

## Welcome to Yearly Meeting 2002

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light, And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
—Francis of Assisi

Photo: Courtesy Tom Hamm



Tom Hamm is Archivist and Professor of History at Earlham College. A life-long Friend, he is a member of First Friends Meeting in New Castle, Indiana, and currently serves as recording clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting. He has written extensively on Quaker history, and is currently at work on a book on contemporary American Quakerism for Columbia University Press.

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

“**L**ORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR peace...” is the theme for our 342<sup>nd</sup> Yearly Meeting. This year most of us have been trying to find a way to be instruments of peace. Even though I say this prayer daily, in preparation for our Sessions, I am still unable to commit it to memory. The word pairs elude me, as I don't like to say or even think of the word hatred. I often skip over doubt even though I am convinced that it is our faith that allows us to continue working to make a difference. As I have traveled around New England Yearly Meeting listening for where the Spirit is moving, I have heard from you, expressions of every part of this prayer. Friends are struggling, if and how and when are we, am I, to respond to unfolding current events? Friends are seeking ways to put faith into action in a manner that is in unity with Friends practices. our theme will focus all our Sessions discussions this year.

The biggest challenge I see us facing this year is how to peacefully adapt to the new campus at Wheaton. Site transitions usually have some sticky spots; I am practicing deep breathing in preparation for the inevitable situation we have yet to see. Business Meetings will include our usual items supporting the smooth operation of the Yearly Meeting: the budget, appointments to committees, staff reports and appointments, and reports from representatives—including from

Friends attending the July 2002 FUM Triennial in Kenya. The annual committee reports, printed in the advanced documents, will describe their accomplishments. By this time last year I had received four well-seasoned minutes for our corporate discernment; this year I have none. However, this has been a year of rapid change and unanticipated events. Only God knows what will be on our hearts and minds as we gather for prayer and discussion.

Ministry and Counsel has designated time on Saturday afternoon from 2-2:45pm for corporate worship. Please join us in this meeting for worship. Sunday afternoon we will hold a period of worship to hear the Memorial Minutes and reflect on the lives of those who have served Yearly Meeting in many ways. The schedule is full with time to worship, sing, work, and play together. We will catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Please continue to hold our theme and those of us who help organize the Yearly Meeting Sessions in your prayers. Also please come with hearts and minds prepared to seek what God is calling us to do in order to be instruments of peace.

Nancy Haines, Sessions Committee Clerk

**S**ESSIONS COMMITTEE BEGAN planning for Yearly Meeting during the tense, distressing days following September 11<sup>th</sup>. As our country was calling for vengeance and our president declared war, we could only cry out for peace. Our theme for this year, the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, encompasses both the pain and despair we were feeling and our need to find strength and hope and joy. The call for us to be instruments for peace has only increased in the ensuing months.

Even as we work for peace and healing, we should celebrate this as a year for joy. 350 years ago, George Fox

began his ministry and the Religious Society of Friends came into being. We will rejoice in our shared history while seeking ways to be tender toward each other in our differing faith journeys.

Our programs will reflect many aspects of our theme. Tom Hamm, a Quaker historian from Earlham College, will provide the keynote by reflecting on the history of our peace testimony. On Tuesday evening, Andrea Ayvazian will lead a special program sponsored by Ministry and Counsel on racism, a concern that arose during last year's Sessions. For our Bible Half-Hours, we are blessed to have Annie & Peter Blood-Patterson who will lead us, through a blend of Bible study and music ministry, to a new understanding of Scripture.

Last year's schedule, which allowed more time for business, contributed significantly to the depth of our corporate worship and we are continuing this practice. Because of your feedback, we will again provide separate times for workshops and worship

Photo: Courtesy Blood-Patterson's



Annie & Peter Blood-Patterson have traveled around the world leading Friends and others in song and music retreats for many years. Middletown Monthly Meeting, in Lima, PA, where they are members, has recognized and supported this gift of music ministry. They are co-creators of the popular song-book Rise Up Singing.

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sharing although workshop and free times have been reduced a bit.

We are returning after many years to Wheaton College in Norton, MA. Many of you will remember the graceful and compact grounds with a lovely pond and many stately trees. We will have the pleasure of discovering new ways to be in community together making this campus our home. Our workshops and business meetings will be held in the air-conditioned classroom buildings and the bright, open, student center. We will once again have a large swimming pool. The college has some air-conditioned bedrooms for those in need; the rest of us should bring a fan, pray for cool weather, and remind ourselves that we are being environmentally responsible. Also, because of Wheaton's pricing structure, the NEYM Equalization Fund has committed \$3,000 to help keep down the cost for families with young children.

With God's loving guidance, this summer's Yearly Meeting Sessions will enable us to grapple with our responses to world events and to find our witness for the future, as individuals and as a faith community. I look forward to seeing each of you in August.

# Around the Yearly Meeting

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

- **Eggemoggin Reach (ME) Monthly Meeting (MM)** Presented a public program, 4/18/2002, "Quakers in New England, Witnesses for Peace" a survey history by Stanley Harrison, a member of the MM, at the Blue Hill Library.

- **Hartford (CT) MM** is hosting a "Nonviolence Discussion" series for Friends in **Connecticut Valley Quarter** to find strength and vision by examining beliefs about nonviolence. The group is reading *The Powers that Be* and *Engaging the Powers* by Walter Wink of **South Berkshire MM**. Contact Debbie Humphries, 203/757-4852 • [dhumphries@igc.org](mailto:dhumphries@igc.org)

- **Mt. Toby (MA) MM** Laurie Rizzo introduced "Godly Play" to Friends at their 11:40 Hour with a story and "I wonder questions." She describes a session of this exciting approach to religious education for the youngest First Day Schoolers (Preschool/ kindergarten) "Gathering and getting ready; hearing/seeing the story; wondering questions; responding to the story (art or play); sharing prayer of thanks; sharing a feast; a blessing and goodbye for each child." The new curriculum begins in September.

- **Cambridge (MA) MM** approved a minute on the situation in the Middle East, calling for our country to turn from the "war on terrorism" to a campaign for justice and

reconciliation. Friends urged the world to walk this path toward global justice to strengthen the rule of international law, respecting human rights and ending the cycles of violence. They call our government to facilitate diplomatic initiatives in the Middle East to create a viable Palestinian state for the welfare and safety of both Israelis and Palestinians. "We continue to pray that God will show us a way to identify and address the underlying causes of these tragedies and find the path of true and lasting peace." The minute was widely distributed to Friends, the media, and government officials.

- **Allen's Neck (MA) MM** sent 13 Friends to visit **Durham (ME) MM**. They were warmly welcomed with a potluck and return of hospitality they gave Durham Friends last November. Friends engaged in a discussion "The Strengths, and What We Would Like to Change About Our Respective Meetings." Allen's Neck Friends also heard many ideas for First Day School—a current concern—from the experience of Durham Friends. Meeting for Worship was blessed with ministry including the "Dur-Neck Clamanacle Choir's" singing. Celebrating worship, birthdays, and fellowship led to once again reluctant goodbyes, while love and friendship was strengthened.

## Help for families with children and teens with disabilities to attend Yearly Meeting Sessions

NEYM MINISTRY & COUNSEL'S NEW 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 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.



*Wheaton College Pond*

Photo: Jonathan Vogel-Borne

- **South China Community Fellowship Church** (Rufus Jones' childhood meeting) was the site for the first **All-Maine Quaker Gathering** 5/11/2002. The day long event provided opportunity to share news, fellowship, worship, and business concerns. Over 100 Friends attended from **Falmouth** and **Vassalboro Quarters**, even drawing a number of Friends from a worship group affiliated with Canadian Yearly Meeting in northern Maine.

- **Dover (NH) MM** minuted its opposition to NH Senate Bill 314. The bill actively violates an individual's civil right to handle his or her own registration with Selective Service. Selective Service is a federal function and the granting of drivers' licenses is a state function, and linking one to the other is inappropriate; and the bill provides no opportunity for conscientious objectors to state their position. The meeting called Phyllis Abell to present the minute at a legislative hearing on the matter and for the continued consideration of responses by Peace & Social Concerns.

- **Northampton (MA) MM** Library Committee held a "literature potluck" *What Hast Thou Read?* Friends were asked to bring three titles (books, magazines, or pamphlets) and to share their nourishing experiences with one another.

# 2002 YEARLY MEETING ADVANCE INFORMATION

Saturday, August 3 – Thursday, August 8, 2002 • Wheaton College, Norton, MA

## ADVANCE PLANNING AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for advance planning is July 5, 2002.

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

**CAMPING** is not available on the Wheaton College campus. To receive information on local campgrounds, choose the camping option on the registration form.

**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 5, 2002. Contact Christopher McCandless, Clerk of the Equalization Committee, 802/862-8665.

**NO PETS PERMITTED** on the Wheaton College campus.

**SALE AND CONSIGNMENT ITEMS** will be located in the Bookstore. Contact, Marian Dalton, Bookstore Manager, 207/725-8216 • [marian.dalton@cmpco.com](mailto:marian.dalton@cmpco.com).

**SPACE FOR EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS AND ARTWORK** must be requested by July 5, 2002. Contact the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • [neym@neym.org](mailto:neym@neym.org).

**SPECIAL-REQUEST MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS** are made through the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908 • [neym@neym.org](mailto:neym@neym.org).

**CHILDCARE** for ages 4 & under is available after breakfast until lunch, and after free time, until dinner. Orientation Open House on Saturday, at 3:00 – 4:15 PM. Coordinator: Kate Kerman, 603/876-4562 • [bababear@galaxy-g.mv.com](mailto: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 Saturday at 3:00 PM. Coordinator: Betty Ann Lee, 508/994-1638 • [welees@attbi.com](mailto:welees@attbi.com).

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

**YOUNG FRIENDS** (entering grade 10 through 2002 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](mailto:cmjorgens@aol.com).

**YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAFs)** (between age 18 and 35<sup>ish</sup>) have a daily worship-sharing group and a program in the evenings, 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 • [yafcoord@neym.org](mailto:yafcoord@neym.org).

**YEARLY MEETING OFFICE** will move to Wheaton College on Tuesday, 7/30/2002. To contact the NEYM Office at Wheaton, call the College switchboard, 508/285-7722, or e-mail at [neym@neym.org](mailto:neym@neym.org). For emergencies call Wheaton College Public Safety, 508/286-8213.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

1. **MAIL THE REGISTRATION FORM & ALL FEES**, including NEYM program fees, room, board, & campus fees [NEYM Registration Fee (non-refundable) is the minimum payment] **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2002** to: Honor & Susan Woodrow, NEYM Registrars, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908; Telephone (508) 754-6760 • [neym@neym.org](mailto:neym@neym.org). Make checks payable to New England Yearly Meeting.

2. **CHECK-IN:**  
(A deposit of \$15 for room key & meal card required)  
8/3 **Saturday:** 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM, and 9:00 to 10:00 PM – Balfour-Hood Student Center  
8/4-7 **Sunday – Wednesday:** 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and 4:30 to 6:00 PM – Balfour-Hood Student Center

3. **CHECK-OUT:**  
(*\$15 deposit refunded when room key & meal card returned*)  
8/4-7 **Sunday – Wednesday:** 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and 4:30 to 6:00 PM – Balfour-Hood Student Center  
8/8 **Thursday:** 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM – Balfour-Hood Student Center

**NEYM PROGRAM FEES:** NEYM program fees cover Yearly Meeting Sessions costs and are not refundable.

### Adult NEYM Program Fees

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

Discount for NEYM Program Fees postmarked on or before July 5

### Child NEYM Program Fees

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

Discount for NEYM Program Fees postmarked on or before July 5

**ROOM, BOARD, & FACILITIES FEES:** ALL resident NEYM attenders must bring **all bedding**—blankets, pillows, sheets, and towels.

No charges for children, age 2 & younger.

### Full-Time Resident (Saturday - Thursday)

Adult (entering grade 10 & older) .....	\$260
Child (age 3 to entering grade 9) in a bed .....	\$175
Child (age 3 to entering grade 9) on floor .....	\$95

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

Adult (entering grade 10 & older) .....	\$58/cycle
Child (age 3 to entering grade 9) in a bed .....	\$40/cycle
Child (age 3 to entering grade 9) on floor .....	\$20/cycle

**COMMUTER & CAMPER FEES:** Full and part-time meal plans include Facilities Fees.

**Full meal plan:** Adult: \$160 Child: \$95


**Part-time meals:** Adult: \$32/cycle Child: \$20/cycle  
(Per-cycle, in this order: supper, overnight, breakfast, & lunch)

**Facilities only fee** (no meals) .....\$12/day

### INDIVIDUAL MEALS PURCHASED AT DINING HALL:

Adult/Child: Breakfast: \$5.00 Lunch: \$6.50 Dinner: \$10.00

# 2002 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

Saturday, August 3	Sunday, August 4	Monday, August 5	Tuesday, August 6	Wednesday, August 7	Thursday, August 8
<p>9:30 <b>Permanent Board</b></p> <p>9:30 <b>Ministry &amp; Counsel</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Registration begins</b> <i>(Bring your own lunch or eat off campus. The Dining Hall is NOT AVAILABLE for NEYM)</i></p> <p>1:00 – 2:45 <b>Committee meetings</b> (See <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS*</i> for locations)</p> <p>2:00 – 2:45 <b>Meeting for Worship (open to all)</b> (Chapel)</p> <p>3:00 – 4:15 <b>Parent/Sponsor &amp; Youth Orientations</b> for all youth programs and childcare (See <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS*</i> for locations)</p> <p>4:30 – 5:00 <b>Orientation</b> for first-time attenders</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b> (Dining Hall)</p> <p>5:30 <b>Registration closes</b></p> <p>6:45 <b>Opening Session (all ages)</b> (Chapel)</p> <p>7:30 (approx.) Children &amp; youth staff leave</p> <p>7:45 <b>Keynote Address</b> Tom Hamm, <i>The Messy History of the Peace Testimony: Some Lessons from the Quaker Past</i></p> <p>9:00 <b>Registration</b></p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>9:00 <b>Meeting for Worship &amp; Singing (all ages)</b> (Chapel) Annie &amp; Peter Blood-Patterson, <i>Entering the Beloved Community</i> (Sowing love) 1John 4:12, John 15:1-12, 1Cor. 12:12 Junior YM leaves (10:00) <b>Open (unprogrammed) Worship</b></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 <b>Free Time</b></p> <p>1:30 – 2:30 <b>Memorial Meeting</b> (Auditorium)</p> <p>2:45 – 4:00 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b> (Auditorium)</p> <p>4:15 <b>USFW</b> (United Society of Friends Women) Program: <i>Friends in the Middle East</i> (Auditorium)</p> <p>4:15 – 5:15 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b> sponsored by Ministry &amp; Counsel (See <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS*</i> for location)</p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>6:15 <b>Orientation</b> for first-time attenders (See <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS*</i> for location)</p> <p>7:00 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b> (Auditorium)</p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b> (See <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS*</i> for topics and locations)</p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Being Called</i> (Make me an instrument), 1Kings 19:11-14, Jer. 1:4-8, Luke 4:14-30</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 <b>Free Time</b></p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 <b>Workshops</b></p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 <b>Worship Sharing Groups</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>7:00 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b> <b>Contra dance</b></p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Lifting the Veil</i> (Where there is darkness, light) 2Cor. 3:1 – 4:5</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 <b>Free Time</b></p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 <b>Workshops</b></p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 <b>Worship Sharing Groups</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>7:00 <b>Program on Racism presented by Ministry &amp; Counsel:</b> Andrea Ayvazian</p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b></p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Feed My Sheep</i> (In giving, we receive) John 21</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:00 – 1:30 <b>Free Time</b></p> <p>1:30 – 3:00 <b>Workshops</b></p> <p>3:15 – 4:15 <b>Worship Sharing Groups</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Committee Meetings</b></p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 <b>Open meeting to hear concerns</b></p> <p>5:00 – 6:30 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>7:00 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b></p> <p>9:00 <b>Interest groups</b> <b>Coffee house</b></p>	<p>6:30 <b>Early Worship**</b></p> <p>7:00 – 8:15 <b>Breakfast</b></p> <p>7:00 <b>Check-out begins</b></p> <p>8:30 <b>Bible Half-Hour</b> <i>Sowing Hope</i> (In dying, we are born) John 14:1-4, 2Cor. 5:1, 1Cor. 15:54-55</p> <p>9:30 <b>Meeting for Worship to Conduct Business</b> (Auditorium)</p> <p>11:00 <b>Closing worship (all ages)</b> Epistles of all NEYM groups</p> <p>12:00 – 1:00 <b>Lunch</b></p> <p>1:30 <b>Permanent Board</b></p> <p>2:00 <b>Check-out ends</b></p> <hr/> <p>• <b>Business agenda</b> available upon arrival. For advance information, call the NEYM office 508/754-6760.</p> <p>• <b>Additions</b> to the schedule during Sessions announced in the <i>YEARLY MEETING NEWS</i>.</p>
					
			<p><b>Youth Program Schedules</b></p>		
			<p><b>Childcare:</b> Su: 9-11:45 AM, &amp; 1:30-5:45 PM M-W: 8:30-11:45 AM, &amp; 1:30-5:45 PM Th: 8:30-11:45 AM</p>		<p><b>Junior YM &amp; JuniorHighers</b> meet Sa: 7:30-9 PM; Su: 9:45-11:45 AM, &amp; 7-9 PM M-W: 8:30-11:45 AM, &amp; 7-9 PM Th: 8:30-11:45 AM</p>
			<p><b>Young Friends</b> day &amp; evening program</p>		<p><b>Jr. YM only</b>, Su-W: 1:30-5:45 PM</p>

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\*\* **Early Worship** programmed, healing, unprogrammed, unity with nature. (For locations see the *YEARLY MEETING NEWS*)

# 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. **Eldering: "E"asy Does It.** Kenneth Sutton. **M Tu W** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C)].  
Empowering, educating, evoking, encouraging—and yes, cautioning—eldering evokes images of nurture, moral support, and accountability. What insights does the traditional practice of recognizing elders have for our meetings today? Please bring a Bible.
10. **Feminism and Spirituality.** Shannon Craig Snell. **M Tu W** [M&C].  
Come discuss the intersection of gender, politics, and religion. How does gender affect our experiences of the Divine? Do our experiences of the Holy change if we imagine God as female or non-gendered? What does it mean for women to know God within religious traditions that focus on men and see God as male? (Adults and mature teens)
11. **Elder Law.** Margaret O'Reilly. **M Tu W** [Committee on Aging].  
This workshop will provide information about nursing home issues, putting your affairs in order, and finding the help you need. Supportive atmosphere for raising questions and meeting others in similar situations.
12. **Letters From Our Friend George: an Introduction to the Pastoral Epistles of George Fox.** Martha Mangelsdorf. **M Tu W** [M&C].  
George Fox's Epistles to early Friends provide a wonderful way to better understand Fox, his beliefs, and his ministry. We'll read selected epistles, discuss them in small groups, and write some epistles for today. (Adults and Young Friends. Limit 30)
13. **Answering the Call: Creating Time & Energy for the Spirit.** Charlotte Fardelmann and Debbie Humphries. **M Tu W** [M&C].  
Explore how we choose to use our gifts, respond to divine leadings, and develop the faith to do so. Share struggles to meet the needs of work, family, and our Quaker meetings. Given the conflicting demands on our time and energy, how do we listen and allow ourselves to be Spirit-led in all aspects of our lives? (Limit 15)
14. **The Global Economy—the Sacred Earth.** Mary Gilbert et al. **M Tu W** [New England Friends in Unity With Nature].  
*Day 1:* Basic literacy: Identification and a brief history of the entities behind globalization. *Day 2:* Decision-making: Accountability and governance. *Day 3:* The call to sustainability: How we can go forward? (Adults & Youth. Full time attendance)
15. **The Journey from the Tree of Knowledge to the Tree of Life.** Ralph Greene. **M Tu W** [M&C].  
Focusing on the first chapter of Genesis and the last chapter of Revelation we will journey from the Tree of Knowledge, through the wilderness—where we consider the forces of evil within and without—and on to the Tree of Life. Bring a Bible. (Adults & Youth. Limit 16)
16. **Discovering and Developing the Healer Within.** Sharon McLaren & Buffy Curtis. **M Tu W** [M&C].  
This workshop incorporates the Judeo-Christian knowledge and practice of healing modalities that spring from the laying on of hands. (Adults & Young Adults)
17. **Psalms As Lifesaving.** Evie Hoffmann. **M Tu W** [M&C].  
Sharing Psalms, listening to Psalms as we identify with the individual and community experiences they express will lead us to a deeper appreciation for these ancient songs. We may be led to write our own Psalms. (Adults & Youth. Full time attendance. Bring one or more translations of Psalms, paper, and pens.)
18. **Our Quaker Identity in England and New England.** Alastair Heron. **M Tu W** [Friends World Committee for Consultation/M&C].  
Presentation and dialogue with a veteran "public Friend." *Day 1:* British Friends since 1895. *Day 2:* Quaker identity and membership in Britain. *Day 3:* Membership issues for New England Friends. (Adults. Limit 22)
19. **Revising Faith & Practice.** David Coletta, Betsy Cazden, Jim Douglas. **M Tu W** [Faith & Practice Revision].  
Join members of the *Faith & Practice* Revision Committee in a worship-based exploration of what *Faith & Practice* is and how it functions in our individual lives and in our faith community. (Adults & Youth. Full time attendance.)
20. **The Stranger at The Door.** Deborah Haines. **M Tu W** [FGC].  
This workshop explores the spiritual context of outreach as a ministry to strangers, introduces the FGC Advancement & Outreach Committee's new "Inreach/ Outreach" resource packet showing how local meetings can develop their own "advancement plan." (Adults & Youth)
21. **Active Non-Violence Today, Local and Global.** Frances Crowe & Kevin Joyce. **M Tu W** [Peace & Social Concerns].  
How effective can non-violence be in our world today? Steve Carey, Everett Mendolsohn & Joseph Gerson will help us share and discern our roles. We will use the video "A Force More Powerful Than War, A Century Of Non-Violent Conflict." (Adults & Youth)

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

22. **Rediscovering the Power of Scripture.** Michael Gibson, FGC Religious Education Coordinator **M Tu** [FGC].  
Develop strategies for making the Bible come alive for children and adults by exploring the powerful and relevant whats, whys, and hows of using the Hebrew and Christian scriptures in Quaker religious education. *Day 1:* the Bible and children. *Day 2:* the Bible and adults and youth. (Geared to religious educators.)
23. **Friends in Kenya.** NEYM Friends who have just traveled in Kenya. **M Tu** [FUM].  
Many New Englanders attending the FUM Triennial in July will be at Yearly Meeting to share their experiences.
24. **Spiritual Accompaniment.** Andrew Nash. **M Tu** [M&C].  
Friends are exploring the tradition of "spiritual direction" or "spiritual friendship." This experiential two-day workshop looks at what it is, how to deepen it, and how it fits with Quaker beliefs. We'll consider the complementary roles of speaking and of listening in the spiritual accompaniment relationship and help clarify what you would value in a spiritual companion. Bring pen and paper.

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

25. **Building Covenant Community: Authority and Discipline in the Friends Meeting.** Chris and Jean McCandless. **Tu W** [M&C].

How can a meeting exercise its covenant of care with members in the face of contemporary social norms of privacy, self-determination, and personal sovereignty?

Clerks and Ministry and Counsel members encouraged to attend. (Adults & Teens. Full time attendance.)

26. **Making Inclusion Happen.** Vince Buscemi. **Tu W** [FGC].

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, monthly meetings can take steps toward realistic definitive actions wherein meet-

ings can (1) become truly welcoming to people of color, (2) become better informed about Friends of color, (3) focus the meeting's resources on racial and ethnic diversity, (4) find ways to participate with people of color and (5) find new ways to publicize events. (Adults)

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

### Monday

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

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. (Adults. Teens with John's permission.)

28. **What Contemporary Quakers Owe to African-Americans: Perspectives on History and the Need for Reparations.** Rosalind C. Wiggins, author of *Captain Paul Cuffe's Logs And Letters 1808-1817*. (Cuffe was a black Quaker, philanthropist, shipbuilder, and international merchantman.) **M** [Prejudice & Poverty]

Discussions on the intersections of Quaker and African American histories of New England and our relationships with African Americans today in light of our mutual histories. (Adults & Youth)

29. **Parenting Children of Color in the Quaker Faith.** Lisa Colburn. **M** [M&C]

A dialogue about how Quaker Meetings meet—and do not meet—the social and spiritual needs of bi-racial families and families of color.

30. **Instruments of Peace: Teaching the Quaker Peace Testimony to Children.** Jean McCandless **M** [Christian Education].

Presentation of the "Peacemakers" curriculum containing plans for 10 sessions for 3 age groups (ages 5–7, 8–10, and Jr. High). This blended curriculum includes material from the Bible, historical and contemporary Quakerism, and international peacemakers and organizations. It inte-

grates music, art, and service projects into well-organized and energetic lessons.

### Tuesday

31. **Finding Your Goodness.** John Calvi. **Tu** [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.

32. **Friends Camp Information Session.** Sarah Gant and Marie Hickey. **Tu** [Friends Camp].

Questions and answers about the Camp.

33. **Managing Quaker Money.** Dan Isaacs. **Tu** [Board of Managers of Investments]

Annual meeting of the Board of Managers open to all. Current economic trends and investment recommendations. Discussion/review of portfolio, recommended changes, standards for socially and religiously responsible investments. Questions and suggestions welcome.

### Wednesday

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

A time of rest and renewing energies for anyone 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. (Adults. Teens with permission from John.)

35. **Toward Becoming an Anti-racist Meeting.** Byron Parrish. **W** [M&C].

One meeting's experience grappling with issues of systemic racism among Friends. Presented by Friends of Racial Justice at Friends Meeting at Cambridge. (Adults & Youth)

36. **Conversations About Quakerism.** Jan Hoffman. **W** [M&C]

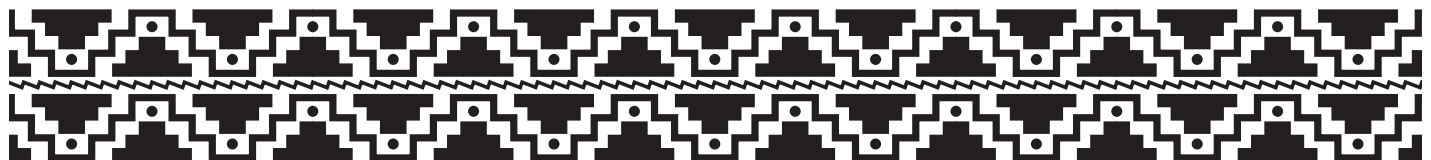
Ask and share questions or concerns about Quakerism. This free-ranging discussion will be facilitated by a seasoned and broadly experienced Friend.

37. **Spiritual Accompaniment.** Andrew Nash. **W** [M&C]

Examine different approaches to spiritual accompaniment, share experiences of receiving and offering such companionship, and discuss how to choose a spiritual companion. Please bring pen and paper. (Adults and mature teens.)

38. **Visit Saylesville Friends Meeting House.** Bruce Downing. **W** [Archives]

Saylesville Friends Meetinghouse reportedly the oldest continuously used, owned, and maintained Friends Meetinghouse in New England, from 1703. Worshipers report feeling the presence of Friends of old and their "sense of the meeting" in the structure. There is a caring and closeness that is usually only found in a family. Inspirational in its simplicity and antiquity it provides the quiet oasis that allows for centering and reaching for the Light within. (Adults & teens. Bring bag lunch. Transportation coordinated to & from Wheaton.)



# In other Quaker news

## NEYM Admin. Asst./YAF Coord. hired

Karen Armstrong has been hired to serve as full-time NEYM staff in the two-year experimental position, Administrative Assistant/Young Adult Friends Coordinator. A member of Wellesley (MA) MM and active Young Adult Friend, Karen is just completing her B.A. in Religion, minor in Quaker Studies, at Earlham College. We welcome her, with prayerful thanks, to our YM staff.

## Newport (RI) Meetinghouse open

The Great Friends Meetinghouse, Newport, RI, will be open for a meeting for worship at 11:00am on 6/30/2002. Friends from throughout New England are warmly invited to attend. For the first time in several years, the Newport Historical Society plans to open the Meetinghouse for tours this summer Weds-Sat. 10:00am to 4:00pm from 6/12 to 8/31/2002. First erected in 1699 the NEYM met there for more than 200 years. Contact, Jim or Trudi Brown, 401/841-0441.

## Friends Camp Celebrates 50 Years

Friends Camp, South China, Maine is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2003. We want to hear from campers and staff alumni. Send contact information and your years at camp to Susan Morris at Friends Camp 729 Lakeview Dr., South China, Maine 04358 • [camp@neym.org](mailto:camp@neym.org)

## Nominations Needed

Nominating Committee continues hearing the needs of NEYM committees and listening for Friends' gifts. We do our best to discern whom a committee needs, and what committee work might support the growth of an individual. At this point we are particularly looking for people who might be led to serve on the following committees. *Archives/2* openings, *Peace and Social Concerns/3*, *Prejudice and Poverty/2*, *Christian Education/2*, *Puente de Amigos/3*, *Youth Programs/2*, *Friends Camp/5*, *Finance/4*, *New England Friends in Unity with Nature/6*, *Aging/4*, *Mosher Book & Tract/4*, *Friends General Conference/2*, *Friends World Committee for Consultation/1*. If you're interested in serving or need more information on specific committee activities, contact Debbie Humphries, Clerk, 203/757-4852 • [dhumphries@igc.org](mailto:dhumphries@igc.org)

## Equalization Fund needs money

The Equalization Fund provides scholarships for attending Yearly Meeting Sessions. It is the goal of the Fund that no one should miss Sessions because they can't afford the cost. For several years, the Fund has been able to meet all valid requests, but contributions to the Fund have not kept pace with Friends needs for assistance. As a result, the Fund's balance has declined to the point that we face the prospect of having to turn down valid requests. We invite you and your meeting to send checks, payable to NEYM, earmarked for the Equalization Fund, to the NEYM Office, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908.

## Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund

The Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund/Sarah Swift Fund supports New England Friends witness and ministry, Friends institutions, and publications. OBBF/SSF Grants are generally limited to one-time applications for each project. The trustees meet to review requests in October, February, and May; applications are due a month earlier. Contact the clerk, Phebe McCosker, PO Box 66, Thetford, VT 05074 • 802 785-4186.

## Spiritual Formation Program

Opening retreat, 10/11-13/2002, Woolman Hill; Winter gathering, 2/1/2003, Worcester; Concluding retreat, 6/6-8/2003 Woolman Hill. The nine month program involves meeting locally and in the wider Yearly Meeting. The syllabus includes readings on prayer, scripture, spiritual experience, community, and Quakerism. Small local support groups meet regularly to share the joys and trials of daily spiritual discipline undertaken during the program. Participants from all local groups around the Yearly Meeting join together at retreats and a winter gathering. Gail Thomas, Registrar 617/492-5035 • [thomasgail@attbi.com](mailto:thomasgail@attbi.com)

## Women's Retreat

As the cry of a loon pierced the quiet stillness of Lake Winnepesaukee, 16 women from NEYM gathered at the Geneva Point Conference Center on 4/12/2002 for a 3-day retreat. How we nurture ourselves was the over-riding theme, with both financial and aging issues framed as spiritual lessons for developing trust in the Light. Several old wounds were healed, even as a new one pro-

vided an opportunity for spiritual growth and love. Next year's retreat will be held again at Geneva Point in mid-April. For more information, contact [mmason@vtlink.net](mailto:mmason@vtlink.net)

## FGC Young Quakes in New England

Young Quakes conference for high school Quaker youth sponsored by Friends General Conference (FGC), is scheduled for 10/11-14/2002 at Friendly Crossways in Littleton, MA. This is the fourth year that FGC has sponsored a specifically "YouthQuake-like conference in the unprogrammed Friends tradition to explore our Quaker Biblical roots and the Christian and universalist expressions of our faith." It is a program to fill a need among FGC youth programs for something specifically biblical and Christian, with a universalist approach. There will be speakers, workshops, family groups, and worship with Friends from other yearly meetings. For more information contact, Chris Jorgenson • 617/625-4494 • [youthsec@neym.org](mailto:youthsec@neym.org)

## YouthQuake 2003 at Estes Park, CO

12/27/2003 to 1/1/2004, Quaker youth age 14-20 will gather at YMCA of the Rockies for a Christ-centered gathering bringing together young Friends from Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference, Evangelical Friends International, Conservative, and Independent yearly meetings. It is not too early to plan for it. More information in the fall. Contact, Chris Jorgenson • 617/625-4494 • [youthsec@neym.org](mailto:youthsec@neym.org)

## FWCC Triennial in Aertora

New England Yearly Meeting may name three representatives to the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) 21<sup>st</sup> Triennial, in Aertora NZ, 1/14-17/2004. To be considered for nomination, send a letter describing what FWCC means to you, including a history of your involvement, and what you might gain from and give to the experience. Send to April Claggett by 7/1/2002 • RR2 Box 134L, Peterborough, NH 03458 • [apclaggett@yahoo.com](mailto:apclaggett@yahoo.com)

## Beacon Hill Friends House openings

Seeking people of all backgrounds interested in living in an intentional, Quaker led community for up to two years. Contact the Directors for information and an application. BHFH, 6 Chestnut St. Boston, MA • 02108 617/227-9118 • [directors@bhfh.org](mailto:directors@bhfh.org)

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## YEARLY MEETING CALENDAR

### June 2002

- 1-2 Northwest QM – at Farm & Wilderness, VT
- 8 Committee Day – Wellesley, MA
- 8 Ministry & Counsel – Wellesley, MA
- 14–15 Stillness Retreat – New Haven, CT  
*[Contact: Sharon Ellsworth, 203/488-1075]*
- 14–16 YAF Retreat – Dartmouth at Smith Neck, MA
- 15 Youthworkers Training – Framingham, MA
- 29–7/6 FGC Gathering – Illinois State, Normal, IL
- 30 Dover QM – Gonic, NH

### July 2002

- 9–15 FUM Triennial – Nairobi, Kenya
- 19–20 Stillness Retreat – Bryant Pond, ME  
*[Contact: Arla Patch, 207/665-2224]*
- 21 RI-Smithfield QM – Westerly, RI
- 26–27 Stillness Retreat – Monadnock, NH  
*[Contact: Denise Ginzler, 603/878-3702]*
- 27 Falmouth QM – Brunswick, ME
- 27 Sandwich QM – Westport, MA

### August 2002

- 3–8 YM Sessions – Wheaton College, Norton, MA

### September 2002

- 6–8 Vassalboro QM Gathering – China, ME
- 7–8 Northwest QM – Farm & Wilderness, VT
- 14 Ministry & Counsel – Location, TBA

- 20–21 Stillness Retreat – Portsmouth, NH  
*[Contact: Charlotte Fardelmann, 603/436-7652]*
- 21 Sessions Committee – Location, TBA
- 27–29 Young Friends – Location, TBA
- 27–29 Elementary Retreat – Woolman Hill, Deerfield, MA
- 29 Dover QM – North Sandwich, NH

### October 2002

- 4–5 Stillness Retreat – Block Island, RI  
*[Contact: Karin Sprague, 401/934-3109]*
- 5 Committee Day – Smith College, Northampton, MA
- 6 CT Valley QM – New Haven, CT
- 11–14 NE Maritime Gathering – Location, TBA
- 11–14 FUM General Board – Richmond, IN
- 11–14 Young Quakes – Littleton, MA
- 18–20 RI-Smithfield QM retreat – Camp Aldersgate, RI
- 26 Falmouth QM – Windham, ME
- 26 Sandwich QM – Yarmouth, MA
- 27 Salem QM – South Shore, MA

### November 2002

- 1–2 Stillness Retreat – Monadnock, NH *[see 7/26–27]*
- 2 Vassalboro QM – Eggemoggin/Narramissic
- 8–10 Elementary Retreat – Westport, MA
- 8–10 Ministry & Counsel retreat – Woolman Hill, MA
- 8–9 Stillness Retreat –New Haven, CT *[see 6/14–15]*
- 15–17 Young Friends – Location, TBA
- 16 Permanent Board – Location, TBA

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