

New York Yearly Meeting

Worship and Action Minute

In these times New York Yearly Meeting Friends hear anew the call to pray and work for peace. We hear the murmur of a great people, ready to be gathered in peace. Grounded in shared worship, we experience fresh guidance and inward power to act.

Friends in New York Yearly Meeting call one another to sustained practice of shared worship and action for peace.

Already, August 2002 offers one month of urgent opportunity to awaken neighbors and Congressional representatives electioneering at home, before the United States is irreversibly committed to an invasion of Iraq. Concern rises for conscientious objection to war and preparations for war, and at the prospect of a military draft.

A small Yearly Meeting working group will set up a way of providing, on a continuing basis

- current information about suggested actions and resources, including efforts of FCNL, AFSC, and QUNO; and
- current news of Friends' worship and actions.

Liaison Committee is asked to form the small working group in consultation with Witness Coordinating Committee, Peace Concerns Committee, and Quarterly and Regional clerks as feasible. Resources include NYYM Friends and their activities; collaborative relationships with FCNL, AFSC, and QUNO; Yearly Meeting staff as available, and the Yearly Meeting Web site. The working group may contract for needed assistance. Finances will have to be worked out, drawing on existing funds or from new support.

Offers of help and inquiries may be directed through the YM office, using the telephone, the U. S. Postal Service, or email (office@nyym.org).

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