

# **PROGRAM**

The 313th Session of  
**NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING**  
of the  
**RELIGIOUS SOCIETY  
OF FRIENDS**

July 20 to July 26, 2008  
Silver Bay, N.Y.

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## **Message from the Clerk**

Divine order prevails in our hearts and minds, right here, right now, when we are open to the possibilities across the spectrum of age.

Dear Friends,

We come together this week as individuals to create fellowship and community as we worship and discern God's business for New York Yearly Meeting. When we are at our best we share our insights and our love, and deeply respect each other; and when we are challenged we sit still and listen for guidance from God. This year our focus brings us closer to how we understand ourselves and the meaning of living in community, seeking wholeness across the spectrum of age.

We ask the youngest to the oldest Friend to hold their piece of the responsibility for this ministry of love and service, which helps to manifest a fellowship ready and willing to work as the opportunities arise from God. So as we engage in looking to the future and reviewing the past, our goal is to become a vital living community enriched by the Divine striving and expressing sensitivity and love to one another across the spectrum of age.

Let us be open and willing to learn. God will guide us.

*Ernestine Buscemi, clerk  
New York Yearly Meeting*

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## **PROGRAM NOTES**

### **Welcome to Silver Bay**

Besides the events listed in this program, Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks has its own schedule of activities, which can be found in their publication the *Breeze*. Please observe all Silver Bay rules and requirements.

Badges are required on campus. The name badges provide a good way to start conversations with people of any age, particularly those with a blue dot on their name badges. These people are first-time attenders at Summer Sessions.

Questions about residential rooms are directed to the Silver Bay desk.

Questions about Yearly Meeting services, facilities, program, or program rooms should be directed to the Yearly Meeting conference office in the Inn lobby or the Junior Yearly Meeting office in the upper Boathouse.

## **Meals on Campus**

Badges are used in place of meal tickets. All meals are cafeteria style.

Those living off campus may buy meal tickets at the Silver Bay desk, singly, at least one meal before you expect to eat in the dining room.

Those wanting the meal package for the week must purchase it on Sunday.

Those who prefer a box lunch to a cafeteria lunch on Saturday must place orders at the Silver Bay desk by Thursday at 1:00 P.M.

## **Announcements**

Use the NYYM *Minute* each day for announcements such as program changes or special events. Items should be in the *Minute* box at the NYYM conference office by 6:30 P.M. for the following day; they must be signed and previously checked for accuracy, legibility, and availability of facilities.

For emergency announcements, check with John Cooley, clerk of the Sessions Committee. Do not use the dining room microphone.

## **The Community**

Clerk Ernestine Buscemi and Assistant Clerk Lee Haring will meet Monday through Friday for worship with the expanded Liaison Committee (which consists of the clerks of the four sections, reading and recording clerks, general secretary, and a representative from Junior Yearly Meeting). We will hold in prayer each day how the spirit is moving in the community and the prepared business for that day from our coordinating committees. Please address questions about the agenda to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting or the appropriate coordinating clerk: Ministry, Deborah Wood; General Services, Paula McClure; Nurture, Melanie-Claire Mallison; Witness, Fred Dettmer; and Junior Yearly Meeting, Martha Gurvich.

## **The Coordinators**

JYM coordinators Martha Gurvich, Jennifer Lindop, and Amy White are available at the JYM office in the upper Boathouse. They welcome your offers of help, suggestions, and inquiries.

The Silver Bay liaison is Martha Gurvich.

The Sessions Committee, which planned the week, is clerked by John Cooley. Committee members have red dots on their name badges. They will be glad to help you. Please ask them.

For use of audiovisual aids during committee or interest group times, consult Chad Dell. It is necessary to clear use of both space and equipment in advance.

For questions about displays, check with the NYYM conference office.

The clerk of the Sessions Committee, John Cooley, can be contacted with concerns of off-campus participants.

The NYYM *Minute* editor is Paul Busby.

Friends with special physical challenges may contact Sarah Miller.

The 12-Step program coordinator is Boyce Bengé.

To schedule additional committee or group meetings, contact the Yearly Meeting conference office for time and space.

For medical problems, consult the Silver Bay nurse. The nurse's office is on the first floor of the Inn at the end of the north wing, next to room 140. Hours are 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. weekdays. (Check with the front desk if the nurse is not in the office.) A nurse is on call 24 hours a day for emergencies.

## **Message Center**

Friends at the NYYM conference office will help provide information. Messages can be left on the bulletin boards opposite the conference office. Everyone is asked to check frequently for messages.

Requests for committee photocopies should be made only at the NYYM conference office, by the clerk of the requesting committee. It is important to take leftover reports and papers with you when you leave the campus.

The NYYM conference office is not open during meetings for worship with a concern for business. A sign will be posted to inform you of when the conference office will be open.

## **Meetings in the Auditorium**

Please try to arrive early, settling into worship in preparation for meeting for business. We ask that you come to the front of the auditorium for seats with better acoustics. If you wish to speak, after being recognized by the Clerk please wait for the microphone before beginning to speak. Bells ring at the beginnings of meals and ends of worship sharing and Bible study.

Visiting Friends are asked to give their names to the NYYM conference office and to indicate which session will be their first one, so that the Yearly Meeting Clerk can welcome them.

## Committee Meetings

In general, visitors are cordially invited to all committee meetings, but they are asked to respect the agendas and, should they have matters to discuss, inform the committee clerk before the meeting starts.

### Junior Yearly Meeting

Regular groups meet daily, Monday through Friday, 8:45 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Young Friends are assigned to groups according to the grade they are entering in the fall.

When registering with JYM at Silver Bay, each JYMer receives a schedule of group activities (there are extra copies for parents) and can refer to this throughout the week. Copies of these schedules for all groups and other important information are posted in the JYM office in the upper Boathouse.

All youth 10 years and above are welcome to participate in interest groups. In addition, the High School group sponsors the Thursday evening Café Night.

A childcare program for children up to age 10 will be available Monday–Friday afternoons and some evenings, depending on parent volunteers. Times TBA. There will be a schedule posted at JYM Registration, and opportunities for parents to sign up to help out. JYM will facilitate volunteers to supplement the Silver Bay staff in their preschool morning program at the Children’s Pavilion, 8:30 A.M. to noon Monday to Friday.

JYM depends on volunteers to make this a fun-filled environment. Please come to the upper Boathouse to find out how to volunteer.

Each day parents should pick up their preschool through 3rd grade children before 12:00 noon at their group meeting places.

Parents and guardians have responsibility for their children and must register at the JYM office in the upper Boathouse after they have registered with Silver Bay.

JYM coordinators Jennifer Lindop and Amy White are available in the JYM office in the upper Boathouse between the hours of 8:45 and 12:15 every day.

JYM staff meetings are held each morning at 7:00 o’clock in the upper Boathouse.

### The Book Table

Members of the Committee for the Expenditure of the H.H. Mosher Fund invite browsing and buying.

### Early Evening Events

Bible study will be 6:45–7:30 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Eden Grace will lead Bible study this year. Using Revelation 22:1–5 as a starting point, Eden will explore the biblical themes of healing, peacemaking, and the restoration of creation. The image of the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations, is carried from the Creation, to Ezekiel 47, to Psalm 1, to Revelation 22, the final chapter of the Bible. Eden will relate this powerful metaphor to her experiences among Friends in Kenya, particularly in response to the postelection violence earlier this year.

Informal singing will be from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in front of the Inn.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 20

### P.M.

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| 3:30–5:00  | Sessions Committee—LTBA  |
| 4:00       | General registration—Inn<br>JYM Registration—Upper Boathouse                             |
| 5:00       | Worship Group Leaders’ orientation—Inn suite 230   |
| 5:30–6:30  | Dinner in cafeteria  |
| 6:45–7:45  | All Gathering Meeting for Worship<br>Welcome<br>JYM introductions—Auditorium             |
| 8:00–9:30  | Circle of Young Friends Welcoming Meeting—Gray Pavilion<br>(high school seniors invited) |
| 8:00–10:00 | Multigenerational Swing Dance & Social—Gym   |
| 10:00      | 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  |
| 11:00      | Quiet time   |

## MONDAY, JULY 21

### A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45–12:00 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:15–12:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community Worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge  
1:30–3:00 Rest, family time, recreation  
1:45–2:45 FLGBTQ worship—Gray Pavilion  
Worship for healing—Inn suite 130  
Worship for racial healing—Morse Hall  
Singing after lunch—Field  
2:45–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
3:00–5:15 Committee meetings  
Advancement—Paine rotunda  
Black Concerns—Brookside porch  
Committee on Aging—Inn conf. room  
Conflict Transformation—Bayview suite 2  
Earthcare Working Group—Watson Tent  
Elders of Meeting for Discernment—Field  
Financial Services—Bayview lounge  
Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130  
Junior Yearly Meeting—JYM office/Boathouse  
Nominating—See Memorial  
Personnel—Inn suite 230  
Prisons—Brookside lounge  
Task Group on Youth—Inn library  
World Ministries—Munn  
Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion  
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
Dinner with Janice Domanik and Vanessa Julye, FGC Ministry on Racism—Gullen Lounge  
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch  
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial  
12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  
6:45–7:30 Adult Bible study—Auditorium  
Circle of Young Friends Multigenerational Game Night—Meet in front of Field  
6:45–9:45 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
7:45 – 8:45 Guest speakers, Chris DeRoller & Mike Clark, *Breaking Down Boxes: A Practicum in Listening*—Auditorium  
9:00–10:00 Reflection & discussion with guest speakers  
11:00 Quiet time

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

### A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
Nominating—Inn conf. room  
8:45–12:00 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:00–12:00 Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community Worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
AFSC lunch with Paul Lacey—Gullen Lounge  
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge  
1:30–3:30 Rest, family time, recreation  
3:30–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium  
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
Intentional Multigenerational Dinner—cafeteria  
6:45–9:45 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
7:00–9:00 Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium  
10:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  
11:00 Quiet time

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

### A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45–12:00 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:15–12:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community Worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
Opportunity to order box lunches for Saturday—Silver Bay desk  
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge  
1:30–3:30 Fun(d) Fair  
3:15–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
3:00–5:15 Coordinating Committees  
Ministry—Brookside lounge  
General Services—Munn  
Nurture—Auditorium

Witness—Field  
 5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
 Dinner with Ray Rios and former members of NYYM prison worship groups—Gullen Lounge  
 6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch  
 Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial  
 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  
 6:45 – 7:45 Middle School Ice Cream Social—Field  
 6:45–9:45 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
 6:45–7:30 Adult Bible study—Auditorium  
 7:45–9:30 Interest groups (see posted lists)  
 11:00 Quiet time

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

### A.M.

6:30 Early swim  
 7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
 Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
 7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
 8:45–12:00 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
 Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
 9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists)  
 Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
 10:15–12:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business—Auditorium

### P.M.

12:00–12:15 Community Worship—Auditorium  
 12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
 Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge  
 Last opportunity to order box lunches for aturday—Silver Bay desk  
 1:30–3:00 Rest, family time, recreation  
 1:45–2:45 FLGBTQ worship—Gray Pavilion  
 CYF Multigenerational Fishbowl—next to parking lot  
 Singing after lunch—Field  
 Worship for racial healing—Morse Hall  
 Worship, Friends in the Spirit of Christ—Inn suite 130  
 2:45–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
 3:00–5:15 Committee meetings  
     Black Concerns—Brookside porch  
     Committee on Aging—Inn conf. room  
     Conscientious Objection to Paying for War—Paine rotunda  
     Financial Services—Bayview suite 3 (tentative)  
     Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130  
     Junior Yearly Meeting—JYM office/Boathouse  
     Nominating—See Memorial  
     Prisons—Brookside lounge  
     Spiritual Nurture Group—Munn  
     Task Group on Youth—Inn Library  
     Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion  
 5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
 Dinner discussion with Task Group on Racism in NYYM—Gullen Lounge  
 Young families dining together—cafeteria

6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch  
 Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial  
 Young families discussion—Field

6:45–7:30 Adult Bible study—Morse Hall

6:45–7:45 Evening childcare—Upper Boathouse

7:00–9:00 Café Night—Auditorium

9:00–10:30 Multigenerational contra dancing—Gym

10:15 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130

11:00 Quiet time

## FRIDAY, JULY 25

### A.M.

6:30 Early swim

7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
 Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel

7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria

8:45–12:00 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
 Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion

9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists)  
 Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel

10:15–12:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business—Auditorium

### P.M.

12:00–12:15 Community Worship—Auditorium

12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
 Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge

1:30–3:00 Rest, family time, recreation

1:45–2:45 CYF Ice Cream Social—Gray Pavilion  
 FLGBTQ worship—See Memorial  
 Singing after lunch—Field  
 Worship, meeting for healing—Inn suite 130

2:15–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall

3:00–4:00 Coordinating Committees  
 Ministry—Brookside lounge  
 General Services—Munn  
 Nurture—Auditorium  
 Witness—Field

4:15–5:15 Meeting for Worship with attention to JYM Business—Auditorium

5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria

6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch  
 Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial  
 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130

6:45–7:30 Adult Bible study—Auditorium

7:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall

7:45–9:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business—Auditorium

11:00 Quiet time

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

### A.M.

6:30	Early swim
7:00–7:30	Meeting for worship—Boathouse
7:30–8:30	Breakfast in cafeteria
9:00–10:00	Voluntary worship sharing
10:15–12:15	Worship under the care of MCC—Auditorium
12:30–1:30	Lunch in cafeteria

*Please vacate your sleeping rooms by 11:00 A.M.*

*Those who ordered box lunches instead of cafeteria lunches may pick up their boxes after breakfast.*

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