

# NYYM Monday Minute

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**Business Agenda.** The meetings for worship with a concern for the life of New York Yearly Meeting today are 10:45 am and 7:40 pm.

## ***Agenda for Monday 10:45 – 12:15***

Welcome Visitors

Faith & Practice

Second reading of changes to Sections G and H

How changes are made to our Book of Discipline

General Secretary's Report

Introduction – Chad Cianfrani, Head of Oakwood School

Report from the Leadings and Priorities Support Working Group

Communications Committee Report – New Logo

## ***Agenda for Monday evening 7:40-9:30***

Memorial minute for Rosa Packard

Report from New York State Council of Churches Representative

Report from the White Privilege Conference Task Group

Personnel Committee Report

**Caring For Our Personal Interactions At Yearly Meeting Gatherings** – We sometimes refer to New York Yearly Meeting as a beloved community. Our sessions are places where Friends from many areas of the yearly meeting have an opportunity to come together for worship, business, spiritual inspiration, and play. We also expect that Friends will develop relationships across the divides of geography, gender, age and point of view. Please check the tables in Gullen Lounge for a copy of the “Caring for our Personal Interactions at Yearly Meeting Gatherings” document. Our hope is that it will help guide us all when human interactions get complicated.

**First-time attenders.** Did you get your dot? If this is your first time at Silver Bay please stop by the Yearly Meeting conference office and get a blue dot for your Silver Bay badge. The blue dot lets us know that you're new here, so we can welcome you. Red dots indicate members of the Sessions Committee and other people who may be able to answer questions.

**Visitors—Please sign the guest book.** Visitors to New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions, please go to the YM conference office and sign our guest book. Also please let the office know when you will be attending your first business session so that you may be introduced.

**Ride Board.** The ride board is in front of the Yearly Meeting conference office in Gullen Lounge. If you need a ride, please list your need on the board. If you would like to provide a ride for someone else, please check the board and then leave a message on the message board for anyone for whom you can provide this transportation.

**Vespers** – Glenn Josey will speak on Monday, in the Silver Bay Chapel at 7:15PM.

**Meeting for Discernment** – Meeting for Discernment is an on-going experiment that provides a worshipful forum for hearing how Spirit is moving in other Friends and Meetings in ways that may speak to, inform or inspire us. Friends are invited to join the Meeting for Discernment on Tuesday for two sessions. Details are in the program. This year's queries focus on the best of our lives together as Friends of all ages and differing religious understandings about how the Divine is a part of all of us. Volunteers are also needed to help with the microphones. If you can help leave a note for Ann-Marie Scheidt on the message board.

**Mosher Fund Book Table.** The Book Table is located in the central section of the Inn. We have a wide selection of books for sale at Summer Sessions. We are offering \$50 worth of books for each monthly meeting and worship group. These books must be selected and book bags checked out by 3 pm on Thursday. We also give a book to Yearly Meeting staff, to recorded ministers, invited speakers, and first-time visitors from other Yearly Meetings. In addition, Advancement Committee invites graduating members of JYM to select a gift book. The YM is giving a *special gift* to monthly meetings this year, and a copy of the children's curriculum, "*Sparkling Still*," will be added to each bag.

**Monday Open Committee Meetings** – See program for times & locations:

The **Sessions Committee** Invites Friends to stop by their lunch meeting with your concerns or congratulations! Unfortunately lunch will not be provided.

**Black Concerns** is meeting with Andrew Tomlison, Quaker United Nations Representative and Director of the Quaker UN Office in New York. He will bring information about the International Decade for people of African Descent. All are welcome.

The **NYYM Trustees** invites Friends with questions or concerns about redesignations of YM Trust Funds to their committee meeting.

The **Quaker Earthcare Working Group** invites Friends to join them at 3:15 in the south tent in front of the Auditorium.

**CHANGE:** The **Meeting for Discernment Steering Committee** is NOT meeting on Monday afternoon, but will meet on Wednesday at 3:15PM and Friday at 1:45PM in Trinity.

**Meals with Meaning** are informal gatherings held to discuss a topic during a meal. All meal meetings are held in the rear of **Gullen Lounge**. Please bring your food from the dining room.

**Monday Lunch – Up close and personal with Chad Cianfrani, the new head of Oakwood Friends School.**

**Tuesday Lunch – Welcoming Children and Families.** All are welcome to come learn more about the YM's Partner Project with monthly meetings, which will explore how we grow our local meeting communities with intentional welcome and inclusion of children, families and young adults. The YM seeks meetings to join the project, engaging in new ways to nurture multigenerational community – would your meeting be interested? Please join us!

**Tuesday Dinner – Light behind the Walls.** Everyone interested in prison worship groups and the Alternatives to Violence to Project are encouraged to attend. We will share our stories and experiences. This will also be a great opportunity for people interested in prison ministry to gather more information.

**Please share this Minute!** We would like to make fewer copies of the *Minute* and other handouts. Friends may pick up copies from the conference area and, after reading it, return it to the conference area so that others may read them. We post copies on the porch bulletin boards, and in front of the conference office. And we are emailing it to attendees daily, unless you ask us not to. However, Friends who want to keep their copies and take them home, may do so. Note: There are enough *Programs* and *Advance Reports* for everyone.