



# Quaker **THURSDAY** Update

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## **A Quick Look at the Day Ahead:**

- Meeting for worship with a concern for business this morning and this afternoon
- Café Night (intergenerational talent show) this evening

## **Thursday Business Agenda & Location**

There are two meetings for worship with a concern for the life of the yearly meeting today, both in the **Auditorium**. One starts at 10:45 a.m. and the other begins at 2:45 p.m.

### **Agenda (subject to change) for Thursday morning's meeting, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.:**

1. Greetings from Lindsey Butler, Silver Bay YMCA
2. Memorial Minute for Barbara Spring
3. George and Marjorie Rubin share a minute
4. Treasurer's report
5. Sessions report on Pay as Led
6. General Secretary report from Steve Mohlke
7. Report on NYYM structure changes
8. Minute to lay down Nurture Coordinating Committee
9. Green Haven Prison report
10. Revision to *Faith and Practice* re: Clearness Committees, second reading
11. Karen Snare, FGC (Friends General Conference)

### **Agenda (subject to change) for Thursday afternoon's meeting, 2:45–5:15 p.m.:**

- Sustainable food at Fall Sessions 2019
- Memorial Minute for Madeline McClure
- Meeting for Discernment report
- Change to Trustees By-Laws, second reading
- Proposed Minute from Trustees re: Yorktown
- Travel minute report from Sunfire

## **Prepare for Meeting for Business by Doing the Reading!**

Read the Advance Documents and the "Seasoned Business Items" (formerly known as the Consent Agenda) online at <https://nyym.org/session/summer-sessions-2019#sessionresources>. There are also some printed copies available on the table next to the NYYM office in Gullen Lounge. Please take a look at the items, which will come for approval Friday morning.

## **Funding the Work of NYYM**

### *Thursday Dinner Discussion*

Do you love NYYM? Do you want to learn more about how to help raise money to support it financially? Join the Development Committee as we meet with Michael Wajda, veteran Quaker Fundraiser, Friday at dinner in the dining hall, at the tables behind the fireplace, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Michael is a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and just moved to Bennington, VT. We welcome questions or just good conversation.

### **New: Green Haven Prison Lawsuit Report**

There is a number of printed copies of the report on the Green Haven Prison lawsuit on the table outside the NYYM office. This item is on the business agenda for today.

### **How Friends Are Helping Reverse Global Warming: Project Drawdown across NYYM**

A Meal with Meaning discussion of Project Drawdown will be held during Thursday dinner in Gullen Lounge. Drawdown is a program of 80+ ways to reduce greenhouse gases. Solutions are in the works in 7 sectors (food, buildings, transport, etc.). Come see how your Earthcare activities fit into Drawdown's comprehensive program. It turns out we CAN do something about the weather!

### **Today and Tomorrow's Quaker Basics "Meals with Meaning"**

*Quaker Basics is a series of facilitated conversations to introduce vital elements of Quaker practice.*

**Quaker Basics: The Business Process** — Thursday Lunch, Gullen Lounge — *Glenn Josey, convener*

**Quaker Basics: NYYM History: Looking Back, Looking Forward** — Friday Breakfast, Gullen Lounge — *Glenn Josey, convener*

### **New: Threshing Session on Overcoming Obstacles to NYYM's Goals**

*Friday, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium*

A threshing/listening session has been scheduled for Friday to allow for a discussion on how we can do what we want to do for the yearly meeting while overcoming the stumbling blocks in the way. The yearly meeting wants to hire a Youth and Young Adult Field Secretary, and we want to divest our investments from fossil fuels. However, there are financial implications for both of those projects. How should we move forward?

### **Review your information on the attenders list and order a print copy**

If you would like a Summer Sessions adult attenders list, you must order it in advance. The list costs \$5 to cover copying and mailing. Please place your order today or Friday. And please check the list posted on the ledge outside the conference office to make sure your entry is correct.

### **Nominations are posted – please review**

This week's nominations are posted on the Inn porch and online. These are part of the "seasoned business items" coming up for your approval on Friday. Please review them.

### **Healing Center hours**

The Healing Center is open for seekers of energy work, bodywork, or compassionate listening. Today, Thursday, the Healing Center in Sproul Pavilion is open 1:30–2:30 p.m. for a meeting for healing. On Friday, the center is open 1:30–3:30 p.m.

### **Choose your meeting's books at Mosher book table**

Each monthly meeting receives \$60 worth of books. Pick your books early while the selection is good. The book table is open Wednesday 1:30–5:15 & 6:45–9:00 p.m. and Thursday 1:30–2:30 &

7:30–9:00 p.m. We close for good at **9 p.m. on Thursday**. Book bags need to be completed by 5:15 p.m. on Thursday.

### **Pick Up the Advance Reports: the Yearly Committee Reports and Spring/Fall Minutes**

The Advance Reports are at <https://nyym.org/session/summer-sessions-2019#sessionresources> and are also available in a limited amount of printed copies in front of the NYYM conference desk in Gullen Lounge. The annual committee reports **will not be in the printed Yearbook** this year, so if you'd like a printed copy, **please pick one up** outside the YM office. Each meeting and worship group will receive a copy in their Mosher book bag.

### **Saturday lunch**

Summer Sessions ends before Saturday's lunch. If you'd like to purchase Saturday's lunch, either to stay or as a takeaway box lunch, you can do that at the Inn front desk up **until 1:00pm today**.

### **Want to work with orphans in Uganda? Interested in Kenya?**

Anyone interested or curious about working with orphans in Uganda, see Tali Saxton. Also contact Tali if you're interested in AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) in Kenya and working in Kenyan schools with HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Program). Find Tali or send her a message, (518) 286-0085.

### **Missing New Jim Crow T-Shirt**

A white t-shirt with a black graphic from the book *The New Jim Crow* was taken from the EAQWER display table in Gullen Lounge. Please return the shirt. Friendly Thanks! —Robin Alpern

### **Silver Bay Recycles!**

Look for the black square bins on the Inn porch and various other locations. Recycling here is "single stream" — clean paper, soda cans, plastics with a recycling symbol all go in these bins. Help to keep the campus neat and clean and contribute to a cleaner environment. — Deb Wood

### **Letters to absent Friends**

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

### **Ride Board**

The ride board is near the yearly meeting conference office in Gullen Lounge. If you need a ride, please list your need on the board. If you would like to provide a ride for someone else, please check the board and then leave a message on the message board for anyone for whom you can provide this transportation.

### ***Faith and Practice***

Copies of *Faith and Practice* are available in the YM conference office for a suggested donation of \$7. Please pick up copies for your meetings and worship groups while you are here. Your meeting can mail us a check after you return home.

## **Youth Committee Meeting**

The Youth Committee will meet Friday at 2:45 p.m. on the porch of Paine Hall.

—Howard, Clerk of Youth Committee

### **Have an item for the Friday *Update*? Or for the August *InfoShare*?**

Email submissions to Sarah Way at [communications@nyym.org](mailto:communications@nyym.org), or drop items in the *Quaker Update* submissions box outside the NYYM conference office before 4 p.m. Thursday. Items from Friday's *Quaker Update* will also be incorporated into the **August *InfoShare*** which will be sent to the NYYM global list. Please email *InfoShare* submissions—including news, events, announcements from your monthly meeting or committee—to [communications@nyym.org](mailto:communications@nyym.org) by August 4th.