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Oswego Worship Group: The Oswego Worship Group is alive! Meetings for worship are held every Wednesday evening at Hall Newman Center, 36 New St., Oswego, N.Y. Friends gather at 6:45, and meeting for worship is from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. For further information contact the Yearly Meeting office.

Young Quakes Conference 2006: This FGC conference for high school-age Friends, a project of the FGC Religious Education Committee, will take place October 6–9, 2006, at the C .A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, Little Rock, Arks. The theme is Honoring Our Faith. The presenters are Hope Braveheart (Baltimore YM), Aaron Fowler (Great Plains YM), and Elizabeth Lyzenga-Waterman (New England YM).

- Honor—honesty or integrity in one's beliefs and actions
- Faith—being sure of what one hopes for and certain of what one does not see; commitment to a religious tradition or community

Young Quakes is interactive workshops, Quaker-friendly Bible study, invigorating discussions, presentations, games, worship and worship sharing, singing, hanging out, and building incredible community. It's both terrific fun and awesome content. You will explore with other Young Friends in our unprogrammed tradition what it means to honor our faith in the world today.

For further information contact Michael Gibson, Religious Education coordinator, Friends General Conference, 1216 Arch Street #2B, Philadelphia PA 19107; michaelg@fgcquaker.org; 215-561-1700.

Dan Seeger to Speak at FWCC Regional Gathering: Dan Seeger, former director of Pendle Hill and former executive secretary of the New York Region of the American Friends Service committee, will be the keynote speaker at the Northeastern Regional Gathering of Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, Oct. 13–15, 2006. Friends from New York, Philadelphia, New England, and eastern Canada are invited to gather at Purchase Meeting to focus on the theme Being a Friend in Today's World. (One does not have to be associated with FWCC to

participate.) Additional discussion leaders will be Laura Rediehs of St. Lawrence University, assistant clerk of the Friends Association for Higher Education, and Newton Garver of Buffalo Meeting, a member of the FWCC/SOA Executive Committee. Local Friends will be asked to provide overnight hospitality. Childcare will be available. The cost of the weekend is \$70 for adults, \$40 for children under 12.

The Regional Gathering is hosted on a rotation basis by the FWCC committees of the four Yearly Meetings in the Region. For more information, contact Judith Inskip, rjiskiep@earthlink.net; Newton Garver, garver@acsu.buffalo.edu; or Fred Dettmer, fdettmer@aol.com.

Art against War/Art against Torture: Witness Coordinating Committee has formed a Torture Awareness Working Group. The working group's first decision is to hold an art show at Summer Sessions 2007. We are inviting everyone of any age to contribute art of any kind: visual, verbal, written, needle, paint, pen, photo, poster. For more information contact Anita Paul, 518-374-2166; anitalouisepaul@juno.com.

Children's Education online newsletters: The Children's Education Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting has begun posting their newsletters on the Web. The April and August 2006 issues are currently online at www.pacificyearlymeeting.org. Check them out!

Friends Meeting of Washington Seeks Administrative Secretary: The Friends Meeting of Washington, D.C. (FMW), is seeking an administrative secretary. The administrative secretary should be a member of the Religious Society of Friends with substantial experience in one or more monthly meetings and an understanding of Quaker practice and procedure. The quality of the FMW community will be of major interest.

To apply, send a résumé and a letter describing how your past experience and personal qualifications address the requirements for the position. Please also submit two letters of reference, or have your references submit the letters by the deadline, September 15, 2006, to Friends Meeting of Washington, Att.: Robin Appleberry, Personnel Committee, 2111 Florida Avenue NW, Washington DC 20008-1912.

For further information see www.quaker.org/fmw/adminsecr.html or e-mail Robin Appleberry, robinappleberry@aya.yale.edu.

Powell House Events

(For detailed information visit www.powellhouse.org, write to Powell House, 524 Pitt Hall Rd., Old Chatham NY 12136, or call 518-794-8811.)

- **Painting Week**, *Liseli Haines*, 8/16–8/20, 2006
- **Newsletter Editor's Conference**, *Melanie-Claire Mallison*, 8/18–20, 2006
- **Alternatives to Violence Project Intergenerational Basic workshop** 8/25–27, 2006
- **Drawing Out Gifts IV: Practicing the Ministry of Presence**, *Carol Holmes & Ann Davidson*, 9/15–17, 2006
- **Alternatives to Violence Project—Intergenerational Advanced workshop**, 9/22–9/24, 2006
- **Quaker Initiative to End Torture**, *Chuck Fager & John Calvi*, 10/20–22, 2006 (the Fall Peace Weekend at Powell House)
- **Fall Work Weekend, Contra Dance, and Storytelling**, 10/27–29, 2006
- **Deeply Relax to Deepen the Spirit**, *John Calvi*, 11/3–5, 2006
- **"Faith" in Quaker Faith and Practice**, *Anne Thomas*, 11/10–12, 2006 (annual Friends in the Spirit of Christ weekend)
- **Quaker Diversity: A Retreat for Young Adults**, *Tim McEwen & Helen Garay Toppins*, 11/17–19, 2006
- **Writing: Touching the Divine through Story and Song**, *Lisa Grant*, 12/15–17, 2006
- **New Year's Celebration**, 12/30/2006–1/1/2007
- Silent Retreat: Dwelling Deep: An Extended Meeting for Worship, *Linda Chidsey*, 1/12/2007–15/2007 (cosponsored by the School of the Spirit Ministry)
- **Drawing Out Gifts V: Travel under Concern**, *Brian Drayton*, 1/19–21/2007
- **Nontheism among Friends**, *Robin Alpern and Joan Lukas*, 1/26–28/2007

Youth Conference Program Descriptions & Information

- **Unwinding 2006**, 10th–12th grades, 7/6–9, 2006
- **Putnam Pond Camping Trip**, 7th–12th grades, 8/6–11, 2006
- **Camping in the Maze**, 4th–6th grades with adult sponsor, 8/18–20, 2006
- **Planning 2006**, 7th–12th grades, 9/15–17, 2006
- **Good Games, Bad Games**, 4th–6th grades, 9/29–10/1, 2006

- **Despair, Hope and the Great Turning**, Senior High, 10/6–8, 2006
- **Respect Is Not a Four-Letter Word**, Junior High, 10/20–22, 2006
- **Junior Counselor Training 2006**, 9th–10th grades, 11/3–5, 2006
- **Wintersong 2006, Junior/Senior High**, 12/8–10, 2006

General Secretary's Travel Schedule

August:

5–6 Conscience Bay MM

12–13 Manasquan MM

27–31 Comp Time/Vacation

September:

1–2 Comp Time/Vacation

10 Matinecock MM

17–21 Facilitate Superintendents and Secretaries Retreat, Pikes Peak, Colo.

Help Us to Serve You! One of the ways Yearly Meeting staff serves meetings, worship groups, committees, and individual Friends and attenders is to publicize meetings and events throughout the Yearly Meeting. We need for meetings and committees to notify us of their events and activities, so they can be posted on the Web site and published in *Spark* and *InfoShare*. We also urge you to send us information after your events and activities, so we can let others know how your Light is shining.

Send your information to Paul Busby, paul@nyym.org, or mail c/o NYYM, 15 Rutherford Pl., New York NY 10003.