

PROGRAM

The 314th Session of

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

of the

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 19 to July 25, 2009

Silver Bay, N.Y.

Use this program along with the *Advance Reports*, the *NYYM Minute*, the Worship Sharing list, and the Junior Yearly Meeting information sheets to enhance your participation in Yearly Meeting sessions.

This program belongs to:

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Message from the Clerk

Practicing the Presence

We are blessed with this opportunity to explore our theme “Equality: Living into the Testimony” and to practice “The Presence—Keeping our souls awake to God.” Practicing the presence is an invitation to see and experience every moment as a gift of God. As Friends we seek to live our lives with all its joys and challenges on a daily basis. As we gather in community this week we may find ourselves caught up in our “to-do list,” no longer awake and looking for sightings of God. Practicing the presence is a way of living into a deeper awareness of God’s activities in our lives. When we pause, listen and turn our hearts toward the Divine, we are expressing an intention to be in loving relationship with one another and with God. We enter Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business with “I am here, help me listen deeply” and we seek to see and experience our fellowship and committee work through the eyes of God. As we sit and discern together, we let go the rigid ego, staying open and teachable. Friends, practicing the presence of God is a way to love and to be connected, growing into the vastness of the Eternal Light. Let us pause, listen, and turn our hearts toward the Divine as we explore the diversity of community life seeking that of God in all we do. *Are we paying attention? Are our souls awake?*

May we continue to sink into the Light,

*Ernestine Buscemi, clerk
New York Yearly Meeting*

PROGRAM NOTES

Welcome to NYYM Summer Sessions at 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 New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM) conference office in the Inn lobby or the Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) office in the upper Boathouse.

Meals on Campus

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

Those staying 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 want a box 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 placed 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 cafeteria microphone.

The Community

Clerk Ernestine Buscemi and Assistant Clerk Heather Cook 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 JYM). 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, Julia Giordano; General Services, Paula McClure; Nurture, Melanie-Claire Mallison; Witness, Fred Dettmer; and JYM, Peter Close.

The Coordinators

Messages for coordinators can be posted on the bulletin boards outside the NYYM conference office. JYM coordinators Roseann Press and Susan Stillman 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. Contact her with any questions about facilities or about food.

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 Martha Gurvich. It is necessary to clear use of both space and equipment in advance.

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

Vonn New, our off-campus coordinator, can be contacted with concerns of off-campus participants.

The NYYM *Minute* editor is Brianna Higgins.

Friends with special physical challenges may contact Sarah Miller.

The 12-Step program coordinator is Boyce Benge. The golf cart coordinator is Carol Rice.

To schedule additional committee or group meetings, contact the NYYM 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 Silver Bay 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 beginning of meals and at the end 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.

The JYM office is located in the upper Boathouse. Look for the signs!

Parents, guardians, and sponsors have responsibility for their children and must register at the JYM office after registering with Silver Bay. At registration, each JYMer receives a schedule of group activities (there are extra copies for parents) and can refer to this throughout the week. The schedules 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 an interest group on Wednesday evening. 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. A schedule will be posted at JYM Registration, as well as a sign-up for parents to help out. JYM will coordinate 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 needs volunteers to create a fun-filled environment. Please come to the JYM office to learn how to volunteer.

Each day parents should pick up their preschool through 3rd grade children before 12:00 noon at their group meeting places. Everyone is welcome at the community worship in the Auditorium from 12:00 to 12:15.

JYM coordinators Roseann Press and Susan Stillman are available in the JYM office between the hours of 8:45 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. every day. JYM staff meetings are held each morning at 7:00 A.M. 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. This year, our leaders for Bible study will be pastoral ministers from our own Yearly Meeting. Ruth Ann Bradley, Regina Baird Haag, Ruth Kinsey, and Janice Ninan will focus on the theme Equality: Living into the Testimony.

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

SUNDAY, JULY 19

P.M.

- 3:30–5:00 Sessions Committee—location TBA
4:00 General registration—Inn
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
Welcome
JYM introductions—Auditorium
7:45–8:30 Parents/Sponsors/Guardians Information Gathering—Auditorium
8:00–9:30 Circle of Young Friends Welcoming Meeting—Gray Pavilion (high school seniors invited)
8:45–10:30 Multigenerational Swing Dance & Social—Gym
10:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
11:00 Quiet time

MONDAY, JULY 20

A.M.

- 6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch
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 on Inn porch)
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
Meeting for Healing—Inn suite 130
2:45–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
3:00–5:15 Committee meetings
Advancement—Inn library
Aging Concerns—Inn suite 230
Black Concerns—Trinity lounge
Epistle—Bayview suite #2
Faith & Practice—Munn
Financial Services—Bayview lounge
FWCC—See Memorial

Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130
 Junior Yearly Meeting—Boathouse office
 Nominating—Inn conference room
 Peace Concerns—Field Memorial
 Prisons—Brookside lounge
 Spiritual Nurture—Bayside suite #1
 Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion
 Youth & First Day School—Circle Tent
 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
 Circle of Young Friends Multigenerational Games—meet in front of Field Memorial
 6:45–9:45 Evening childcare—Morse Hall
 7:45 – 9:00 Meeting for Listening for Racial Healing and Reconciliation—Auditorium
 11:00 Quiet time

TUESDAY, JULY 21

A.M.

6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch
 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
 9:00–9:45 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
 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
 1:30–3:30 Rest, family time, recreation
 Committee Fair—Inn Gullen lounge and porch
 3:30–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
 Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium
 5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria
 Dinner with former Prison Worship Group members – Gullen Lounge
 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 22

A.M.

6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch
 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 on Inn porch)
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel
- 10:15–12:00 Meeting for Worship
Plenary speakers—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
- 1:30–3:00 Rest, family time, recreation
- 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
- 6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial
12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
- 6:45–9:45 Evening childcare—Morse Hall
- 6:45–7:30 Adult Bible study—Auditorium
- 7:45–9:00 Interest groups (see posted lists)
- 9:00–10:00 Reception for Vanessa Julye and Donna McDaniel
CYF Discussion on Drugs—Gray Pavilion
- 11:00 Quiet time

THURSDAY, 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 on Inn porch)
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
AFSC lunch—Gullen lounge
Last opportunity to order box lunches for Saturday—Silver Bay desk
- 1:30–3:00 Rest, family time, recreation
- 1:45–2:45 CYF Intergenerational Fish Bowl—field next to parking lot
FLGBTQ worship—Gray Pavilion
Worship in the Spirit of Christ—Inn suite 130
- 2:45–5:30 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
- 3:00–5:15 Committee meetings
Aging Concerns—Inn suite 230
Conflict Transformation—Bayview suite #1
Conscientious Objection—Gullen lounge

Epistle—Bayview suite #2
 Faith & Practice—Trinity lounge
 Financial Services—Bayview lounge
 Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130
 Junior Yearly Meeting—Boathouse office
 Steering Comm. Meetings for Discernment—Munn
 Nominating—Inn conf. room
 Personnel—Location TBA
 Prisons—Brookside lounge
 World Ministries—See Memorial
 Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion
 5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria
 Dinner with Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye—Quaking As We Write
 6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch
 Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial
 6:45–7:30 Adult Bible study—Morse Hall
 6:45–7:45 Evening childcare—upper Boathouse
 7:00–9:00 Café Night—Auditorium
 10:15 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
 11:00 Quiet time

FRIDAY, 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 on Inn orch)
 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
 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 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
 9:00–10:30 Multigenerational contra dancing—Gym
 11:00 Quiet time

SATURDAY, JULY 25

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	Worship Sharing (optional)
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.

NOTES