

## ***Circle of Care and Concern, Summer 2016***

Gospel Order offers a process for addressing conflict: If you and another disagree, after a sacred pause of prayer and reflection, discern if a conversation is indeed needed to clear the air. If so, take your concern directly to the other, and see what love can do. If the conflict persists, bring one or two friends with you to meet with the other, choosing Friends with gifts in listening and perhaps, someone you both know. If the conflict remains stuck, bring the concern to your faith community for discernment and transformation.

Following Gospel Order is not always easy, especially in a large gathering such as NYYM Summer Sessions. The *Circle of Care and Concern* is introduced this summer in an attempt to support all of us in discerning when and how to speak to each other directly and plainly about concerns. Should the *Circle of Care and Concern* prove to be helpful and effective, the Liaison Committee will consider extending the *Circle* to include Fall and Spring Sessions.

The *Circle of Care and Concern* includes at its core the NYYM Committee on Conflict Transformation (CCT), the Abuse Investigation Team (AIT), Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) Coordinators, and the clerk and assistant clerks of NYYM Sessions Committee. The names of these persons for the 2016 NYYM Summer Sessions are listed below as well as on the message boards near the conference office, on the Inn porch by the golf cart desk, and at the back of the Auditorium.

Joining the *Circle of Care and Concern* as advisors and resources are Friends identified by the Ministry Coordinating Committee for their gifts in listening, the NYYM field secretaries, and a member named by Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH), Young Adult Concerns Committee (YACC), and the Task Group on Ending Racism in NYYM, as well as a member of the Silver Bay YMCA staff.

*Circle of Care and Concern* folks have a green dot on their nametags.

One way Friends may make use of the *Circle of Care and Concern* is by seeking out a Listening Friend, either by leaving a note on the message board, or finding one to talk to at the Listening Corner in Gullen Lounge during the Rest & Renewal times. This person may help if you are lost or alone and just want to talk with someone and make a connection, or if you need assistance in following Gospel Order by listening to what's on your heart and helping you discern what might be next. If more than a listening ear is needed, Friends are encouraged to

seek out members of the CCT or, if appropriate, the AIT. If at any time you hear or witness something that you are uncomfortable addressing yourself, please get in touch with the CCT or AIT.

This summer the *Circle of Care and Concern* is under the care of Liaison Committee.

### ***Circle of Care and Concern Members Attending Summer Sessions 2016***

#### **Core Group**

**Abuse Investigation Team (AIT);** Jeffrey Aaron (New Brunswick), Barbara Menzel (New Brunswick), Christopher Sammond (Poplar Ridge), John Scardina (Purchase). The AIT has its own protocols and reporting requirements available from GSCC, found online at [nyym.org](http://nyym.org)

**Committee on Conflict Transformation (CCT);** Heather M. Cook (Central Finger Lakes), Karen Reixach (Ithaca). The CCT charge and methods are described in the NYYM Handbook, found online at [nyym.org](http://nyym.org)

**Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) Coordinators:** Ellie Rosenberg (Ithaca), Rebecca Wolf (Rochester); Alternate: Dawn Pozzi (Rochester)

**Sessions Committee:** Melanie-Claire Mallison (Ithaca); Alternates: Linda Houser (Purchase), Dawn Pozzi (Rochester)

#### **Listening Friends**

Jeffrey Aaron  
Mike Clark  
John Cooley  
Heather Cook  
Howard Gibbs-Hobgood  
Regina Haag  
Angela Hopkins  
Anne Pomeroy  
Dawn Pozzi  
Emily Provance  
Carol Summar  
Deb Wood