life's story in song and word Anais Mitchell</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>8:30 Bible Half-Hour</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:00 Closing worship (all ages) Epistles of all NEXM 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 Drop keys in box (Info Desk at Rotunda or Hall 16 lobby)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business agenda is available upon arrival. For advance information, go to nexam.org or call the NEXM office 508/754-6760. • Additions to the schedule during Sessions announced in the YEARLY MEETING NEWS.
					
<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 & by special arrangement, Su–W: 5:00–5:30 PM</p> <p>Young Friends day & evening program special arrangement, Su–W: 4:30–5:30 PM</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 (Hall 16 lobby & room 308) Sa: 10 AM–5 PM; 9–10 PM Su: 8–9 AM; 1–5 PM; 7–9 PM M–W: 9:30–11:00 AM; 1:00–2:30 PM</p>					
<p>* YEARLY MEETING NEWS is published Sat., Mon., Tues., & Wed. mornings.</p> <p>** Early Worship programmed, healing, unprogrammed, Earthcare (outside). (For locations see the YEARLY MEETING NEWS)</p>					

2008 Annual Sessions Registration & Housing Form

Saturday, August 2 – Thursday, August 7, 2008, Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

Household Information				Program				Housing & Meals				Fees												
(Use codes on reverse & below — worship sharing & workshop listings in The NE Friend)												Enter the total dollar figure for your Rm./Brd./Fees Choice												
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 2008	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				
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Subtotal (add lines A – F)																		+\$	G					
Fri. night & break./lunch: \$50/adult – \$35/child																		+\$	H					
Name(s): _____																								
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					
Position(s): _____																								
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																		\$						

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 7/25/08) from the NEYM website, neym.org

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	\$415
2 Adult part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch) per night	\$90
3 Young Adult Friend Dorm full-time	\$415
4 Young Adult Friend Dorm part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$90
5 Young Friend (entering grade 10 – graduating seniors) full-time	\$415
6 Young Friend part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$90
7 Child with bed (age 3 – entering grade 9) full-time	\$205
8 Child on floor (age 3 – entering grade 9) full-time	\$120
9 Child part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch—no on floor option)	\$50

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	\$330
11 Adult commuter full-time (no meals)	\$120
12 Adult, camper part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$70
13 Adult commuter part-time per day (no meals)	\$20
14 Child (age 3 – entering grade 9) camper/commuter full-time all meals	\$215
15 Child commuter full-time (no meals)	\$60
16 Child, camper part-time (dinner, overnight, breakfast, lunch)	\$45
17 Child commuter part-time per day (no meals)	\$15
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 26th 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)

2008 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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	\$	\$	\$	\$
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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, 2008, support from the Equalization Fund may be limited to 50% of your costs, if funds are still available. **Final deadline is July 26th.** After that, contact the Registrar.

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

Clerk's phone: _____ e-mail _____

Monthly Meeting Clerk's signature (required)

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

Youth Program Health Form

2008 New England Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions

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

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

This completed form is required for your child to participate in any Youth Program (including YFs who are 18 years old). **Submit this form to the Registrar.** Do not mail after July 26th. 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): Kara Price Bachand, 860/617-8175 • pricequakes@hotmail.com

Young Friends (entering grade 10–'08 HS graduates): Kimberly Allen, 207/7549353 • yf.yafcoord@neym.org

Child's name: _____ **Birth date:** _____ **Grade Entering Fall 2008:** _____

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 2008 Youth Program Health Form to Registrar—Do not mail after July 26th

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 _____, 2008

(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) — fuller descriptions online at neym.org

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

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

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. **FUM, NEYM & Kenya** Ann Dodd-Collins & Eden Grace **MTuW** [Friends United Meeting (FUM)]
FUM committee members will offer an opportunity to discuss events at the FUM Triennial, FUM's work in Kenya following the contested presidential election, and other concerns that may arise. (Youth & Adults)
10. **Extended Worship with a Concern for Witness** John Humphries **MTuW** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C) and Peace & Social Concerns (P&S)]
We spend much time talking about what Friends are doing or should be doing to confront war and injustice, but we spend too little time listening together for how the Spirit might be calling us to prophetic witness in these dark times. Extended worship, followed by sharing and reflection. Begins at 1:30pm. (Youth & Adults, full time encouraged)
11. **From Constantine to Saint Benedict** Richard Kelly **MTuW** (M&C)
The development of Christianity as it became the official state church. We will discuss the official canon of the Bible, Augustine's *City of God* and the Rule of Saint Benedict. (Adults and older Youth, Full time only, Limit 20)
12. **Revolutionary Light** Jnana Hodson **MTuW** (M&C)
Early Quaker expressions of the Light hold many more fertile and controversial implications than most Friends today imagine. By connecting the dots across what they dared not voice publicly, we will also explore fresh dimensions for renewing our own lives and practice. (Youth & Adults, Full time only)
13. **Tools for Leadership: Talking About Sexuality Among Friends** Melody Brazo **MTuW** (M&C)
What is holy about human sexuality? Using several techniques, participants will explore sexuality and sexual ethics, as they prepare to facilitate conversations about these topics in their home meetings. (Youth & Adults, Full time required, Limit 20)
14. **Towards Living in the Light** Mary Coelho **MTuW** (M&C)
The Interior Castle, Teresa of Avila's classic work, is based on an archetypal image of a series of interior conditions (dwelling places) of the soul which are progressively closer to the Light at the center of the castle. The image, conceptions of the divine, and the interior blocks to entrance into the center will be explored. (Adults, Full time required, Limit 20)
15. **Journaling** Molly Duplisea-Palmer **MTuW** (M&C)
We will write and share our thoughts and feelings about "War: God Help Us!" We will create a safe, spiritual space where our writings can be read out of the silence, followed by discussion. For beginners or seasoned writers. (Adults, Full time preferred, Limit 15)
16. **Some Perils and Blessings of Bearing Witness to Injustice** Skip Schiel **MTuW** [Racial, Social & Economic Justice (RS&EJ) and P&S]
Drawing on examples from our own community and from luminaries such as Martin Luther King Jr. and dealing with our committee's issues, we'll grapple with questions such as what constitutes "bearing witness," how does the faith community support or not support the witness bearers, and what are some perils and blessings? (Youth & Adults, full time required, Limit 15)
17. **Who, Me? White Privilege and its Spiritual Ramifications** Rachel Carey Harper **MTuW** (RS&EJ and P&S)
This workshop will help white Friends examine the racial barriers that separate us from truly answering that of God in everyone. Through deep listening, prayer, worship sharing and group interaction we will hear and start healing the pain that racism inflicts on each other and our spirits. (Youth & Adults, full time required Limit 15)
18. **The Election and Foreign Policy** Carmen Lavertu **MTuW** (P&S)
Study and discuss proposals to diminish the role of militarism in US foreign policy and raise diplomacy to a leadership role. Examine whether the candidates for national office have adequate world views. Topics include: nuclear proliferation, global warming, the UN, treaties and alliances. (Youth & Adults, Limit 30)
19. **Creating A Culture of Peace: A journey through symbols, self-stories and song** Bain Davis **MTuW** (P&S)
We live in a hierarchical world where ranking defines us through class, gender, race, religion, etc., and violence (physical, economic, political, patriarchal) is the tool used to enforce this ranking. We will explore how to identify subtle forms of violence and how to move to a more peaceable place. (Youth & Adults)
20. **Climate Change and War** Marcia Cleveland **MTuW** [(Earthcare Witness (EW))]
Day 1: Basic facts of climate change and why it is a Social Justice issue. *Day 2*: Climate refugees can cause future conflict. The US military is preparing for climate conflict. What can we do? *Day 3*: New film, *Renewal*. Faith communities are responding to environmental issues. (Youth & Adults, full time)
21. **Agings: Honoring the Way of the Elders** Eleanor Cappa & Mary Zwirner **MTuW** (Committee on Agings)
We will view and discuss the documentary *Embracing Aging*. The issues covered include a wide range of topics from housing choices, the challenges of adult children caring for aging parents, and insights & models for discussing this tender subject. How can we help each other think about our own aging? (Adults only, full time required, Limit 15)
22. **"I'm a New England Friend; Do I Have to Be an FUM Friend?"** Minga Claggett-Borne **MTu** (FUM)
How can NEYM claim its part in the drama shaping FUM? How can we talk with FUM Friends who have divergent views? With tenderness, we will study how Friends resolved major differences. Can divine love hold us in one embrace as we disagree? Some history and some experiential exercises. (Youth & Adults, Full time preferred)
23. **Sin and Redemption in the Maelstrom of Race** George Williamson **MTu** (M&C's working party on Racism)
Born and raised a white Christian, Jim Crow true believer in Atlanta, subsequently and radically converted to King's movement in the 1960's sit-ins, I will use stories from my own experience to explore the social and psychological dynamics of racism and how liberation is and is not achieved. (Adults & mature adolescents, Full time only)
24. **Making Peace from the Inside Out** Mary M. Bennett **MTu** (P&S)
How do we maintain our physical and emotional safety as individuals and in larger groups? In this workshop we will look at the connection between our capacity to manage anger and finding diplomatic solutions to violence in the world. The conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people will be discussed. (Youth & Adults, full time required)

Two-day workshops — Monday/Tuesday

2008 Afternoon Worship Sharing and Workshops

Two-day workshops — Monday/Tuesday (continued)

25. **The Richmond Declaration of Faith** Allan Kohrman **MTu** (M&C)
We will discuss the background leading up to the 1887 Richmond Declaration of Faith, the Declaration's content, and the effect it has had on the Religious Society of Friends and NEYM. (Youth & Adults)
26. **Racism, Discrimination and Reparations Concerning Descendants of African Slaves! What is the role of NEYM in this matter?** James Varner **MTu** (RS&EJ)
Participants will gain an understanding of the meaning of reparations as it applies to the

debt America owes descendants of African slaves. We will discuss the role racism and discrimination has played in the lives of Negroes and other groups in America such as Native Americans and Hispanics. (Adults & Youth, Limit 45)

Two-day workshops — Tuesday/Wednesday

27. **War Tax Resistance** YAF Ministry & Oversight **TuW** [Young Adult Friends (YAF)]
Day 1: A panel of NEYM tax resisting Friends will share their spiritual journeys with the IRS. *Day 2:* A member of War Resisters League will field questions. (Youth & Adults)
28. **Friendly Richmond Declaration** Ken Haase **TuW** (M&C)
Experiential workshop applying the "Friendly Bible Study" method to the text of the Richmond Declaration. We will share our individual responses to selected passages,
- focusing on articulations of Quaker distinctives around which we might unite today. Different passages on different days. (Youth & Adults, Limit 15, Full time not required)
29. **Crowbar Questions: Building questions that open space for Spirit** Susan Loucks **TuW** (M&C)
Day 1: Questions that blow away preconceived ideas and challenge our assumptions often create space for Spirit to move in our lives. We will learn "Strategic Questioning" techniques. *Day 2:* We will listen for hidden

solutions and ways questions are used in Quaker practice. (Youth & Adults, Limit 20)

30. **Immigration: What's War Got to Do with It?** Mary Hopkins **TuW** (P&SC)
Fleeing war and the onslaught of global trade, migrants cross increasingly militarized frontiers and find themselves subject to military style raids. Have the walls we've erected to separate us from them distanced us from the call to welcome the stranger amongst us? Our conversation will include some immigrant voices. (Youth & Adults)

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

Monday

31. **Introduction to Quaker Quest** Jane Berger or Elaine Crauderueff **M** (Friends General Conference)
A dynamic approach to outreach that has brought seekers to meetings all over England. Quakerism is a spiritual path for our time: simple, radical and contemporary. (Adults)
32. **FID Bowl** Kim Allen **M** (Young Friends)
Facilitated Intergenerational Discussion (FID) about topics concerning teens and adults. (Youth & Adults)
33. **NEYM Sessions Children's Peacemaker Workshop for Adults** Anna Crumley-Effinger **M** [Christian Education (CE)]
The CE committee is bringing a staff person from the Quaker UN office (QUNO) in New York to meet with children and youth. This is an opportunity for adults to learn more about the QUNO work and international peacemaking efforts. (Youth & Adults)
34. **Healing and Rebuilding our Communities (HROC) in Rwanda** Theoneste Bizimana **M** (P&SC)
Theoneste Bizimana, the HROC Coordinator in Rwanda, has worked with some of the most difficult cases from the genocide. He is the co-author of *After the Guns Have Stopped*. (Youth & Adults)
35. **Earthcare: Changes at the Personal Level** Marcia Winters & Bonner McAllester **M** (EW)
We will focus on how and why we make changes at the personal/family level, especially in the areas of food, transportation, and recreation. (Youth & Adults)
36. **Nurturing Quaker Organizations** Jacqueline Stillwell **M** (Friends Organizations of New England)
What makes an organization Quaker? How do trustees and staff set the tone and guide the presence of Quaker culture in an organization? What practices nourish the spirit of individuals and of the organization as a whole? (Youth & Adults)
37. **Quakers Talking about Money and How to Ask for It** Dorothy Zug **M** [Finance Committee (FinCom)]
Useful tools to help Quakers talk about money, and comfortable ways to ask for it. (Adults & Youth)

Also what records should be kept and for how long. (Youth & Adults)

Wednesday

43. **Bolivia: Revolution and Counter-Revolution** Newton Garver & John Wilmerding **W** (FWCC)
Bolivia is riding a wave of revolutionary, anti-colonialist leadership. Come learn about the current situation, including the implications for Bolivian Friends. (Youth & Adults)
44. **Peacemaking at Home** Panel of Parents **W** (CE)
A panel of parents with children of different ages (birth to adult) will share their experiences and ideas about building peacemaking into our daily family lives. (Youth & Adults)
45. **Friends Go to Prison** Nancy Shippen **W** (P&SC)
We will look at many ways F/friends can be involved in prison volunteer work, focusing on work inside and work to support prisoners' desire for growth from outside the walls. (Youth & Adults, Limit 20)
46. **Earthcare: Changes at the Societal Level** Bill Upholt **W** (EW)
What changes are needed. How is our approach as Friends different from others? What groups are available to network with to effect changes at State and National levels? How can we organize support groups to help us? (Youth & Adults)
47. **Liability Insurance for Meetings; Accepting stocks as donations** Roland Stern & Bob Freund **W** (FinCom)
What to consider for liability coverage. How to set up brokerage accounts. (Youth & Adults)
48. **Managing Quaker Money** Roberta Chicos **W** (Board of Managers, Pooled Funds)
A review of 2008 Pooled Fund's proxy voting, shareholder actions, and community investing. Board Process and fund performance. Economic forecasts and recommended 2009 budget target for income. (Adults)

Around the Yearly Meeting

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

• **Midcoast (ME) Monthly Meeting (MM)** Peace Center has launched an Environmental Stewardship Project to “green” their meetinghouse. In addition to installing, publicizing and celebrating a solar photo-voltaic system on their own roof, Midcoast Friends plan to raise money for a “sister” solar project somewhere else in the world.

• **Middlebury (VT) MM** newsletter reports that Friends gathered at **Burlington (VT) MM** in March for an informational meeting about establishing a Friends School in Vermont. A Board of Directors was established with the hope of opening a school in the fall of 2009.

Middlebury’s children have made healing salve to sell as a fundraiser to support a local group, Helping Overcome Poverty’s Effects, H.O.P.E.

• **Upper Valley (MA) Worship Group’s** young people met with Claudia Lefko of the Iraqi Children’s Art Exchange. Claudia told stories and shared pictures from Iraqi children who had fled with their families to live in refugee camps in Jordan. Rather than send individual drawings, the meeting’s young people worked for most of the past

year to create a picture book to send to the Iraqi children. They chose the story, told in English and Arabic, of Pandora’s Box, because of its message of hope.

• **Monadnock (NH) MM** is responding to the challenge of how to prioritize multiple, costly projects around the meetinghouse and grounds by holding a series of meetings to envision their ideal spiritual and community space.

• **Framingham (MA) MM’s** First Day School served over 40 Friends a lasagna dinner, raising \$300 for three charities, Rainforest Alliance, Taking Hoops to Heart (a local group that raises money for Children’s Hospital), and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

• **Wellesley (MA) MM** held a “Meeting for Remembrance,” a memorial meeting for all those who mourn, to celebrate the lives of loved ones who have gone before.

• **Portland (ME) MM** circulated a questionnaire and held a clearness sessions to discern a sense of direction for their Peace & Social Concerns Committee. Recognizing that while there is no end to good causes, the committee was urged to help the meeting focus corporately on causes that arise

from seeking divine guidance and are consistent with Quaker testimonies.

• **Dartmouth at Smith Neck (MA) MM** has joined with other local churches in a prayer shawl ministry. Shawls are made, given and circulated to people who need healing in their lives.

• **Putney (VT) MM’s** Finance Committee is contacting nearby meetings of a similar size to do reciprocal audits of the meeting’s finances. The meeting uses the pamphlet *Friendly Audits*, published by Friends General Conference (quakerbooks.org) and written by NEYM Friend, Betsy Muench.

• **Mt. Toby (MA) MM** hosted a session on Quaker’s and GI’s so that Friends can become more familiar with what it means to be in the military. Three members of the meeting community spoke of their experiences as GI’s and Friends who work with the American Friends Service Committee’s GI Rights Hotline told stories about some of the GI’s who have called them.



Mt. Toby Meetinghouse, Leverett, MA

In other Quaker news

QuakerCamp, Barnesville OH

If you yearn for a more vibrant spiritual community, if you hunger for more time for worship, reflection, and deepening connections among Friends, come to QuakerCamp (6/22–28/08) Barnesville, OH. All Friends of all ages are invited to spend time in worship, seeking God’s voice together, in conversation and play. QuakerCamp brings together Friends from all branches of Quakerism to share what Spirit-led Quakerism is about at its core. Contact: Susan Zeichner, 617/625-8797 • quakercamp@gmail.com

Quaker Peacebuilder Camp 2008

There are still a few spots available for the Quaker Peacebuilder Camp (6/21–7/1/08), an educational program of The Meeting School, for young people grades 9-12. Friends yearn for a more visible Quaker witness in this time of war, and the Camp seeks to help young people develop the skills, under-

standing and relationships to become better organizers of nonviolent action, and to more deeply ground our witness in our spiritual lives. Contact: John Humphries, 860/236-5175 • jhumphries@igc.org

Family Camp at Friends Camp

Looking for a fun family vacation at a beautiful location, with fine activities, interesting programs and great food? The Friends Camp’s Mott Family Camp (8/17–23/08) has a few openings. Contact: Nat Shed, Director, 207/445-2361 • director@friendscamp.org

Friends Peace Teams

Nancy Shippen, NEYM Friend’s Peace Teams (FPT) representative, would like to help meetings become more familiar with the work of FPT. Ongoing projects include work in East Africa, Latin America, and Indonesia. Meetings and individuals are encouraged to invite Nancy to your meeting and to sub-

scribe to the FPT magazine, *PeaceWays*. Contact: Nancy Shippen, 978/264-0385 • nancyshippen@comcast.net or FPT, 314/621-7262 • friendspeacetams.org

The Freedom & Justice Crier available

The spring edition, issue 18, of *The Freedom and Justice Crier*, published by the NEYM Racial Social & Economic Justice Committee is at neym.org/PrejudiceAndPoverty/ Contact: Skip Schiel, Clerk, 617/441-7756 • skipschiel@gmail.com

The Meeting School jobs

The Meeting School (TMS), a small alternative Quaker boarding high school with working farm, seeks dynamic adults with a desire to live and work with teenagers and educate experientially. A Farm Manager/Educator and teachers in math, science, health and writing are needed. Contact: TMS, 603/899-3366 • office@meetingschool.org

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June 2008

- 7–8 Northwest QM—Farm & Wilderness (VT)
- 14 Committee Day—Hartford FM (CT)
- 21 Permanent Board—Winthrop Center FC (ME)
- 28–7/5 Friends General Conference Gathering—Johnstown, PA
- 29 Dover QM—North Sandwich MM (NH)

July 2008

- 7 Coordinating & Advisory—Worcester FM (MA)
- 9-13 Friends United Meeting Triennial—High Point, NC
- 20 RI—Smithfield QM—Providence MM (RI)
- 26 Falmouth QM—Brunswick FM (ME)
- 26 Sandwich QM—Mattapoisett FM (MA)

August 2008

- 2 Permanent Board meeting at Sessions
- 2–7 NEYM Sessions—Bryant University, Smithfield RI
- 7 Permanent Board meeting at Sessions
- 31 Dover QM—Location, TBA

September 2008

- 5–7 Vassalboro QM retreat—Friends Camp (ME)
- 6–7 Northwest QM—Farm & Wilderness (VT)
- 13 Ministry & Counsel—Location, TBA
- 20 Sessions Committee—Location, TBA
- 26–28 Jr. High Retreat—Hartford FM (CT)
- 27 Committee Day—Location, TBA

October 2008

- 4–5 CT Valley QM—Woolman Hill, Deerfield (MA)
- 18–19 RI—Smithfield QM retreat—Camp Clara Barton, N. Oxford (MA)
- 25 Falmouth QM—Windham FM (ME)
- 25 Sandwich QM—W Falmouth PM (MA)
- 26 Salem QM—Wellesley MM (MA)

November 2008

- 1 Vassalboro QM—Eggemoggin/Narramissic (ME)
- 7–9 Jr. High Retreat—Westport FM (MA)
- 7–9 Ministry & Counsel—Woolman Hill, Deerfield, (MA)
- 15 Permanent Board—Location, TBA
- 30 Dover QM—Location, TBA

December 2008

- 7 Northwest QM—Location, TBA