

Afternoon worship sharing & workshops

Please enter the number for worship sharing and workshop choices on the NEYM Registration Form (enclosed) — fuller descriptions online at neym.org

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

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

WORSHIP SHARING offers time set aside from a busy schedule for spiritual sharing with an intimate group over a period of three days. For some Friends, this represents an opportunity to bridge gaps such as differences in culture, gender and theological orientation. Other Friends find they can share more fully in a group whose members have more in common. Still others welcome the chance for worship sharing through an activity such as singing. NEYM reaches out to visiting Cuban [& Spanish speaking] Friends through a Spanish language worship sharing group. Friends are encouraged to choose the level of comfort or challenge which will offer the deepest worship. —NEYM Ministry & Counsel

Three-day Workshops — Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 2:45 – 4:15pm

9. **FUM, NEYM & Kenya** Ann Dodd-Collins & Eden Grace **MTuW** [Friends United Meeting (FUM)]

FUM committee members will offer an opportunity to discuss events at the FUM Triennial, FUM's work in Kenya following the contested presidential election, and other concerns that may arise. (Youth & Adults)

10. **Extended Worship with a Concern for Witness** John Humphries **MTuW** [Ministry & Counsel (M&C) and Peace & Social Concerns (P&SC)]

We spend much time talking about what Friends are doing or should be doing to confront war and injustice, but we spend too little time listening together for how the Spirit might be calling us to prophetic witness in these dark times. Extended worship, followed by sharing and reflection. Begins at 1:30pm. (Youth & Adults, full time encouraged)

11. **From Constantine to Saint Benedict** Richard Kelly **MTuW** (M&C)

The development of Christianity as it became the official state church. We will discuss the official canon of the Bible, Augustine's *City of God* and the Rule of Saint Benedict. (Adults and older Youth, Full time only, Limit 20)

12. **Revolutionary Light** Jnana Hodson **MTuW** (M&C)

Early Quaker expressions of the Light hold many more fertile and controversial implications than most Friends today imagine. By connecting the dots across what they dared not voice publicly, we will also explore fresh dimensions for renewing our own lives and practice. (Youth & Adults, Full time only)

13. **Tools for Leadership: Talking About Sexuality Among Friends** Melody Brazo **MTuW** (M&C)

What is holy about human sexuality? Using several techniques, participants will explore sexuality and sexual ethics, as they prepare to

facilitate conversations about these topics in their home meetings. (Youth & Adults, Full time required, Limit 20)

14. **Towards Living in the Light** Mary Coelho **MTuW** (M&C)

The Interior Castle, Teresa of Avila's classic work, is based on an archetypal image of a series of interior conditions (dwelling places) of the soul which are progressively closer to the Light at the center of the castle. The image, conceptions of the divine, and the interior blocks to entrance into the center will be explored. (Adults, Full time required, Limit 20)

15. **Journaling** Molly Duplisea-Palmer **MTuW** (M&C)

We will write and share our thoughts and feelings about "War: God Help Us!" We will create a safe, spiritual space where our writings can be read out of the silence, followed by discussion. For beginners or seasoned writers. (Adults, Full time preferred, Limit 15)

16. **Some Perils and Blessings of Bearing Witness to Injustice** Skip Schiel **MTuW** [Racial, Social & Economic Justice (RS&EJ) and P&SC]

Drawing on examples from our own community and from luminaries such as Martin Luther King Jr. and dealing with our committee's issues, we'll grapple with questions such as what constitutes "bearing witness," how does the faith community support or not support the witness bearers, and what are some perils and blessings? (Youth & Adults, full time required, Limit 15)

17. **Who, Me? White Privilege and its Spiritual Ramifications** Rachel Carey Harper **MTuW** (RS&EJ and P&SC)

This workshop will help white Friends examine the racial barriers that separate us from truly answering that of God in everyone. Through deep listening, prayer, worship sharing and group interaction we will hear and

start healing the pain that racism inflicts on each other and our spirits. (Youth & Adults, full time required Limit 15)

18. **The Election and Foreign Policy** Carmen Lavertu **MTuW** (P&SC)

Study and discuss proposals to diminish the role of militarism in US foreign policy and raise diplomacy to a leadership role. Examine whether the candidates for national office have adequate world views. Topics include: nuclear proliferation, global warming, the UN, treaties and alliances. (Youth & Adults, Limit 30)

19. **Creating A Culture of Peace: A journey through symbols, self-stories and song** Bain Davis **MTuW** (P&SC)

We live in a hierarchical world where ranking defines us through class, gender, race, religion, etc., and violence (physical, economic, political, patriarchal) is the tool used to enforce this ranking. We will explore how to identify subtle forms of violence and how to move to a more peaceable place. (Youth & Adults)

20. **Climate Change and War** Marcia Cleveland **MTuW** [(Earthcare Witness (EW))]

Day 1: Basic facts of climate change and why it is a Social Justice issue. Day 2: Climate refugees can cause future conflict. The US military is preparing for climate conflict. What can we do? Day 3: New film, *Renewal*. Faith communities are responding to environmental issues. (Youth & Adults, full time)

21. **Agging: Honoring the Way of the Elders** Eleanor Cappa & Mary Zwirner **MTuW** (Committee on Agging)

We will view and discuss the documentary *Embracing Aging*. The issues covered include a wide range of topics from housing choices, the challenges of adult children caring for aging parents, and insights & models for discussing this tender subject. How can we help each other think about our own aging? (Adults only, full time required, Limit 15)

Two-day workshops — Monday/Tuesday

22. **"I'm a New England Friend; Do I Have to Be an FUM Friend?"** Minga Claggett-Borne **MTu** (FUM)

How can NEYM claim its part in the drama shaping FUM? How can we talk with FUM Friends who have divergent views? With tenderness, we will study how Friends resolved major differences. Can divine love hold us in one embrace as we disagree? Some history and some experiential exercises. (Youth & Adults, Full time preferred)

23. **Sin and Redemption in the Maelstrom of Race** George Williamson **MTu** (M&C's working party on Racism)

Born and raised a white Christian, Jim Crow true believer in Atlanta, subsequently and radically converted to King's movement in the 1960's sit-ins, I will use stories from my own experience to explore the social and psychological dynamics of racism and how liberation is and is not achieved. (Adults & mature adolescents, Full time only)

24. **Making Peace from the Inside Out** Mary M. Bennett **MTu** (P&SC)

How do we maintain our physical and emotional safety as individuals and in larger groups? In this workshop we will look at the connection between our capacity to manage anger and finding diplomatic solutions to violence in the world. The conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people will be discussed. (Youth & Adults, full time required)

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Two-day workshops — Monday/Tuesday (continued)

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

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

Two-day workshops — Tuesday/Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Monday

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

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

Wednesday

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