



Quaker **FRIDAY** Update

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Friday's Business Agenda

There are three meetings for worship with a concern for the life of the yearly meeting today.

Agenda for Friday 10:45–12:15

Consent Agenda, for approval

Nominations that didn't make it onto the Consent Agenda, for approval

First Reading of our Epistle

General Services Coordinating Committee:

Personnel committee minute, for approval

Consolidated Treasurer's report, brief recap. This was received as part of the consent agenda.

A statement from Steve Mohlke correcting an item in the State of Society Report

Trustees' Report: First Reading of By-Laws revision

Agenda for Friday 4:15–5:30

Discernment of Pay as Led proposal from Sessions Committee, continued

Agenda for Friday 6:45–8:15

Possible Minute from Junior Yearly Meeting in response to military jets flying low over the lake this week

Report from teen visit to Ireland Junior Yearly Meeting

Junior Yearly Meeting Epistles

The Consent Agenda will be addressed at Friday morning business meeting—please read it now at <http://www.nyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2017#AdvanceDocuments>

Are you interested in working with Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)?

Current and past JYM volunteers are invited to meet with anyone interested in working with JYM in the future **Friday lunch** in the dining hall at the southeast corner inside table. For more information contact Ellie Rosenberg, ellierosenberg7@gmail.com

Conscience and war at Friday's lunch

Join Bill Galvin of the Center on Conscience and War in Gullen Lounge on Friday for a luncheon conversation about the center's ongoing work to support conscientious objectors. Topics include:

- The latest on the prospect of women being included in draft registration
- Possibilities for ending registration
- How meetings can be prepared to respond to increasing militarization in these uncertain times
- Real penalties for people of conscience who cannot cooperate with war-making

Monthly Meeting Partner Project information dinner

Bring your dinner to Gullen Lounge and hear from meetings currently participating in the monthly meeting Partner Project and from the children and youth field secretary, Melinda Wenner Bradley.

Kids & Friends Activities Tent

Join the fun at the **Kids & Friends Tent** on the lawn above the tennis courts! **From 1:30-2:30 on Friday** we'll have games, puzzles, art materials, and stories.

Healing Center hours

Today, Friday, the Healing Center is open 1:30–4:00. The Healing Center is in Sproul Pavilion.

INTRODUCTION: Steven Mohlke

New York Yearly Meeting welcomes Steven Mohlke as our new General Secretary. Steven will begin on a part-time basis as he completes other obligations and will join us on a full-time basis September 25. Steven brings to the Yearly Meeting both his administrative and spiritual gifts.

Steven is a long-standing member of Ithaca Monthly Meeting where he has served in various roles, including treasurer and clerk. He has served the Yearly Meeting as clerk of the Financial Services Committee, where he was involved in producing NYYM's annual budget. He is currently the co-clerk for Friends General Conference 2017 Gathering Committee. As a business owner and lecturer at Cornell University, Steven has developed skills in financial matters, staff development and leadership.

Steven's commitment to a spiritual life led him to participate in a two year program of prayer and study through the School of the Spirit. His leadership of New York Yearly Meeting will be grounded in Spirit and his commitment to developing staff and volunteers as an inclusive and effective embodiment of Quaker values.

Help get Oscar to Belize on time!

As mentioned at business meeting this week: Oscar Mmbali is FUM's recently-called pastoral minister for Belize, and he needs support to enable him to do this work. For more information, visit: www.facebook.com/EdenEGrace/posts/10209792957448864 or www.friendsunitedmeeting.org/news/2017/07/25/lets-get-oscar-to-belize/

State of Society report available as a video!

Here is the link to a narrated version of Monday's State of Society report. Please share with folks! <https://youtu.be/HgSXSUwDYVk> —*Marissa Badgley*

A thank you to Pamela Boyce Simms

On Wednesday afternoon, Pamela Boyce Simms stepped aside and generously cancelled her interest group so that those who felt the conflict between her interest group "Witness Concerns—A Unified Vision" and the "Roots of Injustice: Seeds of Change" interest group, would be able to attend without conflict. We thank her for this generosity, the deep Spirit in which it was offered and her understanding of the connections between us all. —*On behalf of Indian Affairs Committee*

T'ai chi among Friends!

Under the small tree on the inn-side of the Auditorium lawn 1:30-2:30 Friday. (If it rains, we will flow under the Auditorium overhang.) We will focus on several simple partner practices to "help each other learn to relax." No experience is necessary. —*Ty Griese*

Nourish your spirit at these Powell House conferences this August

Oneness with Nature, a Women's Weekend with Pamela Boyce Simms and Renee Fogarty, August 18-20, 2017. The Women's March in early 2017 bore witness to the joyful midwifing of the Earth-centered energy. Our retreat will consider the pivotal roles women might play in this great, global unfolding. By taking full advantage of the seclusion and beauty surrounding Powell House, we will explore how *living into* our unity with the Earth can heal us even as we heal the planet.

Fun in the Sun! August 24-30, 2017. A family-oriented event exploring the cultural and natural surroundings and locations of interest around Powell House! Come for the whole week or just a couple of days. We'll make sure you are comfortable, well-fed, and have ample activity options, including camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, nature-based crafts, exploring the sky or animals or insects or the land.

Bob Lohaus's variation on Ye tune to Be Thou My Vision

Bob sang this in morning worship time and several people asked about it. I'm sending the word since I've kept them for us. —Blessed Be, Anne Wright

Oh kindly Spirit come into my heart.
 In good times and hard times from me do not part.
 In living and dying be with me always.
 Let your love shine through me for all of my days.

Lost and NOT Found—Be a FINDER!

Have you noticed the same cup or bag or beach towel in the same place with no sign of its owner for a few hours or even a day or so? If so, please check it for a name and maybe even a cell phone number or email. There may be a label sewed or pinned onto an item or in a pocket. You can contact the owner directly or turn it over to Silver Bay lost and found. A suggestion for the future: label everything you will carry around or outerwear you may shed when not needed for the moment. —
Anne Wright

Check your messages

There are many messages waiting for Friends at the Inn front desk. Check the red LED sign on the wall next to the desk for your name. And don't forget to check the NYYM bulletin board across from the conference office in the Inn.

Please order your adult attenders list

We are accepting prepaid orders for \$5. Don't forget to proofread the list posted on the table outside the conference office to make sure your entry is correct.

Letters to absent Friends

Please write letters to absent Friends, including men in our prison worship groups, at tables opposite the NYYM office. Stationery, cards, and pens are provided.

Faith and Practice

Copies of *Faith and Practice* are available in the YM Conference Office. Please pick up copies for your meetings and worship groups while you are here. They are \$7.00 each if you pick them up and \$10.00 each if we mail them to you. Your meeting can mail us a check after you return home.

Send me items for August *InfoShare* and September *Spark*!

Submissions to the **August** edition of NYYM's e-newsletter *InfoShare*—including news, events, and announcements from your monthly meeting or committee—are due by August 4. Please share your news with the rest of us! And the theme for the **September** issue of our newsletter *Spark* is *Bridging the Divide*, a topic inspired by the energy and movement sparked by last year's white privilege conference and by last year's divisive election and aftermath. Submissions for September *Spark* are due August 10. Email all submissions and news items to Sarah Way, communications director, at communications@nyym.org.