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NYYM 320th Annual Summer Sessions *320 Years, One Faith. 60 Years, One Meeting. Today, One Vision.*

Helpful People

Audiovisual arrangements—Martha Gurvich

Committee room assignments—Helen Garay Toppins

Display arrangements—Karen Snare

Financial aid—Helen Garay Toppins

Food-service coordinator—Martha Gurvich

General Secretary—Christopher Sammond

General Services Coordinating Committee clerk—John Cooley

Golf-cart coordinator—Angel Ramos

Greetings to absent Friends—Kate Lawson

Junior Yearly Meeting coordinators—Dawn Pozzi & Rebecca Wolf

Liaison with Silver Bay YMCA—Martha Gurvich

Ministry Coordinating Committee clerk—Irma Guthrie

Minute editor—Steven Davison

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NYYM clerk—Jeffrey L. Hitchcock

Registrar—Helen Garay Toppins

Special-needs coordinator—Martha Gurvich

Witness Coordinating Committee clerk—Mary Eagleson

Worship at Yearly Meeting Sessions—Ann Davidson

Worship-group coordinators—Kate Lawson & Claire Simon

12-Step coordinator—Deb Wood

Opening Session: Living in Community

After introductions and opening remarks by Jeffrey L. Hitchcock, clerk of the Yearly Meeting, we will hear the roll call and then settle into waiting worship. Following this, Roseann Press, clerk of Sessions Committee, will address Living in Community—NYYM agreements and expectations for our week together. The JYM coordinators, Dawn Pozzi and Rebecca Wolf, will introduce the Junior Yearly Meeting group leaders. At rise of meeting, young Friends and their parents or sponsors will gather in their JYM groups for a brief “getting to know you” activity. Weather permitting, this will be on the lawn. In case of rain, locations will be announced.

Young Adult Friends Worship Sharing

Young Adult Friends are meeting for Worship Sharing every day this week during the regular Worship Sharing time, from 8:45 to 9:45 am, in Gray Pavilion.

Entering Intentionally into Worship with Attention to Business in the Auditorium

Jeffrey L. Hitchcock, clerk, NYYM

Friends are invited into an intentional practice that can serve to deepen our meetings for worship with attention to the life of the meeting. For this week the Auditorium is our meetinghouse. As we approach the space, may we be reminded that our meetings for business are times of worship when we seek together God’s will for the assembled body. Let us embrace the walk from a prior meeting or activity as a time to settle and turn thought and attention inward, toward God. You are invited to be drawn into that deepening silence of Friends who have assembled in worship. Please gather in seats toward the front, for when we gather physically, so we gather spiritually. May we continue to seek Divine guidance.

Healing Center at Summer Sessions

The Healing Center at Summer Sessions provides a safe and sacred space for persons to practice, experience, and explore healing modalities from many traditions. Friends in the spiritual practice of healing do so in a matrix of worship, willing to be Spirit-led in deepening their practice of energy work, body work, or compassionate listening.

There will be a planning meeting of Healing Center Coordinators on Sunday at 8:15 pm in Sproul Pavilion. The Healing Center, located in Sproul Pavilion, will hold its opening welcome and volunteer orientation from 11:30 to 12:30 on Monday. All are welcome and anyone who wishes to offer their services during the week are especially invited and urged to join us.

Healing Center daily hours will be posted in the daily *Minute* and onsite at Sproul Pavilion. Buffy Curtis, Kathy Slattery, and Ron Peterson are the coordinators and available for questions as needed. Leave a message for them on the bulletin board if you don't see them.

Ann Davidson, clerk

What Do the Dots Mean?

Blue dots. First timers have a blue dot on their nametags. If you see someone with a blue dot, please make these Friends feel welcome—include him or her in mealtime conversations, in chats on the porch, and in whatever ways occur to you. **Red dots.** Members of Sessions Committee, which functions as the host committee, have red dots on their nametags. They welcome your questions and concerns and observations. If they cannot answer your question, they can direct you to someone who can. **Yellow dots.** Members of the Committee on Conflict Transformation wear yellow dots on their nametags. They welcome conversation or consultation concerning conflicts among Friends.

Need a Golf Cart Ride?

The golf carts rented for Summer Sessions hold a driver and three passengers. Their purpose is to assist people who need help getting to and from meetings and around campus. The hours of operation are approximately 8:30 am (to get to worship sharing) until 8:15 pm (to get to evening programs), Monday through Friday. If there are enough volunteers, we hope to have service on Saturday, as well.

Sign-up sheets for those needing rides at specific times will be kept at the golf cart dispatcher's table on the south side of the Inn Porch closest to the Auditorium. The sooner you sign up for a ride, the more likely we will be able to schedule a driver. You may also leave a note for Angel Ramos, golf cart coordinator, on the message board. Let him know how we can help.

If you have a driver's license and would like to offer a valuable service, have fun, and meet friends you might not otherwise meet, please attend the brief but important training session at rise of session on Sunday evening. We will meet with the coordinator Angel Ramos on the Inn porch at the end nearest the Auditorium. If you plan to volunteer, please bring your current valid driver's license. We will review the operation of the cart, how to use the walkie-talkies, and the specific functions of being a driver and/or dispatcher. If you could do scheduling and dispatching Monday morning, please speak to Angel Ramos, golf cart coordinator, or leave him a note right away.

If you have questions, or are not able to attend the training meeting, please leave a note on the message board for Angel and we will try to offer training at your convenience. Please include your full name and Silver Bay room number in the note. Please consider offering two hours of your time for this important and fun work! We need your help to continue to offer the level of service that has meant so much to F/friends in the past.

Mail & Messages

Messages for others may be left on the message board opposite the NYYM conference office.

Mail delivered to Silver Bay is given to the NYYM staff for posting on our message board. The names of people with **telephone messages** are listed on the electronic board on the wall behind the Silver Bay desk. All Friends are urged to check these places often. Someone may be trying to contact *you!*

Disability Concerns

Committee clerks and worship sharing group leaders are reminded to find out at the beginning of each session whether your group needs a note taker or hearing partner for any deaf or hard-of-hearing person. The note taker should sit next to her/his partner, writing notes that capture, not every word, but the essence of what is said. If you need someone, leave a note on the

message board for Martha Gurvich. We need **volunteers** to act as note takers at meetings. If you can volunteer, leave a note for Martha Gurvich on the message board.

Meals

Martha Gurvich, food-service coordinator

Dining room: It will be open at 5:00 p.m. for Friends who need a bit of help or more time getting their tray to the table. Parents with young children, Friends with mobility challenges, or others who need extra help or time may come in early. If you need special assistance leave a note on the message board for Martha Gurvich. We need **volunteers** to go to the dining room early to assist Friends with trays. If you can volunteer, leave a note for Martha Gurvich on the message board.

Children’s meals: At some meals, the Silver Bay kitchen staff will prepare entrées that suit children’s tastes. Because of limited space in the kitchen and the large size of our conference, this is a special courtesy to us. It will help to make life easier for the youngsters and for their parents. Sessions Committee and the Silver Bay staff appreciate your understanding that these menu items will be prepared in a limited quantity. These special selections will be served in a separate “children’s corner” in the cafeteria. Please try to select food from the “adult” serving line before turning to the children’s area for your meal.

Meals in Gullen Lounge. If you are joining one of the special meals in Gullen Lounge, you pick up your food on trays in the dining hall and carry it to Gullen. You should find a bus bin, water, and flatware waiting for you there. When you’re finished, put your things in the bus bin; Silver Bay staff will pick it up.

Helping out. Please allow Friends with mobility concerns, families with small children, and those who have a lunchtime or dinner meeting to go to the head of the line. We hope this will allow these Friends more time and space so they can get their meals and settle in before the larger group steps into the line. And carry a tray for anyone who looks like they could use the help and agrees to the assistance. Meal times can be stressful; your kindnesses will be deeply appreciated.

Thank the staff. The Silver Bay staff works very hard at designing menus that accommodate the needs of a wide variety of people. Please take the time to thank them. Comments and immediate concerns about food can be addressed by leaving a message for Martha Gurvich on the message board. Suggestions for improvements and additions to the menu for future years are also appreciated and passed on as appropriate.

12-Step Meetings – Inn Room 130

This year meetings will be as follows.

Sunday	10:00 pm	Wednesday	6:30–7:00 pm
Monday	6:30–7:00 pm	Thursday	10:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 pm	Friday	9:30 pm

Nurture Coordinating Committee oversees the 12-step meetings, but needs to hear from people who would be willing to take responsibility for one or more of these meetings. To volunteer, please leave a message for Deb Wood on the message board next to the NYYM conference office.

Childcare

Morning Childcare Program

Morning childcare for those younger than 1st grade will be open to JYM children starting at 8:45. A JYM volunteer will work with Silver Bay staff to care for the children. The Silver Bay childcare program ends at 11:30; however, JYM children are welcome to stay until 12:30. Volunteers will be needed to help the single JYM volunteer for that hour. Parents and children are invited to join the JYM group of grades 1-2 at Morse Hall for a family story, singing, and worship time from 11:45 until 12:30.

P.M. Childcare Program

This program provides care for children up to age ten Morse Hall during the afternoon and several evenings. This care is available only during Yearly Meeting sessions and committee meeting times to allow parents to attend those meetings. Children are welcome 15 minutes before the session or meeting starts and must be picked up within 15 minutes of the end of the session or meeting. The positive attention of parental and nonparental volunteers is vital to the

success of the experience and is rewarding to the volunteer. JYM staffs this program with only two volunteers, counting on other volunteers to supplement their time and attention to the children. We ask parents who bring their children to PM Childcare to give two hours to the program sometime during the week. Please sign up the first time you bring your child to Morse. You can also come to the JYM office and talk with the coordinators.

The afternoon childcare program for children up to age ten will be available as follows:

Monday	3:15–5:30 & 6:45–10:00	Thursday	3:15–5:30
Tuesday	3:15–5:30 & 7:15–10:15	Friday	3:15–5:30
Wednesday	1:30–5:30 & 6:45–10:15		

Daily Newsletter: *The Minute*

Steven Davison, editor

You are reading the *Minute*, a printed newsletter that we place on the table in front of the conference office and post on the porch bulletin board during Summer Sessions to let Friends know about agendas for upcoming meetings for business in worship, the special events of the day, changes in program, and other important news. We also publish each *Minute* on the home page of the NYYM website, www.nyym.org, and email them to attenders with email addresses.

Use the *Minute* for announcements of changes or additions to the schedule. Please plan ahead and bring items for the *Minute* to the Yearly Meeting conference office by 6:30 pm for the following day’s edition. They must be signed and approved by the appropriate committee clerk, the clerk of Sessions, or the Silver Bay liaison, checked for accuracy and legibility, and you must have confirmed the availability of facilities at the NYYM conference office.

Saving Paper—Fewer Copies, Less Cost

We would like to make fewer copies of the *Minute*, the *Advance Reports*, and other handouts. We are asking Friends to share. Friends may pick up copies in front of the conference office. After reading them, please return them so that others may read them. The *Minute* is also posted on the porch bulletin boards. We will have enough copies of the materials available for Friends who want to keep and take home their copies.

Get stuff online: www.nyym.org. Many materials will be put on our website so that Friends will have easy access both from home and from the Wi-Fi hotspots at Silver Bay. Look for links to these documents on the home page. The documents we intend to publish online include the following, plus whatever comes up during the week:

- Each *Minute*
- The *Program*
- The Silver Bay campus map
- Worship at Summer Sessions—A quick guide
- Each day’s business agenda
- Other advance documents

Ask at the conference office if you have questions about what will be available on the website.

Conflict in Quaker Meetings DVDs

Look in your meeting’s Mosher Fund book bag for a copy of the Committee on Conflict Transformation’s DVD, *Conflict in Quaker Meetings—Crisis or Opportunity?* These are full-length video recordings of the Conflict Transformation workshop. More are available—come to the Yearly Meeting office between the Inn lobby and Gullen Lounge.

Mosher Book Table

The Mosher Book Table is set up in the Inn lobby for Friends to browse and purchase books. The Mosher Fund will be giving each monthly meeting and worship group \$50 worth of books, of their choosing for their meeting library. Shop early for the best selections. We are closed Friday and Saturday. We welcome volunteers to help at the book table. The Book Table hours are:

Sunday	8 – 9 pm		
Monday	1:30 – 3:15 pm		
Tuesday	10:00 am – 12:15 pm	4:00 – 5:15 pm	
Wednesday	10:00 am – 12:15 pm	4:00 – 5:15 pm	
Thursday	10:00 am – 12:15 pm	1:45 – 5:15 pm	7 – 9 pm