



# Quaker **TUESDAY** Update

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

- Meeting for Discernment on membership this morning and afternoon
- Interest Groups this evening

## **LOCATION CHANGES to WORSHIP SHARING GROUPS**

The locations for several worship sharing groups has changed:

**Aging Concerns** will now meet in the Dining Room Boardroom

**Conflict Transformation** has moved to Bayview #2

**Liaison** is now meeting in Boyd A&B

**General Group 01** is now in the Boyd Hallway (outside the conference room)

Please check the list posted on the Inn porch to double-check where your group is meeting this morning!

## **Today is Meeting for Discernment—*On the Meaning of Membership***

We ask that everyone (our entire community) unite as a Body for the Meeting for Discernment on Tuesday morning at **10:45 a.m.–12:45 a.m.** and afternoon at **2:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m.** to discover and re-discover the power of extended and centered worship.

At Tuesday's Meeting for Discernment we will take extended time with each other to consider **what membership means** in our lives and meetings. New York Yearly Meeting is considering a change that would allow individuals to become direct members of the yearly meeting instead of requiring that membership be maintained exclusively by monthly meetings. This is important to people who feel like they are Quakers but haven't been able to connect with a monthly meeting due to geography, culture, incarceration, etc. However, there are aspects of our Quaker practice that have been historically rooted in the monthly meeting. Friends believe that when we gather together in waiting worship, the Spirit moves powerfully among us. Come be together to feel that power.

— *Elaine Learnard and Caroline Lane, co-clerks of the Meetings for Discernment Steering Committee*

## **Seasoned Business Items Available to be Read**

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

## **Advance Documents are Now Available**

Advance Documents online at <https://nyym.org/session/summer-sessions-2019#sessionresources> and are also posted, and available as a limited amount of printed copies, in front of the NYYM conference desk in Gullen Lounge.

Friends: the **lunch time** in our program is not correct. **The serving line closes at 1:00**, not 1:30. We apologize for any inconvenience. Also, please remember to wear shoes in the dining room and the store. Thank you.

—*Martha Gurvich*

**All Quaker Updates are online** at <https://nyym.org/session/summer-sessions-2019#Q-up>

### **Online Calendar for Summer Sessions Available!**

You can view the entire schedule of Summer Sessions events online or on your phone! Go to <https://nyym.org/sessions-calendar> to view the schedule. To add the calendar to the calendar on your cell phone or laptop, scroll down and click on the +Google Calendar button on the lower right corner.

### **Today's Quaker Basics "Meal with Meaning"**

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

**Quaker Basics: Worship** — Tuesday Lunch, Gullen Lounge — *Trish Eckert, convener*

### **Meet about Mutual Indigenous Concerns at Tuesday Lunch**

Members of the Indian Affairs Committee, Earthcare Witness Committee, and EAQWER (European American Quakers Working to End Racism) are invited to meet together in the area behind the fireplace in the dining room during Tuesday lunch to discuss the mutual indigenous concerns shared by our committees. Other interested Friends are welcome to join us.

—*Liseli Haines and Buffy Curtis*

### **Conflict Transformation**

The Committee on Conflict Transformation wasn't listed as having an open committee meeting because of the need to maintain confidentiality. However, if you wish to meet with us about an issue, please leave a note for Karen R on the message board with an indication of how we can contact you.

—*Karen Reixach, clerk of Committee on Conflict Transformation*

### **Interest Groups tonight at 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.!**

A listing of tonight's interest groups is posted on the message board opposite the NYYM office near Gullen Lounge, on the Inn Porch bulletin board, and is available online at <http://www.nyym.org/interestgroups>.

### **Have items for the Tagless Tag Sale?**

Items for Wednesday's Tagless Tag Sale may be left behind the counter in the back of the auditorium. Ideally each box or suitcase is labeled NYYM tag sale. But **anything left back there on Wednesday morning will be put out to be sold for the sale** except items under the counter on the right as you enter the area.

### **Healing Center hours**

Today, Tuesday, the Healing Center (in Sproul Pavilion) is open for **meeting for healing** 1:30-2:30. The rest of the week, the Healing Center is open for seekers of energy work, body work, or compassionate listening. Further hours:

Wednesday 1:30–5:30 p.m.  
Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. (meeting for healing)  
Friday 1:30–3:30 p.m.

—*Buffy Curtis*

### **Vespers services**

Silver Bay YMCA holds a vespers service every evening, 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., in the Hughes Memorial Chapel (up the hill to the left of the Auditorium.) NYYM Friends will be speaking at Vespers Mon.-Wed. this week. On Tuesday, Mel Passler will bring a message. On Wednesday, it will be Claire Simon.

### **Advance/Annual Reports are Now Available**

The Advance Reports (the annual reports from committees and the minutes from Fall and Spring Sessions) are now available online 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 appearing in the printed Yearbook this year, so if you'd like a printed copy, please pick one up outside the YM office.

### ***Faith and Practice* available at NYYM conference office**

Would you like a copy of *Faith and Practice*? They are a suggested donation of \$7 at the NYYM conference office in the Inn, or \$10 if you'd like your copy mailed. You can take a bunch of copies back to your meeting and mail us your donation later.

### **Mosher Book Table Hours**

The Mosher Book Table is located in the Inn Lobby. The Book Table hours are:

Monday	1:30–2:45 p.m.	Wednesday	1:30–5:15 & 6:45–9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4:00–5:15 & 7:45–9:00 p.m.	Thursday	1:30–2:30 & 7:30–9:00 p.m.

### **Visitors—Please sign the guest book**

Visitors to New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions, please go to the YM conference office and sign our guest book. Also please let the office know when you will be attending your first business session so that you may be introduced.

### **Have an announcement for the Quaker Update?**

Submissions for the Update are due by 4 p.m. for the following day's edition. Please email items to [communications@nyym.org](mailto:communications@nyym.org) or drop them in the Quaker Update box in front of the NYYM office. Please sign your submissions in case we have questions.

## **Thanksgiving Prayer from Sunday's Opening Worship**

*Barbra Bleeker*

**Thou who hath led us to gather here in prayer** to celebrate this annual gathering of the Religious Society of Friends, we give humble thanks. We acknowledge the depth of our religious traditions and how you have called us together as Friends, as Family

Thank you for those deep sacred places within that honor simplicity and peace, those places of Light and Love.

Let us find such a place within ourselves, in each other and in the world.

Places where we all may find acceptance and belonging.

Let us create these places, let us restore them. Let us strengthen them and let us protect them. May these places within be nourished by Divine eternal wisdom.

We give thanks because Thou hath given us the wisdom to discern injustice and the courage to stand for peace, integrity, truth and freedom.

Give us the strength to stand against the ignorance of sexism, the promotion of racism, and the condemnation and defamation of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people.

Today as we pray together, we embrace the Oneness that connects us all. Cleanse us from bigotry, racism, intolerance and harsh judgment of others. We rejoice that our practice of sitting in receptivity enables us to be imbued with Truth and Divine understandings.

We rejoice that so many of us are called to serve in ways that strengthen our global community. Let Your Light shine through our lives; that in each and every community we come from, we can be beacons of Peace and reconciliation.

May we be forgiven of our transgressions against the African-American, the Native American, and those we have warred against.

May we learn from our mistakes, that the people who have died from them should not have died in vain.

May hatred no longer find fertile ground in which to grow here. May all of us feel Grace upon us. May anything that is not like Grace be cast out of our midst.

Reignite the Spirit of truth in our hearts. That Spirit that found sacred fire in the heart of George Fox.

We cherish the memories of those who have gone before us, all of those Friends who paved this path of Peace. We honor their commitment and their sacrifices. And we pray to continue their work.

May we be repaired.

May we be forgiven.

May our children be blessed.

May we be renewed.

We surrender our destiny to the Divine.

Amen (And so it is)