



# Quaker **FRIDAY** Update

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## **A Quick Look at the Day Ahead:**

- Meeting for worship with a concern for business this morning
- Committee and coordinating committee meetings this afternoon
- Meeting for Business with JYM and NYYM epistles & JYM campfire at Slim Point this evening

## **Friday Business Agenda & Location**

Both meetings for worship with a concern for business are in the **Auditorium**.

### **Agenda (subject to change) for Friday morning's meeting, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.:**

- General Secretary's report
- Travel minute report from Sunfire
- Powell House report
- First reading of NYYM epistle
- Interim Actions report
- Approval of posted, seasoned nominations
- Nominations

### **Agenda for Friday evening's meeting, 6:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.:**

- Epistles: youth (Junior Yearly Meeting) and adult
- Sessions Committee Closing Report

## **Prepare for Meeting for Business by Doing the Reading!**

Read the "Seasoned Business Items" (formerly known as the Consent Agenda) online at <https://nyym.org/session/summer-sessions-2019#sessionresources>. There are also some printed copies available on the table next to the NYYM office in Gullen Lounge. Please take a look at the items, which will come for approval Friday morning.

## **Today's Quaker Basics "Breakfast with Meaning"**

Friday's Quaker Basics "Meal with Meaning" is **breakfast!** Emily Provance will convene "**NYYM: Looking Back, Looking Forward,**" a story-telling session about our stories of NYYM history and how our stories can guide us. Happening in Gullen lounge, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

## **Threshing Session on Overcoming Obstacles to NYYM's Goals**

*Friday, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium*

A threshing/listening session has been scheduled for Friday to allow for a discussion on how we can do what we want to do for the yearly meeting while overcoming the stumbling blocks in the way. The yearly meeting wants to hire a Youth and Young Adult Field Secretary, and we want to divest our investments from fossil fuels. However, there are financial implications for both of those projects. How should we move forward?

## **Change from “Consent Agenda” to “Seasoned Business Items List”**

The use of a “consent agenda” was an experiment begun some years ago. Although it has been used successfully, and it has reduced the time needed for very full business agendas, it was never a process that was formalized or approved. As discussed in business at Spring Sessions 2019, we are proposing changes to make it clearer and more understandable, and to respond to requests for better timing, especially for nominations at summer sessions. The proposal is in the Seasoned Business Items List, formerly called “consent agenda”, for the 2019 Summer Sessions, which Friends can read and review at any time. If there is time on the regular business agenda, it will be discussed in business. Either way, input will be welcome at any time. —*Jeffrey Aaron, Clerk, NYYM*

## **Eat Ice Cream and Meet the Development Committee**

Last chance for FREE ICE CREAM and a great chance to MEET THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE to ask about the \$50,000 match or whatever else you want to know! Friday, after lunch, at 1:30 on the Inn porch. We look forward to seeing you!

## **Youth Committee Meeting**

The Youth Committee will meet Friday at 2:45 p.m. on the porch of Paine Hall.

— *Howard Gibbs-Hobgood, Clerk of Youth Committee*

## **Nominations are posted on the Inn porch – please review**

This week’s nominations are posted on the Inn porch and online. These are part of the “seasoned business items” coming up for your approval on Friday morning. Please review them.

## **Healing Center hours**

The Healing Center is open for seekers of energy work, body work, or compassionate listening. On Friday, the center is open 1:30–3:30 p.m.

## **Order your adult attenders list now**

If you would like a Summer Sessions adult attenders list, you must order it in advance. The list costs \$5 to cover copying and mailing. Please place your order today. And please **CHECK THE LIST** posted on the table outside the conference office to make sure your entry is correct.

## **Letters to absent Friends**

Please write letters and sign cards to absent Friends, including men in our prison worship groups, at tables opposite the NYYM office. Stationery, cards, and pens are provided.

## **Pick up the Advance Reports: the Yearly Committee Reports and Spring/Fall Minutes**

The Advance Reports are at <https://nyym.org/session/summer-sessions-2019#sessionresources> and are also available as printed copies in front of the NYYM conference desk in Gullen Lounge. The annual committee reports **will not be in the printed Yearbook** this year, so if you’d like a printed copy, **please pick one up** outside the YM office.

### ***Faith and Practice***

Copies of *Faith and Practice* are available in the YM conference office for a suggested donation of \$7. Please pick up copies for your meetings and worship groups while you are here. Your meeting can mail us a check after you return home.

### **Missing New Jim Crow T-Shirt**

A white t-shirt with a black graphic from the book *The New Jim Crow* was taken from the EAQWER display table in Gullen Lounge. Please return the shirt. Friendly Thanks! —Robin Alpern

### **Ride board**

The ride board is near the yearly meeting conference office in Gullen Lounge. If you need a ride or can provide a ride, please list your need or offer on the board.

### **Young Adult Spiritual Nurture Series Final Report Online**

At the 2019 NYYM Summer Sessions, we received a report on the Young Adult Spiritual Nurture Series. That report is available online at <http://bit.ly/YAFreport> We invite Friends to read the report and consider its recommendations as they discern their committee and Meeting work!

### **World Quaker Day is October 6, 2019**

Join the Quaker family around the world in worship and celebration!  
See <http://www.worldquakerday.org/> for ideas and resources.

### **Have an item for the August *InfoShare*?**

*InfoShare* is an email newsletter that goes to the NYYM global email list. Please send *InfoShare* submissions—including news, events, announcements from your monthly meeting or committee—to [communications@nyym.org](mailto:communications@nyym.org) by August 4.

### **Quakers Coming Together to Care for the Earth: Webinar invitation**

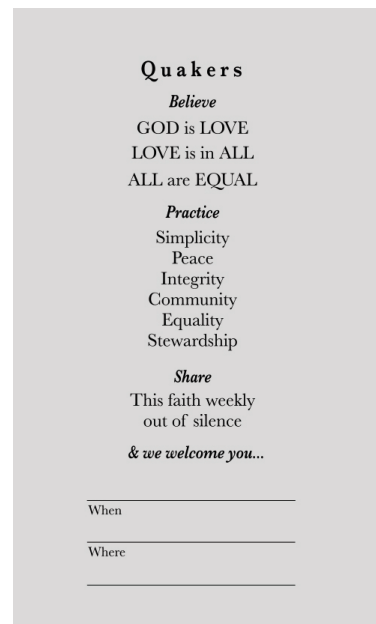
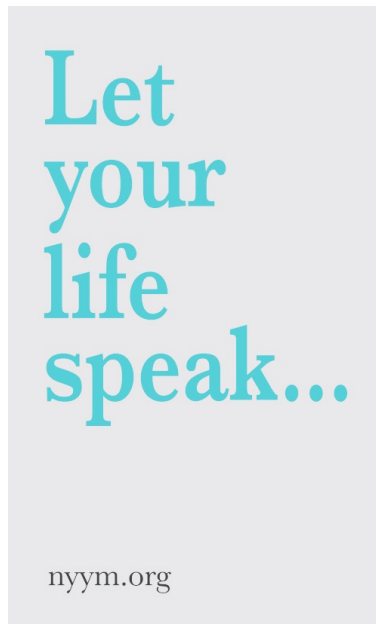
*for Monday, July 29, at 12 noon EDT*

What are we as Quakers called to do about the interlocking ecological issues affecting all of creation? A group of Friends across the Quaker spectrum, including those affiliated with Evangelical Friends of North America, Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference, and other unaffiliated Friends, worked with FWCC to produce a short video, "Quakers Coming Together to Care for the Earth," which showcases Friends from across Quaker theological traditions in North America sharing their personal testimonies on environmental justice, Earthcare and stewardship.

We invite you to join us to learn more about the work of this group of Friends and to find out how you can use this new video resource to support conversations about environmental justice, Earthcare and stewardship in your own meeting or church. Please register your interest by emailing [sustainability@fwcc.world](mailto:sustainability@fwcc.world)

It will also be recorded and made available afterwards for those who cannot attend.

### Outreach Cards Available



The **Outreach Cards** above are available through the Youth Committee for general use. They can be mailed in batches of one hundred or more to monthly meetings that would like to use them as a simple and easy introduction to our beloved community.

Email [sendemailtohoward@yahoo.com](mailto:sendemailtohoward@yahoo.com) and we will respond with a simple questionnaire.

—*In thanks, Howard Gibbs-Hobgood, Clerk of Youth Committee*

### NYQM Africa Education Committee invitation

NYQM (New York Quarterly Meeting)'s Africa Education Committee works with the Kisangura primary and secondary schools in Mugumu, Tanzania. If you are interested in visiting or volunteering at the schools, joining our committee, finding out about or supporting our work in any way, please text or email Marna Herrity, 646-812-8849, [mherrity@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:mherrity@brooklynfriends.org)

### How was your Summer Sessions?

*Seeking Articles and Essays for Spark*

In the September issue of *Spark*, NYYM's printed newsletter, I'd like to feature different Friends' reflections on their experience at Summer Sessions. Articles could be about the business that occurred, or about an experience you had here, or your overall thoughts about the week; whatever inspires you. Articles should be 400-600 words long. Please do write. Send them to [communications@nnyym.org](mailto:communications@nnyym.org) by August 10. Thanks!

### Our next gathering: Fall Sessions!

Save the date — Fall Sessions will be November 1-3 at Powell House, Old Chatham, NY!