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Now you know!

A newsletter for Young Adult
Friends and Families
of New York Yearly Meeting
March 2016

You are getting this newsletter if you are a Young Adult Friend, 18- 35 ish (YAF) associated with New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM), or have a family in NYYM. Feel free to unsubscribe if you do not wish to be a part of this list by clicking the unsubscribe button at the bottom of the email. You can also change your email address there. Know someone who would like to be added? Let me know! On the recent survey, many of you indicated that you would like to know about what is happening in the Yearly Meeting, as well as what opportunities there are for committee work, fellowship and conferences. I also heard from a lot of people that they are looking to know others YAF and Families. You told me that you wanted to hear about what I was doing as well. SO, I will be sending out e-blasts to keep you informed of all the great things that are happening in NYYM. Please let me know if there is something that you would like to know, that I can address. I hope this helps to include more people, especially those not on Facebook, in the wider conversation.



Every stage of our lives offers fresh opportunities. Responding to divine guidance, try to discern the right time to undertake or relinquish responsibilities without undue pride or guilt. Attend to what love requires of you, which may not be great Busyness.

Advices and Queries #28, The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain

Greetings Friend! **

Full disclosure: *This newsletter will be FAR from perfect. There will be many typos, there will be clunky layout, it will be stuck together. It may not look so pretty. But in an effort to keep perfection from being the enemy of the good, I present this to you, warts and all. Thank you for your patience.*

I'm excited to get all this great information to you ASAP, so I'll just say, YAY SPRING! Now on to the fun stuff! THERE IS SO MUCH GOOD STUFF!

- **SPRING SESSIONS IS COMING UP on April 1-3!** [see info below.](#) **IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!** Early Registration ends on MARCH 18. That's THIS FRIDAY! **If you want to register Youth for the AMAZING program, or child care 5**

years and under, you must register by MARCH 18 [Click here for the youth program details, and to register](#)

[For Sessions registration, and answers to all the questions, click here.](#)

- [Register HERE FOR QUAKER PARTY](#) [See article below](#). Do you miss Circle of Young Friends retreats? Have you drifted out of touch from your Friends in youth programs? Have you just come to Friends and want to meet people? Are you interested in having fun, worship, fellowship a weekend in NYC, and so much more?? WE ARE THROWING A PARTY IN NYC!! SAVE THE DATE!! June 17-19 .
- There is also a [one day YAF Mini retreat planned for Ithaca, NY April 16](#). The topic is "Searching for sanity in an insane world: Can our Quaker tools help?" Read the article below, or [HERE](#) for the shareable brochure. [REGISTER here](#)
- Want to meet YAF from all over North America? There are great opportunities! **Check out [YAFCON](#) at Pendle Hill June 3-8**. It is VERY affordable, and a great experience.
- Friends United Meeting is holding a powerful retreat in NC. [see below for information](#).
- Are you interested in working with the youth of our Yearly Meeting? Your Monthly Meeting? The second Youth Institute is coming up at Powell House March 27-29. There will be opportunities to brainstorm and share First Day School activities, and time to talk about how to best nurture our youth. [see below](#)

Do you have something you would like to share with YAF and Families in NYYM? I would welcome photographs, artwork, poetry, essays, haiku, meaningful quotes and passages, you name it!

****A word about this newsletter. I know that there is a lot of information. I invite you to skim, or to look at the list of articles and choose what is relevant to you. I am not a graphic designer, and soon I will have someone help me with layout, and editing, but until then, use what is helpful to you, and refer back when you need it. Spread it around. Send it to your clerks, print it and post it at your meetings. Use it however it is helpful!****

Peace and Blessings,

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What is YACC?

The Young Adults Concern Committee (YACC) is a committee of NY Yearly Meeting. It is the committee that specifically carries at concern for Young adults (18-35 ish) YACC also plans the Young Adult Friends (YAF) activities for Summer Sessions each year, supports the mini retreats, represents YAF to different committees, and works closely with the Young Adult Field Secretary. This committee is one way that Young Adults can find voice in the Yearly Meeting. YACC is also interested in the spiritual nurture and care of YAF. YACC meets regularly throughout the year on the internet, and also in person at Summer Sessions, and one other annual meeting.

The current clerk is Glenn Josey of 15th St. MM. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please contact a member of YACC. You can also contact me to put you in touch with YACC. Are you interested in getting involved with YACC? Contact me at nyym.yafs@gmail.com, or Glenn at gjosey95@gmail.com.



Where has Gabi been? Where is she going?

March 19 Brooklyn MM YAF retreat
April 1-3 Spring Sessions Plainfield, NJ
April 15-17 Ithaca, NY
April 16 Mini retreat in Ithaca
May 13-15 Farmington Scipio Spring Gathering
June 17-19 Quaker Party, NYC

Would you like me to come to your Meeting, or Region? Would you like someone to support the work that is already being done there? I am eager to travel to do a program, support an existing program, or simply sit and listen. Contact me at nyym.yafs@gmail.com

Upcoming Powell House weekends

www.powellhouse.org

March 18-20--Parents at Play

Ever feel that living with kids is like a game where the rules change every turn? A game where you are not sure if the point is to just have fun or to win? What if you "win" and find out it is not fun anymore? How does your family determine their rules and their goals?

Join other parents in exploring how to keep sanity, playfulness, and openness in the family as your kids grow. As parents, we have a set of questions and a set of answers. Wouldn't it be nice if your answers were actually to your questions? Or were even marginally applicable to your own children?

You can look forward to small group discussions, listening deeply and being listened to, with a mix of activities and games to get our bodies, minds, and spirits in a good place. Plus snacks, of course. (Your children may not want your answers, but they WILL want your snacks.)

Parents of any age and with any age kids are invited, even those parents who have not yet hatched their first kid. At the same time, there will be a 6th-8th grade youth conference called "Hubbard and the Cukes." So drop your middle school age kid next door at the Anna Curtis Youth Center with Chris DeRoller and then join the "Parents at Play" in Pitt Hall.

Julie Glynn is the parent of three young women now in high school and college. She was once a kid herself and, as a youth, she found joy and fellowship at Powell House. She helps with First Day School at Brooklyn Monthly Meeting.

Mike Clark has been the Powell House youth program co-director for 15 years. Previously, he worked as a Family Support Worker in rural Florida. He has helped raise two children, now young adults, who have successfully disproved several of his parenting theories.

Register by March 4th: \$230/adults; \$115/ages 13-22; \$57.50/infants-12; \$165/commuters.

[April 22-24--Youth Institute](#)

Youth Institute 2016: Living Into Community Together

Youth Institute 2015: Living Into Community Together

Hosted by Chris DeRoller and Mike Clark, under the care of the Youth Committee of NYYM

Join us for an action-packed, joyous gathering filled with helpful stuff for anyone interested in creating multigenerational faith communities.

The Institute will offer a forum for participants to:

- Share what is working in monthly meetings and regions.
- Explore ways through the difficulties encountered.
- Discuss frameworks for thinking about programming for youth.

There will be hands on training in various aspects of youth work per the interest of participants through a choice of mini-workshops, which might include:

- Exploring mental health and well-being issues
- Games in spiritual work
- Quaker business practice for young Friends
- Quaker teens and current events
- Good kids/bad kids: when expectations and behaviors clash
- Sexuality
- Using art to explore spirituality
- Youth and spirituality
- Worshipping with youth

The Institutes are open to anyone interested in making their meeting a multigenerational faith community. Plenary sessions will be designed to include Friends of all ages.

ALSO April 22-24 at Powell House--Playing in the Light 2016

Playing in the Light: Godly Play/Faith & Play Training for Quakers

This powerful way of being with children can transform your First Day School or Friends school classroom, and nurture your own spiritual life. Learn and practice skills to help children explore the existential limits of their lives through wonder, play, and core stories from the Bible and Quaker faith and practice. These stories are scripted and tested to work well with multi-age groups of children, as well as in multi-generational settings. A certified trainer will model stories, and you will have an opportunity to practice them with your peers. Discussions and teaching modules include:

- exploring the spirituality of children
- considering the "unspoken" lessons of the teaching space and classroom structure
- supporting the circle of children and working with multi-age groups and diverse needs
- weaving Godly Play/Faith & Play stories into a First Day School program with other religious education and spiritual nurture resources available to Friends

Workshop facilitator **Melinda Wenner Bradley**, a member of West Chester Friends Meeting (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting), is the clerk of the Faith & Play Working Group and an accredited Godly Play trainer who works with Quaker meetings and Friends schools around the country.

This workshop is limited to 10 Friends.

Upcoming Pendle Hill weekends and conferences

For a complete list of upcoming weekends click here: www.pendlehill.org

June 3-8 2016 **YAFCON: Young Adult Friends Conference**

Young Adult Friends and seekers (ages 18-35) are invited to Pendle Hill's annual intensive six-day conference – Continuing Revolution –

designed to strengthen a networked generation of awakened and effective spiritually grounded change agents. This year, we will be focusing on the Integrity testimony. **Check out the things we're leading, listening to, and watching to start engaging with this book in advance on our**

[Volunteer, Job and Intern Opportunities!](#)

Want to extend an invitation to NYYM on behalf of Paddle Hills' [Continuing Revolution: Integrity as a Radical Act](#) conference, held **June 3-8, 2016**. This six-day conference continuously receives impassioned reviews from past participants who speak about it as a life-changing, invaluable, and ~~renewal~~ ~~experience~~ ~~and~~ ~~an~~ ~~opportunity~~ ~~to~~ ~~connect~~ ~~with~~ ~~people~~ ~~who~~ ~~share~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~passion~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Quaker~~ ~~Intentional~~ ~~Village~~ ~~-Canaan~~ ~~this~~ ~~spring~~ ~~or~~ ~~summer!~~

The Quaker Intentional Village-Canaan (QIVC) located in the Hudson Valley is offering an opportunity for people interested in exploring a community to come for a Short-Term Intentional Residency (STIR). STIRs will create self-designed and self-directed projects consistently over the course of the summer. Areas of interest include: ~~community~~ ~~development~~ ~~and~~ ~~mutual~~ ~~support~~. We're very lucky to be part of the planning staff, and are making an intentional effort this year to spread our network to Friends beyond just the Pennsylvania region.

-Spiritual study and hospitality
Near a beautiful unattached building dwelling in a beautiful area of a farm sense of content and focus. I specifically think that this conference ~~is~~ ~~an~~ ~~opportunity~~ ~~to~~ ~~explore~~ ~~specific~~ ~~aspects~~ ~~of~~ ~~community~~ ~~life~~ ~~(for~~ ~~example~~ ~~conscious~~ ~~spirituality)~~ ~~or~~ ~~the~~ ~~structure~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~community~~ ~~(for~~ ~~example~~ ~~economic~~ ~~and~~ ~~social~~ ~~structure)~~. And because when I think of digging into challenging, complex issues, you're someone who I want to do that work with. Not to mention being a part of the community, and who are willing to dedicate themselves to helping us fulfill those intentions. STIRs strive with the rest of the community to live a spiritually focused life, contribute to our village setting, explore alternative economic systems, live in unity and harmony with the earth, and live joyfully and in service to others. QIVC ~~rejoices~~ ~~in~~ ~~participants~~ ~~who~~ ~~are~~ ~~diverse~~ ~~in~~ ~~race~~ ~~and~~ ~~age~~ ~~ethnicity~~ ~~gender~~ ~~sexual~~ ~~orientation~~ ~~physical~~ ~~ability~~ ~~and~~ ~~economic~~ ~~situations~~. In ~~our~~ ~~work~~ ~~we~~ ~~take~~ ~~comment~~ ~~from~~ ~~some~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~past~~ ~~residents~~ ~~and~~ ~~invite~~ ~~them~~ ~~to~~ ~~share~~ ~~their~~ ~~ideas~~ ~~and~~ ~~concerns~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~community~~ ~~at~~ ~~www.qivc.org~~ ~~or~~ ~~by~~ ~~email~~ ~~at~~ ~~info@qivc.org~~ ~~or~~ ~~by~~ ~~calling~~ ~~at~~ ~~(518) 392-0289~~ ~~and~~ ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~also~~ ~~attached~~ ~~a~~ ~~one~~ ~~-page~~ ~~document~~ ~~about~~ ~~potential~~ ~~funding~~ ~~sources~~ ~~as~~ ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~not~~ ~~historically~~ ~~been~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~offer~~ ~~travelling~~ ~~scholarships~~. ~~If~~ ~~you~~ ~~have~~ ~~any~~ ~~questions~~ ~~please~~ ~~do~~ ~~not~~ ~~hesitate~~ ~~to~~ ~~ask!~~

To find out more about QIVC, visit our website at www.qivc.org. You can also email us at info@qivc.org or call (518) 392-0289 and ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~also~~ ~~attached~~ ~~a~~ ~~one~~ ~~-page~~ ~~document~~ ~~about~~ ~~potential~~ ~~funding~~ ~~sources~~ ~~as~~ ~~we~~ ~~have~~ ~~not~~ ~~historically~~ ~~been~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~offer~~ ~~travelling~~ ~~scholarships~~. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you for your time, and we hope to see you in June!

In peace,
Katrina
[Please click here to learn more and get facebook, registration and program details.](#)

[Friends United Meeting \(FUM\) and Friends General Conference \(FGC\)](#)

Stoking the Fire
May 13-16-- Sophia, NC

The [web site](#) and [registration](#) are now online for the 2016 Stoking the Fire conference, to be held May 13-16 in Sophia, North Carolina. Join Friends as we stoke our spiritual fires and stretch ourselves through communal worship, learning, and fellowship. Together we will open ourselves to Christ's presence and power and allow the Spirit to work within us.

[NYYM RETREATS and GATHERINGS!](#)

[UPCOMING NYYM EVENTS!](#)

April 1-3 Spring Sessions is coming to Central NJ!

This is an easy commute from NYC and Northern NJ, and is a wonderful opportunity to see what committees and the body of NYYM are doing. What is Spring Sessions and why should you care? Spring

Sessions is a time when we gather... weekend there is time for worship

[click here for more info](#)

A great opportunity during Sessions... get free hospitality at the same time

I really like Spring and Fall Sessions... involved and seeing the work of... You can visit, and taste what is going on... from NYC. And there is scholarship

There will be Youth programming

Questions? Please contact me, Gabi

Save the Date! The 321

Stay tuned for information!



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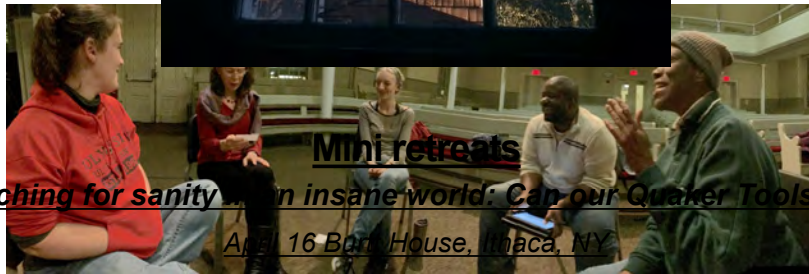
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ons weekend. [click here](#)

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July 24-30, 2016



Mini retreats

Searching for sanity in an insane world: Can our Quaker Tools help?

April 16 Barn House, Ithaca, NY

At this one day retreat for Young Adult Friends (age 18-35 ish) we will be looking at the tools that Quakerism gives us to help us find a balance in the modern world. We will spend time worshipping, in fellowship, eating, and making time for ourselves.. Enjoy a day off from your normal routines. Make a weekend away of it! Suggested donation is \$15-20 to cover expenses and food. But pay what you want/can. There will be child care with at least a week notice. If you need hospitality, please let Gabi know. nyym.yafs@gmail.com.

The pace of the world is staggering. It can feel impossible to keep up. Social Media, school, work, families, chores, food shopping, the list is fast and furious. And then there's Quakerism and the advices like being "in the world but not of the world." Are the ways of Early Friends outdated? Do they apply? Even faith practices can feel like just one more thing to do. Who has time?

We will look at our history and practices, our Quaker Tools. What are they? How can they help us? How can we support each other and hold ourselves accountable even through the madness that the world imposes on our lives?

[Click here for a printable brochure to share!](#)

[Register for the mini retreat Here!!](#)

NYYM Young Adult Concerns Committee is throwing a party, and YOU ARE INVITED!!



The Young Adult Concerns Committee of the New York Yearly Meeting invites YOU to join us for a weekend of joyful connection, and deepening of spiritual relationships with Friends old and new for...

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