

Beloved Friends,

What will be revealed to us at our Summer Sessions?

We gather in worship to consider the affairs of the Yearly Meeting. Please plan to participate in these meetings for worship, enhancing them with your measure of Light and faithfulness. Reading and considering the *Advance Reports* (available at <http://bit.ly/mR8Gcg>) provides vital preparation for our corporate work. The *Advance Reports* include minutes from our Fall and Spring sessions, as well as reports from committees and representatives to affiliated organizations.

We will continue our recent practice of using the Consent Agenda to bring some business to the body. The Nominating Committee expects to post its portion of this agenda on the Inn porch bulletin board on the Tuesday of our gathering. Friends are asked to read this agenda, consider the items, and address any concerns as invited before approval is sought on Thursday morning.

Each day at noon, and after lunch on Tuesday this year, Junior Yearly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting will gather in the Auditorium for community worship. Coming to wholeness can feel momentarily disruptive and sweetly joyful. If you are sitting in the Auditorium when others enter, please welcome whoever comes by making aisle seats available if possible, and smiling! Let us feel the blessing of our depth, and of having a time of worship when we're not segregated by age.

All are encouraged to participate in the Meeting for Discernment, which occurs on Tuesday morning and afternoon. This extended meeting for worship provides an extraordinary opportunity to be knit together in the glory of our diversity, and in the strength of our shared struggles and joys as we seek to understand God's will.

First-timers at Summer Sessions will have a *blue* dot on your name tag. If you are not a first-timer this year, please remember when you were one, and help these Friends feel welcome—in mealtime conversations, in chats on the porch, and hundreds of other little ways. Members of Sessions Committee, which functions as the host committee, will have a *red* dot on their name tag. They welcome your questions and concerns and observations. If they cannot answer your question, they can direct you to someone who can. Members of the Committee on Conflict Transformation will wear a *yellow* dot on their name tag, which is an invitation to talk with these Friends about conflict, whether during Sessions or at home.

Any concerns about the facility or food should be taken to the liaison with Silver Bay YMCA—Martha Gurvich (Wilton Monthly Meeting)—rather than addressed directly with the YMCA staff. Following this protocol is very helpful for our Meeting's relationship with our host.

Let us remember to be kind, to be brave, to laugh and cry when needed, and to rest.

As our gathering approaches, please hold the Yearly Meeting in your prayers. May we wait and listen with faith for Divine promptings, and move forward in humility, obedience, and praise.

In loving and joyful friendship,

Heather M. Cook (Chatham-Summit Monthly Meeting)
Clerk, NYYM