

Welcome to Yearly Meeting 2001

Photo: Courtesy Stan Thornburg

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

“COMING ’ROUND RIGHT: OUR WITNESS TO THESE TIMES” is the theme of the 341st Annual Session of New England Yearly Meeting. As I prepare for sessions, these words are in my daily prayers. They have been in my heart as I visited with you and your committees during the year. I hope these words will guide and inform each of us as we try to corporately discern where the Spirit is calling us to witness.

NEYM session is an unique melding of Quaker Business and a conference. We have plenary times for worship and business and we have small group times for worship, worship sharing, committee meetings, workshops, interest groups, and programs. Often it is in the small group sharing times that new Friends come to know the joy of how over 700 of us get to know one another. As we build and strengthen faith community, we are better able to corporately seek the will of God and unite on a course of action. Last year business meeting asked for more time for corporate discernment of current concerns. Scheduling is an on-going dilemma for those who plan for our sessions. The possibilities grow but time does not. Over-scheduling is a challenge to our testimony of simplicity. This year our considerable efforts have resulted in several changes. Returning the Bible Half Hour to the morning does not add more time but gives us a longer evening business time. Worship sharing becomes an afternoon choice, along with workshops and includes one-day offerings. Weekend attendees

will have a chance to join worship sharing as well on Sunday afternoon.

The adult business meeting will conduct the usual business needed to keep the Yearly Meeting running smoothly. We will consid-

er the budget, appointments to committees, staff reports and appointments, and several memorial minutes. We need each of you to add your piece of the Truth as we revisit the Campaign of Conscience, consider a minute on National Missile Defense, and receive the Long Range Planning Committee’s final report and recommendations. Other items proposed by committees and quarterly meetings that are still coming ’round right will also need discernment.

NEYM is blessed by having 5 additional groups of Friends considering what God would have us do: Young Adult Friends, Young Friends, Junior High Yearly Meeting, Junior Yearly Meeting (third through sixth grades), and Junior Yearly Meeting (K through 2nd grades). Each writes an epistle and have their business minutes recorded in our minute book. We have even had reports from our youngest, the “Wigglers,” our infant and toddler program. I encourage you to consider attending one or more of our six other business meetings to witness how these Friends come ’round right.

We meet at NEYM to corporately discern what “our witness to these times” is. Please hold this theme and those of us who help organize the Yearly Meeting Sessions in your prayers. Please come with hearts and minds prepared for our time together.



Stan Thornburg, pastor at Olympic View (WA) Friends Church, Northwest Yearly Meeting, will give our Keynote on Heroic Faith: The Life of Pure Obedience.

Photo: Courtesy Marian Baker



Marian is a member and recorded minister of Weare (NH) Monthly Meeting, who has sojourned or been a member of all five branches of Friends. She will be leaving to work in ministry in East Africa for three years right after NEYM sessions.

David Bogartz, Sessions Committee Clerk

YEARLY MEETING Sessions last just five short days, but many Friends work year-round to make them happen. Some plan the agenda and choose the speakers, some plan the workshops, some coordinate the youth programs, still others run the bookstore and art exhibits. My gratitude to all of them, especially our

three gifted and experienced staff persons.

Our theme for 2001, “Coming ’round right: our witness to these times,” emerged out of a process of worship sharing in which Friends raised questions about our place in the social and economic order. Among the roots of these questions were our experiences at last year’s Yearly Meeting. These ranged from consideration of NEYM’s participation in the Campaign of Conscience For the Iraqi People, to our Junior High group’s witness to the inequality of wealth represented by the New England Patriots football team.

This year will be our last at Bryant College. Our decision to move is not taken lightly, especially since Bryant has been an

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outstanding location for us in many respects. In choosing to move, Sessions Committee weighed many factors, among them Bryant's plans to begin major construction next year, and our long-term need to vary our Sessions experiences through the new challenges and opportunities of a new space. At the time of this writing, the new location has not yet been finalized, but will be announced at Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Once again, a reminder: please do not let money stand in the way of your attendance at Yearly Meeting Sessions. Our Equalization Fund can pay up to two-thirds of the total fees if you apply by the deadline of July 1. Please consider contributing to the Equalization Fund if you are able to do so, and help spread the word that the funds are available. In addition, there are a number of volunteer positions for which Sessions costs are defrayed. Please contact the Yearly Meeting office if you are interested.

A body of Friends can unite to take risks and leaps that not every individual in the community could take on her own. Our decision to expand the time allowed for business sessions will create the space for discernment that we need to do this. My prayer for this year's Sessions is that in coming together in faith, we can, as a body, heed God's call to witness to these times.

Dick Bowman of Portland (ME) Monthly Meeting holds forth as a Rufus Jones impersonator at the Wednesday evening Coffee House, the NEYM talent night organized by Young Friends

Around the Yearly Meeting

Compiled from monthly meeting newsletters and correspondence by the Editors, William Kriebel and Jonathan Vogel-Borne

- **Middlebury (VT) Monthly Meeting (MM)** re-instituted its Peace and Social Action Committee, which was laid down several years ago due to a seeming lack of interest. A new committee is discussing a number of key issues.

- **Winthrop (ME) MM** holds monthly Neighborhood Nights to include members of the community, with such activities as a sharing of hobbies, a Christmas Concert, and a January "Summer Memories" gathering (with the food grilled outdoors), at which many shared what they had done the previous summer.

- **Putney (VT) MM** reached unity on planning a building expansion and a provision for memorials for departed Friends. Criteria include flexibility of space, energy efficiency, expandability, unity of design with the current building and landscape, accessibility, adequate parking, and adequate snow storage.

- **The All-New Hampshire Gathering of Friends** was held 1/20/2001 in Concord, NH. David Morse, **Storrs (CT) MM**, author of the pamphlet "John Woolman and the Global Economy," posed challenges that have arisen in the global economy. He believes we must look within to avoid complicity in immoral trade practices, but acting individually, like Woolman, is not

enough. We need to visualize a balance between the rising aspirations of the many and environment, consumer health, and human rights issues. We can seek alliances with companies favoring corporate social responsibility. His pamphlet is available on the web at neym.org/pandpbooklet.html. A print version is available from the NEYM office.

- **Providence (RI) MM** endorsed the pending state gun control bill, establishing strict but reasonable guidelines, and commended the Million Mom March for gun control. "Many gun deaths and injuries are wholly preventable.... At the heart of our faith, we believe there is that of God in every person. Such violence is a violation of our relationship with others and with God." We are called to "be peacemakers in our homes, in our communities, and in our places of work."

- **Sandwich (MA) MM** reports that Yarmouth Friend, James Gould, has compiled a detailed listing of properties once owned and still owned by Sandwich MM—the result of intensive and skilled combings through meeting minutes, town records, published histories, and fragments in the hands of members. The list dates from the "Oldest Burying Ground, 1674."

- **Fresh Pond (MA) MM** minuted the need to appoint an archivist to keep the

meeting's history up to date, building on Lynn Taber's Master's thesis on Fresh Pond's "History and Practice, 2000." The book collected all available documents, including meeting committees' history and practice, business meeting minutes, and listings of important events, and includes her own writing about the history and practice of Quakerism.

- **North Shore (MA) MM** has been holding an annual Mothers' Day Peace Vigil. This year's vigil focused on the devastation to children caused by the embargo on Iraq, and highlighted the national Campaign of Conscience.

- **Durham (ME) MM** is looking for adult members of the meeting to partner with its youth. They quote *Faith and Practice*: "Share with our children a sense of adventure, of wonder, and of trust and let them know that, in facing the mysteries of life, they are surrounded by love."

- **Cambridge (MA) MM** held a discussion, "If our walls could talk, what would they say?" over a concern that the historical prints in the Friends Center (William Penn & Elizabeth Fry) might be interpreted by some visitors "that Quakers ally themselves with the dominant culture and seem to be comfortable putting themselves above a minority of the populace."

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2001 YEARLY MEETING ADVANCE INFORMATION

August 4 – 9, 2001 • Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island

ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is July 6, 2001.

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT (VCRs, tape recorders, & slide-tape units) will be provided on a limited basis. Please bring your own where possible.

CAMPING is available on the Bryant College campus. Bathrooms and showers will be available in adjacent, empty dormitories.

EQUALIZATION/FINANCIAL AID is available through the NEYM Equalization Fund. Applications for grants are included on the registration form. Send applications, **SIGNED BY YOUR MONTHLY MEETING CLERK**, to the NEYM Registrar with your registration form by July 6, 2001. For more information, contact David Baxter, Clerk of the Equalization Committee, 978/635-0135 • baxter@acm.org.

PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED on the Bryant College campus.

SALE AND CONSIGNMENT ITEMS will be located in the Bookstore. Contact, Marian Dalton, Bookstore Manager, 207/725-8216 • marian.dalton@cmpco.com.

SPACE FOR EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK will be provided if requested by July 6, 2001. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • neym@neym.org.

SPECIAL-REQUEST MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS will be coordinated on campus. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • neym@neym.org.

CHILDCARE for ages 4 & under is available after breakfast until lunch, and after free time, until dinner. Plan to attend the Orientation Open House on Saturday, at 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, including participation in parts of the regular NEYM program. Parents should not bring or send their children to NEYM unless the children are prepared to participate in the program. Parents are responsible for their children during unscheduled periods. Parents & children orientation is on Saturday at 3:00 PM. Coordinator: Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638.

JUNIORHIGHERS (entering grades 7–9) program has a similar description to JYM, with additional activities to be announced. Parents & children orientation at 3:45 PM Saturday. Coordinator: Amy Lee, 508/994-1638.

YOUNG FRIENDS (entering grade 10 through 2001 high school graduates) have their own dorm & program, with some activities shared with the regular NEYM program. Participation in this program requires adherence to rules, some mandatory participation in events, a signed parental permission slip, & an adult sponsor. Sponsor & Young Friend orientation at 3:00 PM Saturday. Coordinator: Chris Jorgenson, 617/625-4494 • cmjorgens@aol.com.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAFs) (between age 18 and 35^{ish}) have a daily worship-sharing group and a program in the evenings, in addition to 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—YAFs are always psyched to meet new F(f)riends. Coordinator: Josh Baker, 508/754-6760 • yafcoord@neym.org.

YEARLY MEETING OFFICE will move to Bryant College, Tues. 7/31/2001. NEYM Office Phone at Bryant College is 401/232-4040. For emergencies (24 hrs.) call Public Safety: 401/232-6001.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

1. **MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM & ALL FEES**, including registration, room, board, & campus fees [*NEYM Registration Fee (non-refundable) is the minimum payment*] **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2001** to: Susan Woodrow, NEYM Registrar, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908; Telephone (508) 754-6760 • neym@neym.org. Make checks payable to New England Yearly Meeting.

2. **CHECK-IN:**
8/4 **Saturday:** 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM, and 9:00 to 10:00 PM – Hall 16 Lobby

8/5-8 **Sunday – Wednesday:** 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and 4:30 to 6:00 PM – Rotunda, Unistrustructure

3. **CHECK-OUT:** (return room keys to Bryant College staff)
8/5-8 **Sunday – Wednesday:** 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and 4:30 to 6:00 PM – Rotunda, Unistrustructure

8/9 **Thursday:** 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM – Hall 16 Lobby

NEYM REGISTRATION FEES: Registration Fees cover program costs and are not refundable.

Adult Registration Fees

(persons entering grade 10 or older)	Full Fee	Discount Fee
Resident, two or more nights	\$75	\$55
Resident, one night	\$55	\$40
Commuters & Campers, per-day	\$13	\$10
	(\$75 max.)	(\$55 max.)

Discount Fees for registrations postmarked on or before July 6

Child Registration Fees

(persons age 3 to entering grade 9)	Full Fee	Discount Fee
Resident, two or more nights	\$15	\$5
Resident, one night	\$11	\$1
Commuters & Campers, per-day	\$3	\$1
	(\$15 max.)	(\$5 max.)

Discount Fees for registrations postmarked on or before July 6

ROOM, BOARD, & FACILITIES FEES: ALL resident NEYM attenders **must bring** sheets, pillow cases, & towels. Blankets & pillows are provided for each bed. No charges for children, age 2 & younger.

Full-Time Resident (Saturday - Thursday)

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)	\$255
Child (age 3 to entering grade 9) in a bed	\$170
Child (age 3 to entering grade 9) on floor	\$90

Part-Time Resident (Plan B) (Per-day, beginning with supper, overnight, breakfast, & lunch—in that order)

Adult (entering grade 10 & older)	\$58/day
Child (age 3 to entering grade 9) in a bed	\$58/day

No option for child on floor

COMMUTER & CAMPER FEES: Full & part-time meals include Facilities Fees


Full meal plan:	Adult: \$170	Child: \$130
Part-time meals:	Adult: \$34/day	Child: \$26/day

Individual Meals (Facilities Use Fees not included):

Adult: Breakfast: \$7.00	Lunch: \$8.00	Dinner: \$11.00
Child: Breakfast: \$4.50	Lunch: \$5.50	Dinner: \$8.00

Facilities Use Fee\$8/day

2001 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

Saturday, August 4	Sunday, August 5	Monday, August 6	Tuesday, August 7	Wednesday, August 8	Thursday, August 9
<p>9:30 Permanent Board <i>(Janikies Auditorium, Unistructure)</i></p> <p>10:00 Registration begins <i>(Hall 16 Lobby)</i></p> <p><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>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 <i>(Janikies Auditorium, Unistructure)</i></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner <i>(Salmanson Dining Hall, Unistructure)</i></p> <p>5:30 Registration closes</p> <p>6:45 Opening Session (all ages) <i>(Rotunda)</i></p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children & youth staff leave</p> <p>8:15 Keynote Address: Stan Thornburg, <i>Heroic Faith: The Life of Pure Obedience</i></p> <p>9:00 Opening party Sponsored by Young Adult Friends <i>(Salmanson Dining Hall)</i></p> <p>9:00-10:00 Registration continues</p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:45 Meeting for Worship <i>(Rotunda)</i></p> <p>Worship & Singing (all ages)</p> <p>Junior YM leaves (9:45)</p> <p>Bible Half Hour Marian Baker, <i>1Cor. 12-14: Love is the start of any witness</i> (10:00)</p> <p>Open (unprogrammed) Worship</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 Free Time</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 Worship Sharing Groups <i>(Groups and locations to be posted)</i></p> <p>4:15 USFW (United Society of Friends Women) Program: Stories of USFW's work around the world <i>(Janikies Auditorium)</i></p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 Open meeting to hear concerns sponsored by Ministry & Counsel <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</i></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 Dinner</p> <p>6:15 Orientation for first-time attenders <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for location)</i></p> <p>7:00 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business <i>(Janikies Auditorium)</i></p> <p>9:00 Interest groups <i>(See YEARLY MEETING NEWS* for topics and locations)</i></p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour <i>Gospel of John: The source of Friends witness</i></p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 Free Time</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 Workshops & Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 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 <i>(Salmanson Dining Hall)</i></p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour <i>Psalm 51 and 121: Witness of NEYM Friends to each other</i></p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 Free Time</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 Workshops & Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 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 <i>Isaiah 33: 2-16: Third World Friends witness to us</i></p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:00 – 2:00 Free Time</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 Workshops & Worship Sharing Groups</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 Committee Meetings</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 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 <i>(Salmanson Dining Hall)</i></p>	<p>6:30 Early Worship**</p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 Breakfast</p> <p>7:00 Check-out begins <i>(Hall 16 Lobby)</i></p> <p>8:30 Bible Half-Hour <i>Revelations 2-5: Friends witness to others: The Lambs War</i></p> <p>9:30 Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business <i>(Janikies Auditorium)</i></p> <p>11:00 Closing worship (all ages): Epistles of all NEYM groups</p> <p>12:00 – 1:00 Lunch</p> <p>1:30 Permanent Board <i>(Janikies Auditorium)</i></p> <p>2:00 Check-out ends</p>
					
		<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>	<p>• The business agenda is available upon arrival. For advance information, call the NEYM Office 508/754-6760.</p> <p>• Additions to the schedule during Yearly Meeting Sessions will be announced in the <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS</i>.</p>	<p>Junior YM & JuniorHighers meet Sat: 7:30-9 PM Sun: 9:45-11:45 AM, & 7-9 PM Mon. – Wed.: 8:30-11:45 AM, & 7-9 PM Thurs: 8:30-11:45 AM</p> <p>Junior YM only, Sun.– Wed: 2-5:15 PM</p>	

Afternoon worship sharing & workshops

Please sign up on side 1 of the Yearly Meeting Registration Form (enclosed with this mailing)

Worship Sharing Groups — Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday, 2-4pm

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. Friends in the Grieving Process
9. Worshipful Singing

Three-day Workshops — Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 2-4pm

10. **The Reality of Racism.** Vince Buscemi. **M Tu W** [Friends General Conference (FGC) Committee]

The purpose of the workshop is to initiate specific movement toward righting this injustice. *Day 1*: meet separately as Friends of color and white Friends using queries for discussion. *Day 2*: forthright sharing around issues leading to deep understanding of other's pain. *Day 3*: how to begin healing and eradication of racism in NEYM. Each session will begin with worship. We will end with a meeting for racial healing.

11. **Keeping Space for Peace—Unmasking the Nuclearization & Weaponization of Space.** Frances Crowe. **M Tu W** [Peace and Social Concerns (P&SC)] Adults; & Youth.

Current administration strategies will be presented including military satellites for war, intelligence gathering, and this administration's strategies. Bruce Gagnon from the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space will lead the first day.

12. **Stewardship, Original Sin, Reconciliation.** Ralph Greene. **M Tu W** [Ministry and Counsel (M&C)]

This workshop consists of a study of John Woolman's essay "A Plea For The Poor" as set against the backdrop of the first three chapters of Genesis. Consideration will be given as to how these concerns apply to us in our time.

13. **Gifts & Leadings: Answering the Call.** Charlotte Fardelmann and Debbie Humphries. **M Tu W** [Nominating, M&C] Adults & Youth.

Together we will explore how we choose to use our gifts, follow our leadings, and develop the faith to do so. How can our meetings and relationships with others help us stay on the path? How can we balance the needs of our meetings with our own personal and family needs? (Limit 15)

14. **Practicing Our Faith.** Christopher & Jean McCandless. **M Tu W** [M&C] Adults & Youth.

How do our individual and corporate worship provide the foundation for varieties of ministry within our meetings and broader communities? Do we regularly prepare for and par-

ticipate in corporate worship? Does our worship define and sustain our ministries? Do we practice our ministries in our homes, workplaces, and wider public communities? Do we seek support in balancing competing commitments and discerning the leadings of the Spirit?

15. **Deepening the Experience of Meeting for Worship.** Allison Randall. **M Tu W** [M&C]

Day 1 will be devoted to preparation for Meeting for Worship. We will talk about daily spiritual practices, prayer, gratitude, awareness of the Presence of God. *Day 2* will focus on speaking in meeting. *Day 3* will address being in the silence - centering, focusing, trusting, listening, experiencing the Presence of God. All three days will include some readings from *Faith and Practice* and other Quaker writings. (3 day attendance encouraged but single session attendance allowed).

16. **Barclay's Apology: Blueprint for Transformation.** Will Taber. **M Tu W** [M&C] Adults & Youth.

Robert Barclay presents a challenge to the attitudes and assumptions of Friends. It is not just a work of theology. It also describes a process of transformation. *Day 1*: Barclay's assumptions about authority, scripture and the nature of man. *Day 2*: the process of transformation. *Day 3*: implications for our worship and ministry.

17. **James Nayler.** Gordon Bugbee & Brian Drayton. **M Tu W** [M&C] Adults & Youth.

A brief introduction to this controversial member of the first generation of the Society of Friends. A look at selected texts including his pamphlet, "The Lamb's War". (Limit 20)

18. **On Listening to God—What Do You Hear? Part II.** Michael Wajda. **M Tu W** [FGC Committee]

At the core of our Quaker faith and practice is a posture of deep listening. Through individual and small group exercises, we will consider what we hear in our devotional lives, in our monthly meetings, and in the broader Religious Society of Friends. What is God calling us to individually and corporately? This

workshop will continue from last summer's workshop, but focus especially be on how we follow what we hear. Attendance last year is not necessary. (3 day attendance encouraged.)

19. **Connecting with the Divine through Journal Writing.** Molly Duplisea. **M Tu W** [M&C] Adults & Mature Youth.

We will spend our time deepening our connection with the Divine, through a variety of journaling techniques: written prayer, written dialogue and letters to God. Sharing what is written is optional. (3 day attendance encouraged.)

20. **Personal Life Planning: Inform Yourself Now.** Ginny Cole. **M Tu W** [M&C].

Ginny has much professional and community experience with issues of aging. She is led to help Friends inform themselves about aging. Information and planning can help avoid thorny family dynamics and optimize one's quality of life throughout. Ample opportunity for questions and sharing about reducing the stress of taking care of oneself or loved ones. *Day 1*: The Current Wisdom on Advance Directives. *Day 2*: Longevity Planning: The Health Care Maze in the Decade to Come. *Day 3*: Hospice Care and Long-term Care: End-of Life Tasks. (Partial attendance okay)

21. **Spiritual Healing.** Nancyrose Logan. **M Tu W** [M&C] Adults & Youth.

If you are basically healthy, in a good spiritual place and filled with love for others, you have the ability to be a receptor and transmitter of God's healing love. You will learn the philosophy of healing, how to pray for healing, how to use your hands to heal, and how to start a Meeting for Healing at your own monthly meeting. (3 day attendance encouraged. Attenders must be present Monday.)

22. **The Spiritual Roots of Plain Living.** Cathy Whitmire. **M Tu W** [M&C]

Cathy Whitmire is the author of *Plain Living: A Quaker Path to Simplicity*. Experientially explore spiritual roots of plain living through worship, prayer, discernment, small clearness committees, and reflection on early Friends' experience of plain living.

Two-day workshops — Monday & Tuesday, 2-4pm

23. **Thomas Kelly.** Richard Kelly & Alan Kohrman. **M Tu** [M&C] Adults & Youth.

This workshop will introduce the ideas of Thomas Kelly, the most significant of twentieth century Quaker devotional writers. We'll try to put into practice some of Kelly's suggestions both through worship and worship sharing. If possible, please read Kelly's *A Testament of Devotion* and bring it with you. (2 day attendance encouraged.)

24. **Friends, A People Gathered to Seek.** Cilde Grover, Bruce Hawkins. **M Tu** [Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Committee]

In bringing Friends together face-to-face, and heart-to-heart, across traditions and national borders, FWCC seeks to promote exchanges that advance spiritual renewal and vitality within the Religious Society of Friends. This workshop will be one of personal sharing, in which

Friends will have the opportunity to share their beliefs and experience of the divine in a respectful environment that honors—indeed encourages—all shadings of Quaker theology and tradition. FWCC's Executive Secretary, Cilde Grover, an Evangelical Friend from Northwest YM, will co-facilitate this workshop with Bruce Hawkins (NEYM). Come ready to move beyond the limits of language, with all its baggage.

Two-day workshops — Tuesday & Wednesday, 2-4pm

25. **Right Sharing of World Resources.** Roland Kreager. **Tu W** [New England Friends In Unity With Nature] Adults & Youth.

Roland Kreager, staff person for the Right Sharing of World Resources in Cincinnati, Ohio, will talk about his organization's mission: "God calls us to the right sharing of world resources, from the burdens of materialism and poverty into the abundance of God's love, to work for equity through partnerships with our sisters and brothers throughout the world." How can we as Quakers express our traditional testi-

monies of peace and equality through more equitable distribution of world resources, thereby linking care of the earth and care of other people?

26. **Learning to Fly—The Later Years as a Wondrous Return to our Own True Nature.** Louisa Gray. **Tu W** [M&C Spiritual Nurture subcommittee] Adults.

During this workshop we will reflect on questions revealing our authenticity, the beauty and meaning in our lives, and unfinished tasks. For example: Who am I? What do I love? How

shall I live knowing I will die? What is my gift to the Family of the Earth? The emphasis will be on living in the Present/Presence, and strengthening self-trust in our own true nature. Suggested Reading: *How Then Shall We Live?* [Wayne Muller, 1996], *The Power of Now* [Eckhart Tolle, 1999], *On Hallowing Our Diminishments* [John Yungblut, Pendle Hill Pamphlet (PHP) #292] *For That Solitary Individual—An Octogenarian's Counsel on Living and Dying* [John Yungblut, PHP #316] (Limit 25. Attendance both days required.)

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

Monday

27. **Quakers Working for Ecological Integrity and Public Health through the Precautionary Principle.** David Damm-Luhr. **M** [New England Friends In Unity With Nature] Adults & Youth.

We will explore ways in which Quakers concerned about ecological integrity and public health can use the precautionary principle in social activism and EcoWitness. This principle calls for anticipatory, preventative action when there is scientific evidence of potential harm, but the extent and types of effects are uncertain. Joel Tickner from the Work Environment Program and the Lowell Center for Sustainable Production will talk about integrating the precautionary principle into environmental decision-making at the state level.

28. **Energy Work.** John Calvi. **M** [M&C] Adults and Teens with John's permission.

This will be an introduction to gentle laying-on-of-hands and offering energy work for rest, deep relaxation, and to lessen fear and pain.

29. **Sing With Young Friends.** Chris Jorgenson. **M** [Young Friends] Adults & Youth.

We'd like to share with you one of our favorite activities, a chance to REALLY "live in harmony!" Join us, take time to sing and have fun!

30. **Me, My Family, and God: Preserving the Ideal at Home.** Kevin Lee. **M** [Christian Education Committee (Chr Ed)]

How do we maintain balance within our hectic family routines and still experience that of the Spirit at home. We will discuss what works and what doesn't, covering family worship, prayer, and the non-verbal examples we set for our children. Parents with children at home and "seasoned" older parents are especially encouraged to come and share.

31. **Plan Colombia and its Deadly Effects on the Colombian People.** Mario Davila. **M** [NEYM P&SC and the Latin America Action Program of the American Friends Service Committee]

Review of the ongoing human rights issues that result from Plan Colombia. This alleged-

ly is to eradicate drug trafficking but will lead to direct involvement of US personnel in the entire Andean region, not just US military aid. Review of plans for US solidarity work, including moral, political and human accompaniment for human rights workers in Colombia.

Tuesday

32. **Put on Your Own Oxygen Mask First.** Jennifer Roy. **T** [Chr Ed] Adults.

Are you taking care of yourself while taking care of your children? Do you remember what it means to take care of yourself? This workshop will identify your needs, why they are important and how to parent effectively.

33. **Finding Your Goodness.** John Calvi. **T** [M&C]

Having a clear sense of your goodness can help you to help others, offer a deeper spiritual life, and fend off discouragement in hard work. This workshop will focus on ways that increase or obstruct our sense of goodness.

34. **"American Dilemma"— Pictures and Words about Racism.** Joyce C. McKelvey. **T** [Prejudice & Poverty Committee]

Words and slides meant to be used by Friends' and other faith community groups to address racism in the United States and struggles to end it. The words are mostly from African Americans but include others, like John Woolman. Images of the black experience in the United States.

35. **Managing Quaker Money.** Dan Issacs. **T** [Board of Managers of Investments]

This workshop will be the annual meeting of the Board of Managers. Current economic trends and investment recommendations. Discussion will review: portfolio, recommended changes, standards for socially and religiously responsible investments. Questions and suggestions welcome.

Wednesday

36. **Publishing Our Truth on the Web.** Alana Parkes (and others). **W** [Ad Hoc Web Committee] Adults & Youth.

How do we balance the needs of protecting

individual privacy versus the communication potential of the web? Where would you like www.neym.org to be on that continuum? How do we discern the proper role of the Internet in our communities? We particularly value participation by individuals with limited experience with computers.

37. **Avoiding Burnout.** John Calvi. **W** [M&C] Adults and teens with permission from John.

A time of rest and renewing energies for anyone who is helping to care for another or weary from their own inner healing. Ideas for refreshing yourself, giving your best, making compassion pragmatic, avoiding despair and exhaustion, and recovery from burnout.

38. **What to Save, What to Send: Your Meeting's Records & the Yearly Meeting's Archives.** Richard Stattler & Marnie Miller-Gutsell. **W** [NEYM Archives and Historical Records Committee]

Is your meeting puzzled about what to do with your records, old documents, memorabilia? Learn about NEYM Archives and how to care for your documents and prepare them for the Archives. Also learn how to care for items which the Archives doesn't collect.

39. **Lobbying for Peace & Social Concerns.** Judith Meredith **W** [P&SC] Adults.

Judith is a "people's" lobbyist with a focus on peace and bread & butter issues who has worked with Quakers. Discussion regarding lobbying at the local (statehouses) level.

40. **Friends in Palestine.** Colin & Kathy South. **W** [FWCC]

Colin and Kathy South are the Friends United Meeting representatives in Palestine. Colin is serving as the director of the Ramallah Friend Boys and Girls Schools, founded in the 19th century by Eli and Sybil Jones of New England YM. The Souths will lead a discussion on the long and short-term policies of the Friends Meeting and of the Schools in the Palestinian West Bank under the conditions they are now facing. They are members of Britain YM and longtime educators in Britain and Iowa.



Around the Yearly Meeting (continued)

• **Mattapoisett (MA) MM** has written to the Boy Scouts of America asking them to reverse their decision not to honor service to the Unitarian Universalist Association as valid service for its religion merit badge. One point of disagreement is that the Boy Scouts say they are not a secular organization, but an ecumenical religious one and that belief in and duty to God is a requirement, to which some UUA members object. The Boy Scouts of America does not approve

of the UUA version of the Religion in Life manual, welcoming all: the Boy Scouts do not tolerate acceptance of homosexuals, which UUA members point out does not equate with being pedophiles.

• **Framingham (MA) MM** considered a suggestion for a meeting historian, who would organize meeting archival information. "There is a concern that, since the loss of Penelope Turton, our history is not being reported or recorded in any consistent way."



Framingham (MA) Meetinghouse

Accessible Congregations Campaign

Last fall all NEYM meetings received a mailing from the Committee on Aging concerning the ecumenical Accessible Congregations Campaign sponsored by the National Organization on Disability's Religion and Disability Program. This invitation to participate had a deadline of 12/31/2000. We have now discovered that the Campaign will be ongoing. Meetings may decide to participate at any point. The NEYM Committee on Aging would like to re-invite meetings to have a conversation about commitment to accessibility within their meetings. Participation in this Campaign entails a commitment to becoming more aware of obstacles to accessibility, whether physical or attitudinal, setting some achievable goals, and then taking action. Meetings at any place on the continuum of accessibility can participate. To date, nine Quaker Meetings nationwide are participating in the Campaign, four from New England: Smithfield (RI), Vassalboro (ME), Cobscook (ME), and Portland (ME). Contact: Sharon Salmon, 207/968-2902 • loghouse@pivot.net.

Spiritual Formation groups in ME & VT

With the success of the Spiritual Formation Program sponsored by the Spiritual Nurture subcommittee of NEYM Ministry & Counsel, the Vassalboro and Falmouth QMs in Maine will sponsor a Spiritual Formation Program in the fall. Northwest QM is also considering sponsorship of a Spiritual Formation Program in the Vermont area. Participants commit to a nine-month program, which includes retreats, individual spiritual discipline, regional meetings for reflection on readings, and small groups for support and

spiritual friendship. For Northwest QM, contact: Micheal Hechmer, 802/878-3725 • mhechmer@worldnet.att.net. For Maine, contact: Judith Graham (ME), 207/827-1326 • igraham@umext.maine.edu.

Grants available

The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Prejudice and Poverty has a modest amount of money for a few grants (\$150-\$200 each) to organizations whose purpose is to promote diversity and multiculturalism, confront prejudice, and understand better how poverty can be a factor in all such efforts. Contact Joyce McKelvey, 860/423-8245 or Sam Lowe, 781/863-5478 • chenlowe@gis.net.

Friends of Native Americans

"Whose Land?" New York Lands Claims and other lands claims cases will be a central topic of discussion at the 2nd gathering 6/15-17/2001 at Burlington (NJ) Meetinghouse and Conference Center. Friends concerned with Indian issues are invited to join the members of Indian committees of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and New England Yearly Meetings, staff from AFSC and FCNL to explore critical issues affecting Native Americans and the work of Friends to support them. Contact Jean Carey, 610/649-9931 • jean@careyproject.org.

NEYM/Maritime Friends Gathering

The retreat of New England and Maritime Friends will be held as usual on U.S. Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, 10/5-7/2001, at Camp Telakadik, Lake Cassidy, NB, Canada. Contact: Al Norton, PO Box 242, Wayne, ME 04284 • 207/685-9164.

In other Quaker news

Old meetinghouse needs funds

The Quaker Ridge Meeting House, Casco, ME, seeks funds for needed repair. Under the care of Windham (ME) MM, it is used for worship during the summer by Friends from Falmouth Quarter and from several states and Canada. Unusually, the building was partitioned for use on one "plain" side by the unprogrammed meeting and on the other by the Friends Church, with an organ. Contact: Michael Wozich, 85 River Rd., Windham, ME 04062 • 207/893-0793.

FWCC Executive Secretary sought

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Section of the Americas seeks a Friend for appointment as Executive Secretary beginning 1/1/2002. The position requires close coordination with FWCC offices and Sections around the world and considerable travel. Contact: FWCC, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 • 215/241-7250 • americas@fwcc.quaker.org.

Quaker Youth Pilgrimage

FWCC Section of the Americas is seeking two adult facilitators and fourteen young Friends, ages sixteen to eighteen, for the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, 7/12-8/10/2002. The pilgrimage, both physical and spiritual, will trace some of George Fox's journey through Virginia and North Carolina. A diverse group of Friends will come together to explore their common roots, experience different forms of worship, visit important Quaker historical sites and undertake a work project while traveling, living and working together. Contact: FWCC, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 • 215/241-7250 • americas@fwcc.quaker.org.

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June 2001

- 9 Committee Day – Portland, ME
- 15–18 Friends United Mtg General Board – Powell House, NY
- 30–7/7 FGC Gathering, *Stillness: Surrounding, Sustaining, Strengthening*– Blacksburg, VA

July 2001

- 5–8 USFWI & Quaker Men Int'l. – Cincinnati, OH
- 15 RI-Smithfield QM – Worcester, MA
- 27–28 Stillness Retreat – Monadnock, NH [Contact: Denise Ginzler, 603/878-3702]
- 28 Falmouth QM – Quaker Ridge, Casco, ME
- 28 Sandwich QM – Allen's Neck, MA
- 29 Dover QM – Pittsfield, NH

August 2001

- 4–9 YM Sessions – Bryant College, Smithfield, RI
Theme: *Coming 'round right: Our witness to these times*
Keynote: Stan Thornburg, Northwest YM
Bible Half Hour: Marian Baker, Weare (NH) MM

September 2001

- 7–9 Vassalboro QM – Friends China Camp
- 8–9 Northwest QM – at Farm & Wilderness, VT
- 15 Ministry & Counsel – Location, TBA
- 22 Sessions Committee – Location, TBA
- 29 Committee Day – Location, TBA
- 30 Dover QM – Henniker, NH

October 2001

- 5–7 Friends United Mtg. General Board – Richmond, IN
- 5–7 Young Quakes (FGC) – Burlington, NJ
- 5–8 New England Maritime Gathering – Lake Cassidy, New Brunswick, Canada [see page 3]
- 7 CT Valley QM – Storrs, CT
- 13–14 Stillness Retreat – Rockcraft, ME [Contact: Peggy Dunn, 207/879-1371]
- 13–14 Stillness Retreat – Block Island, RI [Contact: Karin Sprague, 401/934-3109]
- 20–21 RI-Smithfield QM retreat – Camp Aldersgate, RI
- 20 Practice of Clerking – Location, TBA
- 21 NE United Society of Friends Women – Gonic, NH
- 28 Salem QM – Cambridge, MA
- 26–27 Stillness Retreat – Monadnock, NH [Contact: Denise Ginzler, 603/878-3702]
- 27 Falmouth QM – Windham, ME
- 27 Sandwich QM – Martha's Vineyard, MA

November 2001

- 4 Vassalboro QM – Winthrop, ME
- 9–11 Ministry & Counsel retreat – Location, TBA
- 9–11 Jr. High Retreat – Woolman Hill, MA
- 17 Permanent Board – Location, TBA
- 18–21 Ambassadors for Christ (FUM) – New York, NY

December 2001

- 1 Northwest QM – Location, TBA