



Quaker **WEDNESDAY** Update

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A Quick Look at the Day Ahead:

- Meeting for worship with a concern for business in **Auditorium** this morning
 - Fun(d) Fair and Tagless Tag Sale this afternoon
 - Contra dance and interest groups this evening

Wednesday's Business Agenda & Location

Today's meeting for worship with a concern for the life of the yearly meeting will be **in the AUDITORIUM** beginning at 10:45 a.m.

Agenda (subject to change) for Wednesday 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Clerk's Introductions
- Report from FWCC (Friends World Committee for Consultation)
- General Secretary report: Steve Mohlke
- State of Society
- Treasurer's report
- Sessions report on Pay As Led
- LVM Shelton, visitor from Friends General Conference, with a 6 to 7 minute video

Welcome to Friends arriving midweek!

In order to orient you and help you move into the rhythm and flow of the week thus far, please be certain to stop at the yearly meeting office in Gullen Lounge and pick up the program. There are also reports, minutes, and other written materials there that will help you prepare for business. If you are a **first time attendee**, get a blue lanyard at the YM office for your name tag. The blue lanyard lets us know that you're new here, so we can welcome you.

Meet and greet the NYYM staff

Come chat with the New York Yearly Meeting staff members and eat some ice cream! We'll be on the Inn porch from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Meet us, have some ice cream, and learn more about the yearly meeting and what we do.

Today's Quaker Basics "Meal with Meaning"

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

Quaker Basics: Experiences of the Inner Light — Wednesday Lunch, Dining Hall Boardroom —
Marissa Badgley, convener

The Tagless Tag Sale...

...is "tagless" because we trust that Friends will "pay as led" — and rise to the expectation that our Beloved Community needs financial support to continue its work. With this in mind, we urge those who find treasures to offer generous payment for those items. The Tag Sale takes place during the Fun(d) Fair, after lunch today.

Quilts for sale!

Paula McClure has created quilts for the benefit of the Powell House Youth Program and the Sharing Fund. Her quilts will be available for donations at the Quaker crafts table during the Fun(d) Fair. All proceeds will be equally divided between the Sharing Fund and Powell House. See Helen Garay Toppins for advance quilt viewing.

Meal with Meaning – Friends Committee on National Legislation

Wednesday lunch in Gullen Lounge

Interested in finding out more about the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)? Join Stephen, an FCNL staff member, for a conversation about how you can get involved in FCNL's work for peace, justice, and environmental sustainability. Learn more about FCNL's Advocacy Teams across the country. FCNL would love to help you start a team in your community!

The second evening of interest groups is tonight at 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

The list of interest groups is on the message boards in Gullen Lounge and online at <https://nyym.org/InterestGroups> Locations are posted in Gullen Lounge and the message board!

New Program on Spiritual Deepening

Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Boyd Conference Room A

Do you yearn to open more deeply to God's presence, power, and guidance? Do you ache to live in the Divine Center? To live a life both deeply grounded and on fire with the Spirit? Do you seek to become more available to yourself, to others, and to God? Come hear about *Participating in God's Power*, a new program of spiritual deepening under the care of School of the Spirit.

—Christopher Sammond

Prison Ministry

Friends, you are invited to an interest group on New York Yearly Meetings Prison Ministry. Come and find out what is happening behind the walls and discover whether you might be interested in participating in the many possible kinds of ministry in prisons. In Gullen Lounge from 7:46 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday.

—Pam Wood

Vespers services tonight at 7:15 p.m.

Silver Bay YMCA holds a vespers service every evening, 7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., in the Hughes Memorial Chapel. Tonight, Claire Simon will give a message.

Healing Center hours

The Healing Center is open for seekers of energy work, bodywork, or compassionate listening.

Today, Wednesday, the Healing Center in Sproul Pavilion is open 1:30–5:30 p.m.

The schedule for the rest of the week: Thursday 1:30–2:30 p.m. (meeting for healing) and Friday 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Whisper Buddies need partners!

For Friends who would like to pair with a more experienced Friend as their Whisper Buddy, several Friends are available to sit with you at meeting for worship with a concern for business! These Friends can be identified by the burlap ribbons with red polka dots tied to their name tag lanyards. Questions? Ask Beth Kelly or Ashleigh Dodd.

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.

Saturday lunch—order now

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 1:00 p.m. Thursday.

More on Nikki Holland

Are you interested in knowing more about Friend Nikki Holland, who did Tuesday's community worship, or about Friends' work in Belize? You can sign up to receive her monthly newsletter here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctc2EeAGDPRqJabgZaldYaPXUjoFft4yzD49dwT7rZtW5Rxxw/viewform> At that link, you can also reach Nikki with questions or offers of prayer support. Nikki is also still in need of financial support before she and her family can go down to Belize City. If you're led to help, follow this link: <https://donorbox.org/nikkiholland> (You can find a link to sign up for her newsletter on that page, too.)

NEWS: Ravi Ragbir checking in with ICE this morning

On Wednesday morning, July 24 at 8:30 a.m., Ravi Ragbir, a leader in the Sanctuary Now movement, accompanied by his wife, Amy Gottlieb, Assistant Director of the Northeast Region of the AFSC, will be checking in with ICE. Ravi is accompanied by many people, including many Quakers, on these check-ins, performing a Jericho Walk. Many of us have participated in these walks but are here at Silver Bay. Join us at the Boathouse at 8:30 a.m. for Ravi, Amy, and all of those who are checking in with ICE that day, to hold them in the Light. Amy was much comforted by the thought that we would be remembering them at this time.

—*In Friendship, Pam Wood*

Friday: Committee on Aging Concerns invites young adults to speak

The Committee on Aging Concerns' meeting at 2:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m. on Friday July 26 has been moved to the Dining Hall Boardroom. The CAC has also chosen to devote our time to listening to younger Friends who on Monday at our meeting for worship with a concern for business, brought forward a need for mentorship, and to investigate and dismantle internalized and institutionalized age bias. Younger and older Friends are encouraged to join us to listen for spirit among us, and to discern way forward to address this identified need.

Read the Seasoned Business Items (formerly known as the consent agenda)

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.

Read the Advance Documents!

Advance Documents are 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.

What is this?! ----->

Do you know what Steve is holding in this picture? To find out, come to the Fun(d) Fair on Wednesday afternoon!



Ride board is up

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.

Advance/Annual Reports are now available

The Advance Reports (the annual reports from committees and the minutes from Fall and Spring Sessions) are 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 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

Faith and Practice is available for a suggested donation of \$7 at the NYYM conference office in the Inn. You can also take multiple copies home to your meeting and mail us your donation later.

Check your messages

Don’t forget to check for messages on the NYYM bulletin board across from the YM office in the Inn.

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 or drop them in the Quaker Update box in front of the NYYM office. Please sign your submissions in case we have questions.

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