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Hello and welcome to InfoShare! Please read on for news from around the New York Yearly Meeting Quaker community.

Share your meeting's news and submit articles to Spark, our paper newsletter, by emailing them to communications@nyym.org.

Upcoming Spark themes:

September: Bridging the Divide—inspired by the energy and movement that came out of last year's white privilege conference and by the divisive election. Submissions deadline is August 1st.

November: Welcoming, as the first step of Outreach—to be guest-edited by the Outreach Working Group. Submissions deadline is Oct. 1st.

The Yearly Meeting is on social media! The staff is especially active on our [Facebook page](#), but we also have a [Twitter feed](#) and [Instagram account](#). Click those links and check them out!

I hope to see many of you at Summer Sessions.

— Sarah Way, Editor

Upcoming Events



Friends General Conference Adult Registration Still Open

The FGC Gathering is being hosted by NYYM this year in Niagara, NY, July 2-8. The 2017 Gathering is

filled with rich and exciting opportunities for community, new learning and spiritual growth. Please visit [the Gathering page](#) for all of the details.

Bringing the Peaceable Kingdom to a Turbulent World

As Summer Sessions approaches Friends are looking forward to being in community with others who share our testimonies. Not to mention being adjacent to a beautiful lake nested in the Adirondack mountains. We will hold our 322nd Summer Sessions from July 23rd to July 29th at the YMCA Conference Center in Silver Bay, NY. Please visit the [Summer Sessions Information Page](#) for detailed information. Links to the online registration, or to download registration forms, are available in Quicklinks near the top of that page.

We still need summer sessions worship sharing leaders. If you feel called to this service send an email to Robert (Sunfire) Kazmayer at sunfirequaker@earthlink.net. Guidelines for leading the sessions will be provided. If you have no prior experience and would like to be paired with someone who has more experience, please indicate this in your email.

This year's theme is Bringing the Peaceable Kingdom to a Turbulent World. We already have worship sharing groups that focus on "Earthcare" and on "Racial Healing." Now, we are exploring whether there is enough interest to have a **worship sharing group that focuses on "Peace Concerns."** If you would like to be part of a Peace Concerns Worship Sharing group, please email sunfirequaker@earthlink.net. If only a few Friends are interested we will combine our peace concerns into Earthcare group.

Youth Committee Visioning at Summer Sessions

Nurture Coordinating Committee invites Friends with a concern for children and youth in the life of our monthly meetings and yearly meeting to a visioning session to consider the structure and charge of the Youth Committee, on Thursday afternoon at Summer Sessions. See the program for

details.

This will be an opportunity to consider the charge and structure of the Youth Committee in relationship with NYYM staff work, Powell House youth programs, and an emerging community of practice in the yearly meeting. All ages are welcome, and ice cream will be served!

There will also be the possibility to join remotely by video conference using Zoom. For more information, including a Zoom link to connect remotely with this conversation, contact Melinda Wenner Bradley at childrenyouthfs@nyym.org.



Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Summer Day Camp

for Youth Leadership and Personal Development will be held for youth entering Grades 6-11. Have fun while building a community of peers and growing and developing as a person from August 7-17, 2017 at Chatham-Summit Friends Meeting. Using the AVP principles, teens will focus on self-esteem, communication, nonviolent relationships, conflict transformation, and community building. The goal is to help young people develop into leaders who are caring and skillful communicators in all their relationships. To learn more visit: avpnjyouth.weebly.com

Quaker Religious Education Collaborative Gathering

QREC will hold its 4th annual QREC gathering this summer on August 18-20 at Quaker Hill in Richmond, IN. QREC is a grassroots network of Friends who share resources, skills, gifts, questions, and insights, and support each other in the ministry of Quaker faith formation. QREC welcomes Friends from all branches of the



international Quaker family involved in religious education: First Day School teachers, Adult RE facilitators, religious education committee members, parents, caregivers and others.” The gathering will include workshops, interest groups, music, and a panel discussion on the role of the Bible in Quaker religious education. QREC has received the active leadership of co-founder Melinda Wenner Bradley, NYYM Children and Youth Field Secretary. For more details about QREC and for information about scholarships email Melinda at childreyouthfs@nyym.org. Check out the [schedule](#) for this gathering and click [here](#) to register.

Powell House Summer Events

On the Way to Silver Bay, July 21-23. Whether you are on the way to NYYM’s annual sessions held at Silver Bay or just want a low-key weekend, come spend time at Powell visiting, playing ultimate Frisbee and board games, blowing bubbles, singing, quilting, swimming and maybe even some work projects. Through it all we’ll be nurtured with homemade food and extended worship.

Unwinding, July 12-16. A Powell House 3-day weekend for kids who were in 9th to 12th grade this past year; includes an all-night film festival.

Powell House camping trip in Taconic State Park – August 6-10.

Oneness with Nature – August 18-20. Renee Fogarty and Pamela Boyce Simms will lead the annual women’s weekend.

Visit www.powellhouse.org for more details and registration information for all Powell House events.

Quaker Spring

Quaker Spring: Experiencing the Inward Christ Together will be held at Oakwood Friends School, Poughkeepsie NY, June 23-28, 2017. The program

will include Bible Study, Worship, Quiet Time, Evening Explorations, and Fellowship. Children's activities will be available. There will be a freewill offering, so no one should stay away because of lack of funds. Please RSVP as soon as possible. To register visit www.quakerspring.org

QuED - Quaker Education and Discourse

QuED Days are designed as a series of opportunities for the sharing of Spirit-led ministry, along with the chance for informal connection, conversation, and fellowship. All Young Adult Friends (ages 18-35) are invited to participate in QuED Days, and members and attenders of the host meetings are invited to participate as well. QuED Days begin at 9:00am with breakfast. The morning will include breakfast, worship, and several twenty-minute talks given by invited speakers. The afternoon will include lunch, very lightly structured conversation opportunities, and sometimes other things—workshops, spiritual direction, games, music, and so forth. The day finishes at 4:00pm.

UPCOMING QuED:

July 22 at Adirondack Meeting, 27 Saratoga Ave., South Glens Falls, NY

August 19 at Manhasset Monthly Meeting, 1421 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, NY

September 16 at Montclair Monthly Meeting, 289 Park St., Montclair, NJ

For more information, click [here](#).

Opportunities

Monthly Meeting Partners Project: Year Two Underway!

Your meeting is invited to participate in the Monthly Meeting Partner Project. Through working with Partner Project meetings, we hope to learn as much as we can about effective new modes and methods of outreach and inclusion of children and families, while also helping meetings to deepen in Spirit and grow as a multi-age community. More information on the NYYM website can be found here: <http://www.nyyym.org/?q=MonthlyMeetingPartnersProject>

For meetings interested in participating in the Partner Project from 2017-2019, [information and application questions](#) for meeting discernment are

posted on the NYYM website homepage.

Whether or not this project is a good fit with your meeting at this time, the Yearly Meeting hopes to support your work with children and families, and the Children and Youth Field Secretary serves as a resource for you: childrenyouthfs@nyym.org Applications due by September 1 to begin work with the new partner meetings October 1.

Job Openings

Young Adult Field Secretary

We are now accepting applications for **Young Adult Field Secretary** of New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

The Young Adult Field Secretary works with young adult Friends in the NYYM area in the following ways: serving as a locus and a catalyst for networking; disseminating information; assisting in multi-generational community development; doing mentoring, pastoral care, coordinating, and outreach; and helping young adult Friends to develop their gifts and to find a home in the Religious Society of Friends. In addition, the position will support young adult Friends' retreats and activities and opportunities for religious education and will serve as a support and focal point for college outreach efforts. This is a half-time position that requires ongoing ministry and considerable travel, including many weekend commitments, around the NYYM area. Applicants should be a member of the Religious Society of Friends (or a committed and active participant in Friends' activities) with a strong understanding of Quaker ministry, testimonies, structures, history, and practice; have strong verbal and written communication skills; be skilled at recognizing and supporting the gifts of others; be skilled in relationship building; and have experience with social media.

Applications are currently being accepted.

For the full job description, click [here](#). For more information about NYYM, visit [our website](#).

To apply, email your resume to YAFSsearch@nyym.org.

Staff Calendars

Melinda Wenner Bradley, Children & Youth Field Secretary

June

- 3 Quaker Family Meetup in New York Quarter
- 6-7 Participate in NYYM Staff Retreat, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY
- 10 Junior Yearly Meeting planning at Powell House
- 11 Montclair Meeting: MMPP visit
- 25 Wilton Meeting: MMPP visit

July

- 23-29 Attend NYYM Summer Sessions, Silver Bay, NY
- 30 Worship with Wilton Meeting

August

- 18-20 Quaker Religious Education Collaborative, Richmond IN
- 27 All Friends Regional Meeting picnic at Dover-Randolph Meeting

Chad Gilmartin, Digital Communications Director

June

- 6-7 Participate in NYYM Staff Retreat, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY

July

- 2-8 Attend Friends General Conference Gathering, Niagara University, Niagara, NY
- 23-29 Attend NYYM Summer Sessions, Silver Bay, NY - *Available for Monthly Meeting website consultations*

Callie Janoff, Director, ARCH Program

June

- 6-7 Participate in NYYM Staff Retreat, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY
- 15-16 Philadelphia for Friends Services for the Aging Values Summit

July

- 2-8 Attend Friends General Conference Gathering, Niagara University, Niagara, NY - Facilitate the *Aging: It's What We Do!* Interest Group
- 23-29 Attend NYYM Summer Sessions, Silver Bay, NY - Facilitate Aging Worship Group

Emily Provance, Interim Young Adult Field Secretary

June

- 6-7 Participate in NYYM Staff Retreat, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY
- 10 Quaker Exploration & Discourse (QuED) Day at the Friends Center for Racial Justice

July

- 2-8 Attend FGC Gathering, Niagara University, Niagara, NY
- 9-16 Attend Friends United Meeting Stoking the Fire and FUM Triennial,

Wichita, KS

22 QuED Day at Adirondack Meeting

Christopher Sammond, General Secretary

June

3 Participate in Sing Sing Prison Worship Group's Quarterly Meeting, Ossining, NY

6-7 Participate in NYYM Staff Retreat, Powell House, Old Chatham, NY

July

2-8 Attend FGC Gathering, Niagara University, Niagara, NY- Lead workshop on *Opening to Deeper Worship*.

12-16 Attend FUM Triennial, General Board, and Nominating Committee meetings; Wichita, KS - Lead workshop on *Opening to "the Other", in Ourselves, Our Meetings, and the Wider World*.

23-29 Attend NYYM Summer Sessions, Silver Bay, NY - Lead Bible Study *Living out The Peaceable Kingdom While Living in the Empire*.

Helen Garay Toppins, Associate Secretary

June

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Sarah Way, Communications Director

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