

Annual Report of NEYM Activities

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 from the Development Committee

NEYM Summary Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2009 (10/1/08-9/30/09) (Rounded to Nearest \$1,000)

Income:

Annual Sessions Fees.....	\$173,000
Youth Retreat Fees.....	38,000
Contributions, Monthly Meetings.....	289,000
Contributions, Individuals.....	131,000
Books & Publications.....	16,000
Interest, Dividends & Other Income.....	15,000
Total Income:	\$663,000

Expenses:

Annual Sessions (including staff time).....	\$226,000
Youth Programs & Staff.....	106,000
Administrative Staff.....	73,000
Field Work, Committee Support & Travel.....	82,000
Administration, & Office.....	53,000
Friends & Other Organizations.....	30,000
Books & Publications.....	33,000
Other Expenses.....	18,000
Total Expenses:	\$621,000
Net Income:	\$42,000*

Budgeted income was \$675,000 and budget expenses were \$692,000.

***Net Income does not include a loss in the fair market value of reserves, which was \$34,000.**

History of Contributions:

Fiscal Year	Monthly Meeting Contributions	Number of Individuals	Individual Contributions
2003.....	\$268,000	60.....	\$23,255
2004.....	274,000	182.....	53,010
2005.....	289,000	258.....	75,886
2006.....	293,000	238.....	69,860
2007.....	270,000	256.....	80,555
2008.....	316,000	301.....	98,421
2009.....	289,000	298.....	131,000

NEYM Staff

Fiscal Year 2009

5.1 Full Time Equivalents

(plus Nat Shed, Friends Camp Director)

Jonathan Vogel-Borne.....	Field Secretary
Katharine Clark.....	Administrative & Communications Secretary
Kevin Lee.....	Jr. YM Retreat Coordinator
Gretchen Baker-Smith.....	Jr. High YM Retreat Coordinator
Kimberly Allen.....	Young Friends/Young Adult Friends Coordinator
Beth Collea.....	Christian Education Coordinator
Alison Hersey.....	Accounts Manager
Katharine Flynn.....	Administrative & Program Assistant
Marnie Miller-Gutsell.....	Archivist

NEYM Officers

Fiscal Year 2009

Linda Jenkins.....	Presiding Clerk
Brian Drayton & Rebecca Leuchak.....	Recording Clerks
Francis Brokaw & Greg Williams.....	Reading Clerks
Richard Frechette.....	Permanent Board Clerk
David Baxter.....	Interim Treasurer



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2010 A Jubilee Year and Our 350th Anniversary

2010 is the anniversary of the 350th Annual Session of New England Yearly Meeting. It is also the anniversary of the first Quaker statement of the peace testimony, and the hanging of Mary Dyer on the Boston Common. At our 2009 Annual Sessions we extended our theme of Jubilee in preparation for our 350th anniversary next August. If we lay aside our busy schedules and truly open ourselves to the renewed experience of the spiritual power that inspired our ancestors, what would that universal love, that Inward Light, that Christ within call us to do?

In the 1650's Mary Dyer and the earliest New England Quakers were opened by their deep experience of the love and healing power of God. Through this experience they were led to call their society to a spiritual transformation so profound that it would shake the foundations of the old order, and bring about the reality of God's peaceable world.

In the 1800s, New England Quakers were leaders in the national movement to abolish slavery and for women's rights. Our ancestors from the Vassalboro Quarter in northern Maine founded a Quaker presence in Palestine, which is now the Ramallah Friends School. It presently serves as a beacon for regional peaceful conflict resolution and joint education of boys and girls.

In the 1900's Quakers have been leaders in the peace movements and in repairing the damages of war with love and justice. All of this was based on the rock of a direct experience of the Divine.

In the 21st century, are we again being led to be a radical, universal, spiritual witness to contemporary American society? Calling on the traditions of our Jewish (Leviticus 25) and Christian (Luke: 4 16-20) ancestors, Yearly Meeting declared 2010 a Jubilee Year. According to this tradition, on the Sabbath we put aside our busy schedules to open ourselves as individuals and community to the Spirit. The sabbatical year, the seventh year is for the fields to lie fallow, for the earth to replenish itself, and for us to be renewed. The 49th year is the Jubilee year, not only do the fields lie fallow, and we are renewed, but also land is redistributed, and the broken victims go free.

In America of the 21st century, where is Spirit leading us? What would the Inner Light reveal to us, if we took the time to open ourselves to God's prompting? Do we respond to American anxiety and materialist culture? Are we called to challenge the pain inflicted on others and ourselves by America's destructive global militarism? Are we led to being a radical faith-based witness to transform America into a leader for an environmentally balanced, just and peaceful global society?

Where are New England Quakers being led during this Jubilee year? The answer is found in our faithful response. Nurture the process in the traditions of our Quaker faith community and accept the courage and grace to experience it.

Gerald Sazama, Clerk
NEYM Development Committee



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