

THE NEW ENGLAND FRIEND

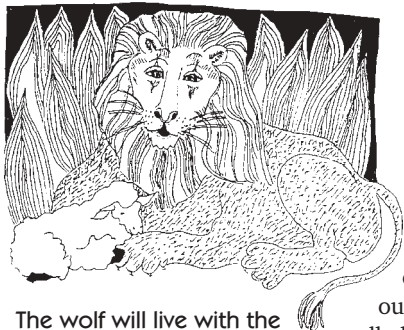
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Welcome to Yearly Meeting 2003

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The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
—Isaiah 11:6-9



Photo: Jeannie Holt

Evelyn Gonzales with her husband, Luis Carlos Jomorrón, are the pastoral couple at Gibara Monthly Meeting, Cuba Yearly Meeting. She leads worship twice a week at the preparative meeting in nearby Floro Perez. NEYM Friends at the 2002 Friends United Meeting Triennial in Kenya heard Evelyn speak powerfully about the Quaker witness in Cuba.

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

TO BUILD GOD'S PEACEABLE WORLD is the theme for our 343rd Yearly Meeting. I encourage you to invite active members and attenders of your meeting, who are not yet connected to our wider community of Friends, to attend our August annual Sessions. Remember what called you to attend NEYM Sessions. Share your experiences and find ways to encourage newcomers to gather with us, for part or all of the six days, to share the various ways that Friends are building this peaceable world.

One of the strengths of our Yearly Meeting is how diverse our Quaker practices are, and yet how wonderfully we build a covenant community. This is not always easy, as we will witness Sunday afternoon during a panel discussion on NEYM's history with conflict. Following the panel we have scheduled a threshing session on the budget and our corporate structure. We will have the usual plenary times for worship and business, small groups meeting for worship, worship-sharing, committees, workshops, and special interests. As we build and strengthen our faith community, we are better able to name our differences and corporately seek the will of God. Sometimes we unite on a course of action.

Since last year Quakers—individually and cor-

porately, in meetings and in committees—have been very busy considering faithful responses to the war on Iraq, the selective service registration, marriage, ways to protect our environment, racism, the Administrative Assistant/Young Adult Friends Coordinator position, and more.

This year I plan to spend part of every business session holding each NEYM committee in prayer in recognition and thanksgiving for their work. I hope this prayerful focus encourages committees to continue carrying out their charges. This grounding worship will also prepare us for doing our other business: appointments, approving changes to committee purposes and procedures, the budget, accepting reports, hearing memorial minutes as well as considering action minutes brought to the floor of Sessions. Please hold our theme and those of us preparing for Sessions in your prayers. Come to Yearly Meeting prepared, with hearts and minds open to seek and continue building God's peaceable world.

Photo: Courtesy AFSC



Mary Lord is the Director of the PeaceBuilding Unit of the American Friends Service Committee. She has worked professionally on international peace and conflict resolution for 20 years, including serving on staff and committees of Friends Committee on National Legislation and helping to found the Friends Peace Team Project. Mary is a member of Adelphi (MD) Friends Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Nancy Haines, Sessions Committee Clerk

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING'S annual Sessions are on the move again! Our new location at Stonehill College in Easton, MA, is gracious, spacious, and serene. We will again have the pleasure of discovering the opportunities and challenges of building our own peaceable community in a new space.

The campus is a bit larger than we have experienced in the past few years, but there is easy access to the buildings. Shuttle services and "handicapped" campus parking permits are available for Friends who need accessibility. Please mark your registration form if you have any special needs. Knowing your needs in advance helps staff and

volunteers make Sessions pleasant for you.

After such a cold, cold winter, it's hard to remember that temperatures rose to unbearable levels during last summer's Sessions. Stonehill has air-conditioning in the meeting rooms and cafeteria, but bring fans for the dorms. Our Saturday evening and Sunday morning all-age meetings will be in a large tent that will also be used for the afternoon children's program and other activities during the week.

Each of us comes to Sessions for different reasons—for renewal and support, for comfort and challenge, to learn more about ourselves, our meetings, and our world, and to gird ourselves for the difficult work of building God's peaceable world. At the root of it all is the desire to be a part of a larger, supportive community seeking to experience God and to use this experience in our lives. This year's theme, based on Isaiah 11:6-9, focuses our struggle to hold firm in our Quaker values and to maintain our testimonies in the face of fear and anger.

Our speakers, workshops, and interest groups will inspire,
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nourish, and encourage us. Mary Lord, of the American Friends Service Committee, will open our Sessions as keynote speaker. Evelyn Gonzales of Cuba Yearly Meeting, our Bible half-hour speaker, will lead us to a new understanding of scripture from her experience. Until recently, Quakers could not practice their faith openly in her country. On Sunday afternoon, a panel discussion with five members of the Yearly Meeting will present views on how we handle conflict in our meetings and within the Yearly Meeting. Before we can offer a solution to the conflicts in the larger world, we need to stop hiding from the conflicts in our own communities.

Please don't stay home from Sessions if your finances are challenging. We are blessed with a strong Equalization Fund to support

Friends with fewer resources. I also encourage Friends who are able, to contribute to the fund when you register. Please spread the word that financial assistance is available. Equalization can pay up to 75% of the total costs if you apply by the deadline. In addition, some volunteer positions offer credit toward Session costs—particularly youth staff (see news note below). I am praying that our time together brings us change, growth, and renewal. With God's loving guidance, this summer's Sessions will enable Friends to grapple with our responses to world events and to work for a more peaceable world, as individuals and as a faith community. I look forward to seeing each of you in August.

NEYM Sessions Announcements

Youth Program Health Forms—Required!

There is one, new Youth Program Health Form included in the enclosed registration materials. The Sessions Committee expects that a uniform Health Form, policy, and submission process—for all NEYM Youth Programs—will make registration easier for families and staff. You must submit a signed Health Form for each child to the Registrar before Sessions. No family or Young Friend with a sponsor will be registered for Sessions until the Registrar receives a completed Health Form for each child. Please help by:

1. Completely filling out a Health Form for each child or Young Friend (one child per form).
2. Making sure that a parent or guardian signs the form (and includes Sponsor information as applicable).
3. Returning the form to the Registrar with your other registration materials; **do not mail after July 21st**, bring Health Forms to check-in!

YM Staff considers all the information included on the Health Forms highly confidential and only available, as necessary, to adults working directly with your children. Please photocopy the enclosed Health Form as needed, go to the NEYM website neym.org for a PDF, or contact the Registrar/NEYM Office for more copies.

A call for youth staff

Our Yearly Meeting youth form vibrant, loving, and rich communities at Sessions and throughout the school year at retreats. We need caring adults to staff the youth programs. Staffing a youth program at Yearly Meeting is a wonderful and rewarding experience—the games are fun, the worship is deep, the business meetings are powerful, and the youth are a delight to know and be with. As youth staff, you gain far more than you give. Depending on the program and your time commitment, staff receive credit for all or part of their Sessions costs. We are also always looking for staff for the school-

year retreat programs. If interested (or you know someone who would be great) please contact the appropriate coordinator. *Child-care*: Kate Kerman, 603/876-4562; *Jr. YM, Grades K-6*: Betty Ann Lee 508/994-1638 or Gretchen Baker-Smith 508/997-0940; *Jr. High YM, Grades 6-8*: Buddy Baker-Smith 508/997-0940 or Jerry Carson 617/489-9535; *Young Friends, Grades 9-12*: Lisa Graustein 617/740-9377.

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

NEYM Ministry & Counsel's Disabilities and Accessibility Subcommittee is looking for ways to make Yearly Meeting Sessions more open to people with a variety of special needs. In addition to accessibility issues such as mobility, chemical sensitivities, hearing and vision impairments, the Subcommittee is beginning to address the concerns of families with children and teens with disabilities. When registering for Sessions, parents of these families can indicate particulars of their



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situation in the "Accessibility Needs" section of the registration form. A Subcommittee member will call the family to discuss ways to make Sessions work better for them.

P&SC offerings at Sessions

In addition to sponsoring two challenging workshops [see #12 & 18 in workshop listings], the Peace and Social Concerns Committee (P&SC) is convening two open meetings. On Monday, at 4pm, Mubarak Awad, Palestinian activist, will speak on "Nonviolence Today." On Tuesday, at 4pm, Nancy Talanian of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, will speak on their work to defeat the USA Patriot Act. Monthly Meetings will also receive correspondence from the committee on concerns for serious consideration before Sessions: a Minute approved by Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting on proposed Massachusetts legislation allowing automatic Selective Service registration of young men applying for driver's permits/licenses and information about threats to civil liberties in the "Patriot Act."

2003 YEARLY MEETING ADVANCE INFORMATION

Saturday, August 2 – Thursday, August 7, 2003 • Stonehill College, Easton, MA

ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is July 5, 2003.

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

CAMPING is not available on the Stonehill College campus. For information on local campgrounds, enter the camping code letter under "Special Housing Needs" on the registration form, or go to neym.org.

EQUALIZATION/FINANCIAL AID is available through the NEYM Equalization Fund. Applications for grants are on the registration form. Please complete all calculations and **GET YOUR MONTHLY MEETING CLERK'S SIGNATURE**, before sending your complete registration form to the NEYM Registrar postmarked by July 5, 2003. Do not mail after July 21st. Contact Christopher McCandless, Equalization Committee Clerk, 802/862-8665 • jmccandl@together.net.

NO PETS PERMITTED on the Stonehill College campus.

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

SPACE FOR EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK must be requested by July 5, 2003. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • neym@neym.org.

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

PLEASE BE FRAGRANCE FREE at NEYM Sessions. Chemical sensitivities make some Friends very ill when they are exposed to scented products. Please do not use personal care products such as scented lotions, hair gel or spray, scents, spray deodorants and dryer sheets.

Youth Programs Information

Each participant in all NEYM 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 "NEYM Sessions 2003," or contact the Registrar.

CHILDCARE for ages 4 & under is available after breakfast until lunch, and after free time, until dinner. Drop-in orientation on Saturday, between 3:00 & 4:15 PM. Coordinator: Kate Kerman, 603/876-4562 • bababear@galaxy-g.mv.com.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING (grades K-6) is a structured program of learning, fun, & friendships. Parents should not bring or send children unless they prepared to participate in the program. Parents are responsible for their children during unscheduled periods. Parents & children orientation Saturday at 3:00 PM. Coordinator: Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638 • welees@attbi.com.

JUNIORHIGHERS (entering grades 7-9) program is similar to JYM, with additional activities. Parents & children orientation Saturday at 3:45 PM. Coordinators: Buddy Baker-Smith, 508/994-1638 • baker-smiths@prodigy.net and Jerry Carson, 617/489-9535.

YOUNG FRIENDS (entering grade 10 through 2003 high school graduates) have their own dorm & program, with some activities shared with the regular NEYM 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 at 3:00 PM. Coordinator: Chris Jorgenson, 617/625-4494 • cmjorgens@aol.com.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAFs) (between age 18 & 35^{ish}) have daily worship-sharing and evening program, in addition to YAF business meetings. If you are looking for a place to spend your free time or just want to check out the YAF scene, stop by the YAF lounge. Coordinator: Karen Armstrong, 508/754-6760 • adminyaf@neym.org.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. **MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM & ALL FEES**, [minimum to register, \$75 per form—or, if less, your total fees] to: Delia Windwalker, NEYM Registrar, PO Box 53, Bolton, MA 01740 • 978/779-6510 • registrar@neym.org. Checks payable to NEYM. **DISCOUNT POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JULY 5, 2003. SEND NO MAIL AFTER JULY 21st**, go to neym.org or contact the Registrar.

2. **CHECK-IN (Roche Dining Commons)**

8/2 **Saturday**.....10:00 AM — 5:30 PM
9:00 PM — 10:00 PM

8/3-6 **Sunday to Wednesday**.....11:00 AM — 12:30 PM
4:30 PM — 6:00 PM

3. **CHECK-OUT (Roche Dining Commons)**

8/3-6 **Sunday to Wednesday**.....11:00 AM — 12:30 PM
4:30 PM — 6:00 PM

8/7 **Thursday**.....7:30 AM — 2:00 PM

RESIDENT FEES: includes all costs and fees

ALL resident NEYM attenders **must bring all bedding**—blankets, pillows, sheets, and towels. Also bring fans and reading lamps.

Full-Time Resident (Saturday – Thursday)

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)\$315

Child (age 4 to entering grade 9)\$130

Part-Time Resident (Per-cycle, in this order: supper, overnight, breakfast, & lunch)

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)\$65/cycle

Child (age 4 to entering grade 9) in a bed\$25/cycle

Toddlers (birth through age 3).....no charge

5% discount for registrations postmarked on or before July 5.

Do not mail after July 21st. Contact the Registrar.

NON-RESIDENT FEES: includes all costs and fees

Full time—all meals, commuters and campers

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)\$210

Child (age 4 to entering grade 9)\$100

Full time—no meals, commuters and campers

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)\$105

Child (age 4 to entering grade 9)\$55

Part time—meals/day, commuters and campers

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)\$45/day

Child (age 4 to entering grade 9)\$25

Part time—no meals, commuters and campers

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)\$20/day

Child (age 4 to entering grade 9)\$10

Toddlers (birth through age 3).....no charge

5% discount for registrations postmarked on or before July 5.

Do not mail after July 21st. Contact the Registrar.


INDIVIDUAL MEALS PURCHASED AT DINING HALL:

Adult/Child: Breakfast: \$5.00 Lunch: \$7.00 Dinner: \$10.00

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

YEARLY MEETING OFFICE moves to Stonehill College on Tuesday, 7/29/2003. To contact the NEYM Office at Stonehill, call the College switchboard, 508/565-1000, or e-mail at neym@neym.org. For emergencies call Stonehill College Campus Security, 508/565-5555. To contact the **NEYM REGISTRAR** after 7/29/2003, 508/335-4347 • registrar@neym.org

2003 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 <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>9:30 Ministry & Counsel</p> <p>10:00 Registration begins <i>(Bring your own lunch or eat off campus. The Dining Hall is NOT AVAILABLE for NEYM)</i></p> <p>1:00 – 2:45 Committee meetings <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</i></p> <p>2:00 – 2:45 Meeting for Worship (open to all) <i>(Chapel)</i></p> <p>3:00 – 4:15 Parent/Sponsor & Youth Orientations for all youth programs and childcare <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for locations)</i></p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 Orientation for first-time attenders</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner <i>(Roche Dining Commons)</i></p> <p>5:30 Registration closes</p> <p>6:45 Opening Session (all ages) <i>(Tent)</i></p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children & youth staff leave</p> <p>7:45 Keynote Address Mary Lord, <i>Persevering for Peace: Centering and Sustaining our Peace Witness</i></p> <p>9:00 Registration</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 Meeting for Worship <i>(Tent)</i></p> <p>Worship & Singing (all ages) Junior YM leaves (9:45)</p> <p>Bible Half Hour Evelyn Gonzales</p> <p>Open Worship</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 2:45 Panel on Quakers & Conflict Gordon Browne, Betsy Cazden, Brian Drayton, Jan Hoffman, Will Taber <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>3:00 – 4:00 Threshing Meeting <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>4:15 USFW (United Society of Friends Women) Program: <i>Following Leadings of the Spirit</i> <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 Open meeting to hear concerns sponsored by Ministry & Counsel <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</i></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>6:15 Orientation for first-time attenders <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</i></p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>9:00 Interest groups <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for topics and locations)</i></p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 Workshops</p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Open meeting to hear concerns</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>9:00 Interest groups</p> <p>Contra dance</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 Workshops</p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Open meeting to hear concerns</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>9:00 Interest groups</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour</p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 Free Time</p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 Workshops</p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 Open meeting to hear concerns</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>9:00 Interest groups</p> <p>Coffee house</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>7:00 Check-out begins</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour <i>(Martin Institute)</i></p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business <i>(Tent)</i></p> <p>11:00 Closing worship (all ages) Epistles of all NEYM groups <i>(Tent)</i></p> <p>12:00 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 Permanent Board</p> <p>2:00 Check-out ends</p> <hr/> <p>• Business agenda available upon arrival. For advance information, call the NEYM office 508/754-6760.</p> <p>• Additions to the schedule during Sessions announced in the <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS</i>.</p>
					
			<h3>Youth Program Schedules</h3>		
			<p>Childcare</p> <p>Su: 9-11:45 AM, & 1:30-5:45 PM M-W: 8:30-11:45 AM, & 1:30-5:45 PM Th: 8:30-11:45 AM</p>	<p>Junior YM & JuniorHighers meet</p> <p>Sa: 7:30-9 PM; Su: 9:45-11:45 AM, & 7-9 PM M-W: 8:30-11:45 AM, & 7-9 PM Th: 8:30-11:45 AM</p>	
			<p>Young Friends day & evening program</p>	<p>Jr. YM only, Su-W: 1:30-5:45 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>					

Afternoon worship sharing & workshops

Please enter the number for worship sharing and workshop choices on the NEYM Registration Form (enclosed)

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

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

Three-day Workshops — Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 1:30 – 3pm

9. *The Meeting Community: Its Health and Nurture*. Fran Taber with Bill Taber. **M Tu W** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C) and Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)].
Monday: membership, the interplay between individuality and corporate commitment. *Tuesday*: Traditional spiritual formation and nurture and the search for contemporary equivalents. *Wednesday*: Spiritual nurture as a gift within the meeting community. Interactive sessions. (Adult & mature youth)
10. *Behind War: the Global Economy*. John Blanchard, Elisabeth Leonard, Molly Anderson, Peter Colby, Mary Gilbert, Helen Armstrong, Louis Cox, Judy Hyde, Ruah Swennerfelt. **M Tu W** [New England Friends in Unity With Nature (NEFUN), Peace & Social Concerns (P&SC), Prejudice & Poverty (P&P)].
Monday: Rethinking Security Since 9/11. *Tuesday*: Food and Water. *Wednesday*: Fair Trade Marketing. (Full time attendance encouraged. Adult & youth.)
11. *The Many Colors of God: How Shall We Find Them?* Jean-Marie Prestwidge Barch. **M Tu W** [Friends General Conference].
For some Friends, race is a major obstacle to seeing, seeking, and responding to the Light within. How do we find that of God within while responding to the many colors of God's creations? How does racism among Quakers diminish us? How can we abolish racism? (Adult & youth. Limit 20.)
12. *The Peace Testimony: How do we live it?* Marguerite Helen & Kevin Coleman Joyce. **M Tu W** [P&SC].
Monday: Mubarak Awad, founder of Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence and Nonviolence International, shares his view on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. *Tuesday*: Martin Federman, Jewish American educator and peace activist shares his recent experience with the conflict in the Middle East. *Wednesday*: "Discerning ourselves, now-Friends with a Peace Testimony? How do our actions and reactions to specific issues reflect our Peace Testimony?"
13. *When the Veil is Lifted: Practical and spiritual challenges of transformative religious experiences*. Susan Davies. **M Tu W** [M&C].
Come if you experience the Divine Presence as revelatory, mystical, prophetic, numinous, or ecstatic. Such intensity can create challenges in our daily lives. (Adult & youth. Limit 12.)
14. *Group Decision Principles for a Peaceful World*. Craig Freshley. **M Tu W** [M&C].
Seven principles in group decision-making resulting in greater peace: lightness, all worthy, common ground, understanding, know your lines, give, and honor process. Our stories and unity with God in decision-making. (Adult & youth. Limit 23.)
15. *Moved to Move*. Rebecca Leuchak. **M Tu W** [M&C].
Connecting the inner light with creative movement. Do we connect inner leadings and outer gestures? Do we move through life from a centered place? Do we let the inner light guide our movement? (All ages. Comfortable clothing.)
16. *Quakers & Jews: The Question of Anti-Semitism*. Alan Kohrman & Friends. **M Tu W** [M&C].
Examining the possibility of historical and present day anti-Semitism with the Society of Friends. *Monday*: Jews in the Christian Bible and Christian Teachings. *Tuesday*: Quaker Founders and the Jews—Fox and Pennington. *Wednesday*: Modern Quakers and Jews—FUM, AFSC, and NEYM. (Adult)
17. "The Color of Fear." Byron Parrish. **M Tu W** [M&C Working Party on Racism].
View this powerful video and explore white privilege, institutional racism, and how racism affects us all. (Adult & mature youth. Full time attendance.)
18. *Nonviolence, Peace Testimony and Quakers Today*. Frances Crowe. **M Tu W** [P&SC].
Monday: Michael True, NEYM Quaker and nonviolence educator, presents the history of peace testimony and nonviolence in America. *Tuesday*: Mubarak Awad, founder of Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence and Nonviolence International focuses on international nonviolence. *Wednesday*:
Where we are today with our Peace Testimony and where we are going—personally and corporately.
19. *The First Door to Meeting for Worship: Practicing The Presence in Daily Life*. Allison Randall. **M Tu W** [M&C].
Sampling and sharing traditional and current Quaker individual spiritual practices. How does devotion or lack of individual practice affect our relationship with the Divine, our families, and the meeting community? Daily retirement to reduce stress and focus on the Divine. Explore how practice evolves. (Adult & youth)
20. *How do we talk about the Christian faith of Friends?* Ben Richmond. **M Tu W** [Friends United Meeting].
From personal faith, through theology, to outreach: a dialogue to enthusiastically describe both Christian and Quaker faith. (Adult & youth)
21. *Spiritual Leadings & Quaker Journeys*. Darcy Drayton & Nancy Shippen. **M Tu W** [M&C].
How do we listen to where God is in our lives? Can we become open to leading? Where do we find the courage to act? How are we held accountable to our faith community?
22. *Extended Worship: 2½ hours. 1:30-4:00 PM*. Care of worship—Will Taber and Deb Humphries. **M Tu W** [M&C].
"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength..." (Isaiah 40:31) Historically meetings for worship lasted for two or three hours. Contemporary Friends who have experienced extended worship find that the extra time allows the Spirit to work in a deeper way. Expect to listen deeply and hear how our lives embody the Spirit. Attendance for full 2½ hours. Any day(s).
23. *Aspects of Servant-Leadership: A Workshop on the Thought of Robert Greenleaf*. Newton Garver. **M Tu W** [FWCC].
Monday: The paradox of service-powerless power. *Tuesday*: Criteria for servant-leadership—do the people we serve grow? *Wednesday*: Applying servant leadership to our lives.



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

Monday/Tuesday

24. *Spiritual Experience in Dying, in Grieving, and in Living.* Andrew Nash & Bill Walker, hospital chaplains. **M Tu** [M&C].

When people we love meet death how does the Spirit lead us? How does truth prosper among those left behind? Death may bring pain or joyful anticipation of the journey 'home'. What is it to be touched by the Spirit? How does mortality inform our daily relationship with the Divine? (Adult. Limit 15.)

25. *Drawing on Nature, Image and Word.* Suzanne Frechette & Penny Jackim. **M Tu** [NEFUN].

Opening ourselves to nature in focused, silence, and reflection—draw, paint, or write. Opportunity to exhibit to YM community. One hour of working in medita-

tive silence followed by worship sharing. Bring personally meaningful natural objects and art/writing supplies. Outdoors, weather permitting. (Adult & youth. Limit 15.)

Tuesday/Wednesday

26. *Postulating Peace Education.* Mary Lee Morrison. **Tu W** [Christian Ed. (CE)].

How do we apply peace theory and educate for peace? *Tuesday:* Explore ways we introduce peace curricula into classrooms and other settings. *Wednesday:* In-depth examination of "Making Peace Where I Live" Curriculum developed by Elise Boulding and others—used in Africa and the U.S. (Age 12 & up)

27. *Healing, Prayer and Pastoral Care.* Cornelia Parkes & Nancy Rose Logan. **Tu W** [M&C].

How can healing prayer transform our

meetings into loving communities? How do unprogrammed meetings provide pastoral care? Hands-on creation of pastoral care support and prayer circles in your meeting. Participants need good spiritual foundation. (Adult & youth)

28. *Last Wishes.* Sandy Isaacs. **Tu W** [Aging].

Most Americans wish to die at home, pain-free, surrounded by loved ones. How to discuss with family last choices or Advanced Directives, the Living Will, and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care? How to increase the chances for respect of our wishes? Assessing our primary care physician's values. Brief videos, specific documents, and resources. Advance preparation materials. Contact Sandy Isaacs 603/532-8328 • sandy@isaacs.mv.com • (Adult)

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

Monday

29. *Energy Work.* John Calvi. **M** [M&C].

An introduction to gentle laying on of hands-offering energy work for rest, deep relaxation, and to lessen fear and pain. (Adult & youth with John's permission)

30. *Toward Understanding White Privilege and Racism.* Bill Brown & K Brown. **M** [P&P].

View the video, "Free Indeed," produced by the Mennonites. Addressing dynamics of racism and white privilege in our own lives—avoiding guilt and blame. Identify positive and constructive dialogue. "Free Indeed" challenges us to think about white privilege, accountability, unseen assumptions, success, and what racism does to white people.

31. *Beyond the Leaflet: Faith in Creative Action.* John Humphries. **M** [M&C].

Friends have participated creatively in anti-war actions but how do we publically lift a faith-based voice? How do we build skills in non-violent peacemaking? Can we envision the "new society" as we resist the present violence? (Adult & especially youth)

32. *God Has No Edges: Teaching Young Children About God.* Jean McCandless. **M** [CE].

Sharing our experience of God is at the heart of our Quaker faith. Yet modern First Day School programs often avoid directly teaching about God to our youngest children. Do we consider the topic too complex, worry about divergent beliefs, and potential conflict about lessons. Using curriculum developed for K-2 we'll present a lively approach to teaching our youngest children, including pre-schoolers, about God. (Adult especially parents & children)

33. *Stories from a trip to Ramallah Friends Schools.* Katharine Clark & Chris Jorgenson. **M** [FUM].

Four New England Friends made a pas-

toral visit with an FUM delegation to Israel/Palestine in February, including a visit to the Friends Schools in Ramallah. We returned committed to tell the stories we heard and experienced in the occupied community and to strengthen our Quaker connections to the place and the people. Learn about their struggles and strengths, and dream with us about how to respond. (Adult & youth)

Tuesday

34. *Finding Your Goodness.* John Calvi. **Tu** [M&C].

Having a clear sense of your goodness helps you to help others, offer a deeper spiritual life, and fend off discouragement in hard work. This workshop focuses on what increases or obstructs our sense of goodness. (Adult & youth with John's permission)

35. *Raising the Issue of Race in Your Children's School.* Shelby Grantham. **Tu** [M&C Work-ing Party on Racism].

What are our experiences in understanding and communicating our unconscious complicity in racism? What can we do to change it? How can we educate and help our children? For anyone interested in countering racism. (Adult & youth)

36. *Sharing the Joys and Challenges of Small Meetings.* Sue Reilly. **Tu** [M&C].

Opportunity for Friends from small and tiny meetings to share benefits, challenges, and solutions. Connect this week and bring those connections back to our meetings to enhance the spiritual health of our small meetings.

Wednesday

37. *Avoiding Burnout.* John Calvi. **W** [M&C].

Rest and renew energies for any caregiver or anyone weary from their own inner healing. Ideas for refreshing yourself, giving your best, making compassion pragmatic, avoiding despair and exhaustion, and recovery from burnout. (Adult & youth with John's permission)

38. *Is Criticism of Israel Anti-Semitic?* Hilda Silverman & Sara Roy. **W** [P&P].

Panel discussion on criticism of Israel and what anti-Semitism is.

39. *Is There an Historic New England Meeting House in your Neighborhood? Finding the "Lost" Meetinghouses of New England.* Marnie Miller-Gutsell. **W** [Archives & Historical Records].

40. *A Conversation with an African-American Quaker.* James Varner. **W** [P&P].

A Black Quaker discusses his spiritual journey and experience of racism among Friends. Opportunity to ask questions and discuss how to address the problems of racism among Quakers.

41. *Respect and Care for the Community of Life.* Bill Upholt. **W** [NEFUN].

Study parts of the Earth Charter with attention to its creation and its spiritual roots. What does the charter say to us as individuals and meetings? We will examine its importance as a grassroots call to "Care for the Community of Life with Understanding, Compassion and Love."

42. *Jubilee Time: Let Your Life Speak.* Peggy O'Reilly. **W** [Aging].

The telling of our life stories is part of a ritual that expresses our belief that, throughout our lives, a sacred presence surrounds and guides us. Through reflective exercises, we will begin to explore how we identify and express the stories we have to tell. (Adult)

Around the Yearly Meeting

Compiled from monthly meeting newsletters and correspondence by the Editors, Delia Windwalker and Jonathan Vogel-Borne

• **Hartford (CT) Monthly Meeting (MM)** and many other NEYM Friends were saddened to hear of Helen Brill's death. A memorial meeting to celebrate Helen's life was held 5/17/2003.

• **Orono (ME) MM** has recognized Still Waters Conservative Friends Meeting, which meets near Houlton, ME, as a Preparative Meeting. The MM's minute of recognition notes that as the two groups begin a preparative and monthly meeting relationship, they "are pleased to enter into a mutual understanding of, obedience to, and seeking within, of the Light."

• **Wellesley (MA) MM Jr. High Group** visited the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) New England Regional Office in Cambridge, MA on 4/6/03 to learn about AFSC's regional and world wide relief efforts. The Jr. High group recently raised \$431 at food sales before business meetings at Wellesley. Keith Harvey, AFSC/NERO Executive Director and members of the regional Executive Committee hosted the visit. After the tour, the Jr. High group decided to earmark their contribution for aid to Iraq.

They went home wearing many peace pins. Since then, they have raised another \$87 at Wellesley MM's EcoFair.

• **Smithfield (RI) MM** sent three of its members to Washington, DC in March to meet with the RI Congressional delegation. Smithfield Friends raised concerns over the present administration's unilateralism, the increased rate of nuclear proliferation, and the diminishment of civil liberties under the USA Patriot Act.

• **Maine AFSC Peace & Justice Committee** sponsored the 5/10/2003 conference, "Peaceful Routes, Recruiting for Peace: Adopting Schools and Organizing Tools for Alternatives to Military Service." Many monthly meetings in Maine participate in this project and in guiding the work of the AFSC Peace & Justice Committee.

• **Beacon Hill (MA) MM** appointed an ad hoc committee to look into the relationship between Beacon Hill Friends House (BHFH) and the Meeting. The committee recommends that the Meeting become more involved with the governance of the House recognizing that "we are no longer a small

group dependent on the House, but a large active group with much to share with and give to the House." BHFH is currently undergoing long deferred renovations and its Board is also looking to strengthen ties to the Meeting and the wider Quaker community.

• **Durham (ME) MM** and **Allen's Neck (MA) MM** continue intervisiting. Several Durham Friends were hosted by Allen's Neck Friends, 5/17-18/2003. Jim Douglas, Durham's pastor, brought a message during Sunday meeting for worship.



Durham (ME) Meetinghouse

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In other Quaker news

Friends Camp 50th Anniversary!

Relive your favorite memories of the 1950's, hoola hoops, silly putty, poodle skirts, duck tails and the 1953 founding of Friends Camp. Join us on 6/21/03 for a family event with food, music, and fun activities. To register go to www.friendscamp.org or contact Susan Morris, 207/923-3975 • camp@neym.org

Send minutes to the NEYM Archives

The Archives and Historical Records Committee encourages monthly and quarterly meetings and NEYM committees to send their minutes to the NEYM Archives [c/o Rhode Island Historical Society, 121 Hope Street, Providence RI 02906] on a regular basis, as hard copies on acid-free paper. This is more than just helping the Archivist, though that is in itself an intrinsically worthwhile activity. It is important as a form of witness. As Friends, we have a non-creedal faith; the expression of faith is embodied in the records

of our decisions and actions. As meetings and as committees we document our faith through our records, so that Friends in the future may find guidance for their witness.

NE Friends Home Centennial

An institution providing services to elders was first proposed at the 1903 Yearly Meeting and the Huntington Home was established in Amesbury, now the New England Friends Home at the Thayer House in Hingham. The Sarah Pope Dixon Trust (helps?) support(s) the 100 year old mission—to care for seniors under the Quaker principles of simplicity, peace, community, and equality. Join us for our open house anniversary celebration on Sunday, 6/8/03 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. All are welcome.

2nd Annual Woolman Hill "Friend-zy"

The "Friend-zy," 8/21-24/2003, is four days of camping, community, and intergenera-

tional fun. We'll be singing, worshipping, swimming, playing games, story-telling, and more. Kevin Lee and other Friends will be guiding us gently in our worshipful play. Reasonable rates and financial aid available. Contact, Woolman Hill, 107 Keets Road, Deerfield, MA 01342 • 413/774-3431 • info@woolmanhill.org

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A "worship-sharing group," *What Canst Thou Say* (WCTS) explores Quakers, mystical experience, and contemplative prayer in print. Upcoming themes: Birth and Rebirth, Healing, and On Being Open and Tender. For author information and sample issues contact m-gilpin@uiuc.edu • WCTS, 818 West Columbia, Champaign, IL 61820 • For subscription send \$8 for 4 issues/year to "WCTS," c/o Margaret Willits, PO Box 5082, Sonora, CA 95370.

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May 2003

31–6/1 Northwest QM – at Farm & Wilderness, VT
 [note: date change]

June 2003

13–15 Young Adult Friends Retreat – Mt Toby, MA
 14 Committee Day – Moses Brown, Providence, RI
 15 Ecumenical Relations Committee — Beacon Hill, MA
 21 Friends Camp 50th Anniversary – S. China, ME [see p.4]
 28–7/5 FGC Gathering – Johnstown, PA
 29 Dover QM – North Sandwich, NH

July 2003

20 RI–Smithfield QM – Smithfield, RI
 26 Falmouth QM – Oxford Hills, ME
 26 Sandwich QM – Allen’s Neck, MA

August 2003

2–7 Annual Sessions – Stonehill College, Easton, MA
 31 Dover QM – Pittsfield, NH

September 2003

6–7 Vassalboro QM Gathering – Friends Camp, China, ME
 13 Ministry & Counsel – Location, TBA
 12–14 Elementary Retreat – East Sandwich, MA
 13–14 Northwest QM – at Farm & Wilderness, VT
 20 Sessions Committee – Location, TBA

October 2003

4 Committee Day – Location, TBA
 5 CT Valley QM – Storrs, CT
 10–13 NE Maritime Gathering – New Brunswick, Canada
 18–19 RI–Smithfield QM Retreat – Camp Clara Barton, MA
 25 Falmouth QM – Windham, ME
 25 Sandwich QM – Nantucket, MA
 26 Salem QM – Wellesley, MA

November 2003

1 Vassalboro QM – Acadia, ME
 7–9 Ministry & Counsel retreat – China Lake, ME
 14–16 Elementary Retreat – Westport, MA
 15 Permanent Board – Location, TBA

December 2003

6 Northwest QM – Hanover, NH

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