

# NYYM Wednesday Minute

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**Welcome to Friends arriving midweek!** In order to orient you and help you move into the rhythm and flow of the week thus far, please be certain to stop at the Yearly Meeting conference office and pick up the program. There are also various reports, minutes, and other written materials that will help you prepare for business.

## **Wednesday night business agenda:**

- *Faith & Practice* — Revision of Discipline section — first reading
- By-laws for NYYM — first reading
- Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting
- Report on plans for White Privilege Conference
- Consent Agenda
- Friends outside NYYM nominated for positions
- *Faith & Practice* — Recording Gifts — second reading

**The Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda will be brought to tonight's business meeting for approval. Friends are asked to familiarize themselves with its contents prior to that.

**Website card sort.** Please help us design the new website. Steven Davison, the Yearly Meeting's communications director, invites you to do a "card sort" on a table in front of the Summer Sessions conference office window, at any time that's convenient for you, as an aid to our development of the new website. A "card sort" involves organizing index cards with various kinds of website content in the way that makes the most sense to you. We will photograph your arrangement and then use the ones we gather to help us design the new site. You will find more detailed instructions at the table and feel free to ask Steve if he's in the office. And thanks!

**Jim Oltman has died.** It is with great sadness that the members of Purchase Meeting attending Summer Sessions learned of the death of James "Jim" Oltman yesterday. Please hold the Oltman family in the Light.

**Meeting for Discernment, Part 2,** will be held on Wednesday afternoon, 1:45–3:45. Copies of the query will be available after lunch.

**Interest groups.** Interest groups are being held today from 1:45–3:45. Descriptions and locations can be found in front of the conference office.

**ARCH Reception.** On Wednesday evening following the meeting for business in worship, the Committee on Aging Concerns welcomes the whole Quaker community to an ice cream social to celebrate ARCH staff members Callie Janoff and Barbara Spring at Gullen Lounge.

**Friends Foundation for the Aging,** Deb Frazer, Executive Director of Friends Foundation for the Aging (FFA), will be on campus on Wednesday and Thursday. FFA would like to fund additional work in New York Yearly Meeting. Leave Deb a note on the message board if you have a project you would like to discuss.

**Healing Center hours** are Wednesday, 4–5; Thursday, 1–3; Friday, 1–3. All are welcome. Individual appointments are available.

**Worship for Racial Healing.** The Task Group on Racism invites all Friends to join the Worship for Racial Healing in Field Memorial, Wednesday, July 22, 4:00–5:15 pm.

**Mosher book table.** The Mosher book table gives each monthly meeting \$50 in books for their meeting library. Books need to be picked up by 5 pm on Thursday. We will be open Thursday evening for shoppers. We are closed on Friday.

**Invitation to Meeting for Discernment—A Reminder.** Meeting for Discernment takes place today from 1:45 – 3:45 in the Auditorium.

**Greetings to absent Friends.** Please spend a few minutes in air conditioned Gullen Lounge writing a note to Friends who are not here at Silver Bay. Add to cards already there and feel free to start one for someone. Look for the round table outside the YM conference office.

**YACC hosts discussion on discernment—Gray Pavilion.** Young Adult Concerns Committee is hosting a discussion on “Discernment in our Practice as Friends” with Christopher Sammond in Gray Pavilion. All are welcome!

**Learn about FGC.** Curious about Friends General Conference? Join FGC visitor Carolyn Lejuste for dinner on Wednesday evening. Look for the FGC sign near the windows on the right in the dining hall.

**Tagless Tag Sale** will take place on Thursday. Join the fun—please consider volunteering. Sign up on the cork message board. We need you before, during, and after the sale. PS: Leave items for the sale behind the counter in the Auditorium. ~ Jen Lindop

**Please order your adult attenders list.** We are accepting prepaid orders for \$5. And please check with the conference office to make sure your entry is correct.

**Support our growing edges.** In five minutes, for the cost of one latte per month, you, too, can support the growing edges of our Yearly Meeting. Come to the Development Committee display table across from the Mosher Fund book table, from 4:45–6:30 daily. Development Committee members will be there to help you do this, and welcome conversations about spirituality, money, and the spiritual vitality inherent in a culture of generosity.

**Friday “take-home” Minute => Summer *InfoShare*.** Do you have news or information you would like to share with the rest of the Yearly Meeting? Submit it as soon as possible for the Friday *Minute*, which Friends can take home with them for posting at their meetinghouses. Material from the Friday minute also goes into the Summer *InfoShare* and gets distributed to the Yearly Meeting’s email mailing list.

## **Meals with Meaning:**

**Wednesday lunch — Yearly Meeting communications — Gullen Lounge.** Join Steven Davison, the Yearly Meeting's communications director, to share your ideas and vision for our communications.

**Wednesday dinner – Getting to Know the American Friends Service Committee — Gullen Lounge.** Amy Gottlieb, Associate NE Regional Director, and members of the AFSC Corporation will share updates about programs in New York, New Jersey, and the world. Amy has worked extensively on Immigrant Rights and will also speak about AFSC's work on immigration issues.

**Thursday lunch – Creating a Child & Youth Field Secretary position — Gullen Lounge.** Join Barbara Menzel, Personnel Committee clerk, to learn more about the creation of this new position. Share your thoughts and vision as we move forward to meet the spiritual needs of our youngest members.

**Friday dinner — Intergenerational Dialog — Gullen Lounge.** Young Adult Concerns Committee is hosting an intergenerational dialogue. Please join us at this opportunity for Friends to share perspectives on our faith.

**Friday dinner — A Climate Path Forward — Heritage Hall (Inn Conference Room).** Paul Klinkman will present innovations that, taken together, have a reasonable chance of damaging or flattening the entire fossil fuel industry if developed. Learn about a diversity of options regarding climate change.