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2016 Annual Summer Sessions Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age

Helpful People

Audiovisual arrangements: Martha Gurvich

Committee room assignments: Helen Garay Toppins

Display arrangements: Karen Snare

Financial assistance: Helen Garay Toppins

Food-service coordinator: Martha Gurvich

General Secretary: Christopher Sammond

General Services Coordinating Committee clerk: John Cooley

Golf-cart coordinator: Angel Ramos

Greetings to absent Friends: Kate Lawson

Interest Group Coordinator: Helen Garay Toppins

Junior Yearly Meeting coordinators: Ellie Rosenberg & Rebecca Wolf

Junior Yearly Clerk: Dawn Pozzi

Liaison with Silver Bay YMCA: Martha Gurvich

Ministry Coordinating Committee clerk: Irma Guthrie

Minute Submissions: Conference Office

Nurture Coordinating Committee clerk: Deborah Wood

NYYM assistant clerk: Jeffrey Aaron

NYYM clerk: Lucinda Antrim

Registrar: Helen Garay Toppins

Sessions Committee clerk: Melanie-Claire Mallison

Special needs: Martha Gurvich

Whisper Buddies: Jillian Smith

Witness Coordinating Committee clerk: Mary Eagleson

Worship at Yearly Meeting Sessions: Cheshire Frager

Worship sharing coordinator: Melanie-Claire Mallison

12-Step coordinator: Roseann Press

Opening Worship, 6:45-7:45 pm, Auditorium: Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age

After introductions and opening remarks by Lucinda Antrim, clerk of the Yearly Meeting, we will hear the roll call and then settle into waiting worship. Following this, the JYM coordinators will introduce the Junior Yearly Meeting group leaders and at that point, young Friends and their parents or sponsors will gather in their JYM groups for a brief "getting to know you" activity. Weather permitting, this will be on the lawn. In case of rain, locations will be announced.

Please see your Program for the full list of Sunday evening events!

Meeting for Parents of Older Children on Sunday, July 24th, 8 pm

JYM will be hosting a discussion for parents of Junior and Senior High students on Sunday night at Silver Bay to discuss what type of behavior we as a parent community would like to encourage and uphold during our week together. Topics will include: community worship, worship sharing opportunities for the Senior High, Whisper Buddies, the panel discussion on Wednesday morning, JYM evening meetings for Senior High, Silver Bay's new policy regarding alcohol, and our response as parents to community agreements. Parents of Junior High students are asked to meet in Munn; parents of Senior High students are asked to meet in Field Memorial. We hope ALL parents of Junior and Senior High students can attend!

Calling All Young Adults!

Young Adult Concerns Committee is hosting a Welcoming Ice Cream Social at Gray Pavilion at 8:00 pm. If you would like to hear more about what YAF will be doing during the week, meet other YAF or just like ice cream, come to Gray Pavilion for our Welcoming Ice Cream Social.

Young Adult Friends are meeting for Worship Sharing every day this week during the regular Worship Sharing time, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, in Gray Pavilion.

Entering Intentionally into Worship with Attention to Business in the Auditorium

Lucinda Antrim, clerk, NYYM

Friends are invited into an intentional practice that can serve to deepen our meetings for worship with attention to the life of the meeting. For this week the Auditorium is our meetinghouse. As we approach the space, may we be reminded that our meetings for business are times of worship when we seek together God's will for the assembled body. Let us embrace the walk from a prior meeting or activity as a time to settle and turn thought and attention inward, toward God. You are invited to be drawn into that deepening silence of Friends who have assembled in worship. Please gather in seats toward the front, for when we gather physically, so we gather spiritually. May we continue to seek Divine guidance.

Multigenerational Event on Wednesday Morning Plenary Session: Spiritual Nurture for Friends of All Ages

Our plenary session on Wednesday morning from 11:15-12:15 will be an interactive program that focuses on our theme *Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age*. We will gather with members of the yearly meeting staff who serve Friends of all ages in our meetings. The Young Adult Field Secretary, Gabrielle Savory Bailey; Children and Youth Field Secretary, Melinda Wenner Bradley; the ARCH Director, Callie Janoff; and the General Secretary, Christopher Sammond will lead the discussion. They will discuss the programs and support they can bring to your meeting to help nurture the life of the Spirit in your members at all stages of life. These programs are a great opportunity to experience how to deepen the spiritual life of your meeting and of your members and attenders.

What Do the Dots Mean?

Blue dots. First timers have a blue dot on their nametags. When you see someone with a blue dot, please make these Friends feel welcome—include them in mealtime conversations, in chats on the porch, and in whatever ways occur to you. **Red dots.** Members of Sessions Committee, our host committee, have red dots on their nametags. They welcome your questions, concerns and observations. If they cannot answer your question, they will direct you to someone who can. **Green dots.** Members of the Circle of Care and Concern will have green dots or ribbons on their nametags. They welcome compassionate conversation and/or consultation concerning conflicts among Friends.

Need a Golf Cart Ride?

The golf carts rented for Summer Sessions hold a driver and three passengers. Their purpose is to assist people who need help getting to and from meetings and around campus. The hours of operation are approximately 7:30 am (to or from anywhere on campus) until 8:15 pm (to or from evening programs), throughout the week.

Sign-up sheets for those needing rides at specific times will be kept at the golf cart dispatcher's table on the south side of the Inn Porch closest to the Auditorium. The sooner you sign up for a ride, the more likely we will be able to schedule a driver. You may also leave a note for Angel Ramos, golf cart coordinator, on the message board outside the YM Conference Office.

If you have a driver's license and would like to offer a valuable service, have fun, and meet friends you might not otherwise meet, please attend a brief but important training session Sunday evening on the side of the Inn Porch nearest the Auditorium. If you plan to volunteer, please bring the following: Current valid driver's license and your location on campus. We will review the operation of the cart, how to use the walkie-talkies, the specific functions of being a driver and/or dispatcher, and the times that you are available.

If you have questions, please leave a note on the message board for Angel. Please include your full name and Silver Bay room number in the note. Other training times are available upon request. Please consider offering two hours of your time for this important and fun work! We need your help to continue to offer the level of service that has meant so much to F/friends in the past.

Healing Center at Summer Sessions

Buffly Curtis and Healing Center Support Committee

The Healing Center will be located in Sproul Pavilion. Hours for healing work will be posted on the message board outside the YM Conference Office.

We are inviting Friends who work in the healing arts or who are interested in helping with healing work to join us! There will be an organizational meeting of healers and helpers at 8:15 pm in Sproul. We are looking for volunteers who would offer their skills in the healing arts or support the work by greeting and scheduling. Skills can include energy work (Healing Touch, Reiki, Therapeutic Touch, etc.), massage, Rolfing, craniosacral, spiritual counseling/direction, or other areas of healing work. Practitioner volunteers should have training with qualifications or experience relevant to their practice. Friends who are interested or perhaps feeling “called” to the work are welcome to “buddy” with other practitioners as possible.

Additional needs are for people to meet and greet; helping to match those desiring work with the practitioners available. Those wishing to hold the space in prayer are welcome indeed. It is yet another extension of worship, after all!

With gratitude for holding this ministry in your care, we look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at the Healing Center.

Mail and Messages

Messages for others may be left on the message board opposite the NYYM conference office. Mail delivered to Silver Bay is given to the NYYM staff for posting on our message board. The names of people with telephone messages are listed on the electronic board on the wall behind the Silver Bay desk. All Friends are urged to check these places often. Someone may be trying to contact you!

Special Needs

Committee clerks and worship sharing group leaders are reminded to find out at the beginning of each session whether your group needs a note taker or hearing partner for any deaf or hard-of-hearing person. The note taker should sit next to her/his partner, writing notes that capture, not every word, but the essence of what is said. If you need someone, leave a note on the message board for Martha Gurvich. We need volunteers to act as note takers at meetings. If you can volunteer, leave a note for Martha Gurvich on the message board.

Meals

Martha Gurvich, food-service coordinator

Dining room: It will be open at 5:00 pm for Friends who need a bit of help or more time getting their tray to the table. Parents with young children, Friends with mobility challenges, or others who need extra help or time may come in early. If you need special assistance leave a note on the message board for Martha Gurvich. We need volunteers to go to the dining room early to assist Friends with trays. If you can volunteer, leave a note for Martha Gurvich on the message board.

Children’s meals: At some meals, the Silver Bay kitchen staff will prepare entrées that suit children’s tastes. Because of limited space in the kitchen and the large size of our conference, this is a special courtesy to us. It will help to make life easier for the youngsters and for their parents. Sessions Committee and the Silver Bay staff appreciate your understanding that these menu items will be prepared in a limited quantity. These special selections will be served in a separate “children’s corner” in the cafeteria. Please try to select food from the “adult” serving line before turning to the children’s area for your meal.

Meals in Gullen Lounge: If you are joining one of the special meals in Gullen Lounge, you pick up your food on trays in the dining hall and carry it to Gullen. You should find a bus bin, water, and flatware waiting for you there. When you’re finished, put your things in the bus bin; Silver Bay staff will pick it up.

Helping out: Please allow Friends with mobility concerns, families with small children, and those who have a lunchtime or dinner meeting to go to the head of the line. We hope this will allow these Friends more time and space so they can get their meals and settle in before the larger group steps into the line. And carry a tray for anyone who looks like they could use the help and agrees to the assistance. Meal times can be stressful; your kindnesses will be deeply appreciated.

Thank the staff: The Silver Bay staff works very hard at designing menus that accommodate the needs of a wide variety of people. Please take the time to thank them. Comments and immediate concerns about food can be addressed by leaving a message for Martha Gurvich on the message board. Suggestions for improvements and additions to the menu for future years are also appreciated and passed on as appropriate.

12-Step Meetings – Inn Room 130

This year meetings will be as follows.

Sunday	9:30 pm	Wednesday	6:45–7:30 pm
Monday	6:45–7:30 pm	Thursday	10:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 pm	Friday	9:30 pm

Nurture Coordinating Committee oversees the 12-step meetings, but needs to hear from people who would be willing to take responsibility for one or more of these meetings. To volunteer, please leave a message for Roseann Press on the message board next to the NYYM conference office.

Childcare

Morning Childcare Program

Morning childcare for those younger than 1st grade will be available to JYM children at the Children’s Pavilion. Parents who wish their children to be in the Silver Bay morning program must bring the children between 8:15 and 8:30 am. Unfortunately, this means that your child cannot be at the Community Worship that begins at 8:45 and ends at 9:15. Silver Bay staff have said that it would be too disruptive to have children come in that late. A JYM volunteer will work with Silver Bay staff to care for the children. The Silver Bay childcare program ends at 11:30; however, JYM children are welcome to stay until 12:30. Volunteers will be needed to help the single JYM volunteer for that hour. Please leave a note on the Message Board for Ellie Rosenberg, Rebecca Wolf, or Dawn Pozzi if you would like to volunteer to help out from 11:30-12:30. You can also come to the JYM table in Gullen Lounge and talk with the coordinators.

P.M. Childcare Program

This program provides care for children up to age ten in Morse Hall during the afternoon and several evenings. This care is available only during Yearly Meeting sessions and committee meeting times until 9:00 p.m. to allow parents to attend those meetings. Children are welcome 15 minutes before the session or meeting starts and must be picked up within 15 minutes of the end of the session or meeting. The positive attention of parental and non-parental volunteers is vital to the success of the experience and is rewarding to the volunteer. JYM staffs this program with only two volunteers, counting on other volunteers to supplement their time and attention to the children. We ask parents who bring their children to PM Childcare to give two hours to the program sometime during the week. Registration is in Gullen Lounge on Sunday, 4:00-5:30 pm. Please sign up at Registration or the first time you bring your child to Morse. You can also come to the JYM office and talk with the coordinators. The afternoon childcare program for children up to age ten will be available as follows:

Monday	3:00–5:30 & 7:30–9:00	Thursday	3:00–5:30 & 7:30–9:00
Tuesday	1:30–4:15 & 7:30–9:00	Friday	2:45–4:45
Wednesday	3:00–5:30		

Daily Newsletter: The Minute

You are reading the *Minute*, a printed newsletter that we place on the table in front of the conference office and post on the porch bulletin board during Summer Sessions to let Friends know about agendas for upcoming meetings for business in worship, the special events of the day, changes in program, and other important news. We also email them to attenders with email addresses.

Use the *Minute* for announcements of changes or additions to the schedule. Please plan ahead and bring items for the *Minute* to the Yearly Meeting conference office by 6:30 pm for the following day’s edition. They must be signed and approved by the appropriate committee clerk, the clerk of Sessions, or the Silver Bay liaison, checked for accuracy and legibility, and you must have confirmed the availability of facilities at the NYYM conference office.

Saving Paper—Fewer Copies, Less Cost

We would like to make fewer copies of the daily Minute, the Advance Reports, and other handouts, so we ask Friends to share. Copies of all Summer Sessions documents can be found in front of the YM conference office in Gullen Lounge. If you do not need a copy to keep/take home, please read the document and return it to the table, so that others may read it too. The Minute is also posted on the porch bulletin boards.

Mosher Book Table

The Mosher Book Table is set up in the Inn lobby for Friends to browse and purchase books. The Mosher Fund will be giving each monthly meeting and worship group \$50 worth of books, of their choosing for their meeting library. Shop early for the best selections. We are closed Friday and Saturday. We welcome volunteers to help at the book table. The Book Table hours are:

Sunday	8:00–9:00 pm	Wednesday	1:30–5:15 pm & 7:00–9:00 pm
Monday	1:30–5:15 pm	Thursday	1:30–5:15 pm & 7:00–9:00 pm
Tuesday	1:30–5:15 pm & 7:00–9:00 pm		

Cell Phone and Wireless Coverage

Nurturing the Blessed Community may well require you to put down your phone/computer/kindle/etc. and look up at the people around you. Like the signs on the highway of life say – texts can wait! Please put down the electronics and become part of the Blessed Community.

When the text can't wait, cell phone coverage at Silver Bay is inconsistent. The best coverage for Verizon customers has been at the flagpole facing the front of the Inn, and at the beach called Slim Point, at the south end of the campus. AT&T customers should get reception in most areas on campus. Wireless Internet access is available on the ground floor of the Inn, in the store, in Bayview, and in Trinity.

Participant Expectations, NYYM Agreements

We come to Yearly Meeting sessions to create a Blessed Community in which to discern and carry out the work that the Divine leads us to. In order to be fully and authentically present to each other as a faith community, we have agreements that guide our behavior toward each other and towards the whole body, ensuring safety and comfort for all of us, starting with living into our Testimonies of integrity, simplicity, peace, and equality. We have long agreed that our time together will be free of alcohol regardless of the policy of our host facility, and the use of illegal drugs is unwelcome and illegal, no matter where we gather. Those among us who struggle with addictions must find a safe and supportive community among Friends.

By registering for Summer Sessions, Friends are committing to honor these Testimonies and agreements, and we are all, younger and older, expected to abide by them. Parents and guardians are asked to speak with their youngsters about their behavior, and everyone attending Summer Sessions is asked to take the agreements seriously. We'll have a poster stating our agreements on the Inn porch, if you'd like to sign!

Given these agreements and the rules of staying on Silver Bay campus, Friends must restrict their tobacco smoking to those areas designated by Silver Bay (smoking is not allowed in guest rooms, for instance), and must refrain from the use of alcohol and illegal substances. If you engage in these activities, you (and possibly your family or guardian) may be asked to leave Summer Sessions.

1. All attenders are expected to:

- If 18 years or older, register yourself and dependents with New York Yearly Meeting by the registration deadline, to facilitate the YM's logistical planning.
- Attend the activities of New York Yearly Meeting, including but not limited to Opening Worship, Community Worship in the morning, Worship Sharing, Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business, committee meetings, JYM events, and Closing Worship;
- Observe safety precautions, such as swimming only when a life guard is on duty, never swimming or hiking alone;
- Honor the NYYM agreements and expectations, keeping in mind also New York State laws regarding the use of illegal drugs and the legal age for drinking alcohol (see the first paragraph of our agreements).
- Parent(s), guardians, or sponsors for children under 18 years old assume responsibility for the safety and well-being of that person. Together, adults and youth should commit to a specific bedtime and at least once-daily check ins.

2. Attenders under 18 years old are expected to:

- Register with Junior Yearly Meeting in the company of their parent, legal guardian, or sponsor;
- Cluster with (sleep in a room near to) their parent(s), guardian, or sponsor;
- Have a valid medical consent form signed by a parent or guardian (medical forms are available on line or can be mailed to JYM registrants upon request to JYM);

- Honor the NYYM agreements and expectations, keeping in mind New York State laws regarding the use of illegal drugs and the legal age of drinking alcohol (see the first paragraph of our agreements).

Worship Opportunities during Summer Sessions

Opening Worship, Sunday, 6:45-7:45 pm, auditorium: This is our first chance to gather as a community and create the connections that will sustain us for the week. *Please do attend.*

Early Morning Worship; Monday-Friday: If you are an early riser, consider joining **Coffee, Communion, and Conversation** from 6:00-7:00 am on the auditorium porch. There is also **Meeting for Worship** in the boathouse beginning at 7:00 am. If your early morning ministry leans in the direction of music, lend your voice to **Hymn Singing** in the chapel, also starting at 7:00 am.

Community Worship, Monday-Friday, 8:45-9:15 am, auditorium: Each morning, we invite everyone to join us for a time to ground the day with our blessed community, sing a song or two, hear about the activities coming up over the day, and of course, worship together.

Morning Worship Sharing Groups (WSG) take place Monday-Friday, 9:30-10:30 am. The **Afternoon Worship Sharing Groups** take place Monday & Wednesday 1:45-2:45 pm, Tuesday 4:15-5:15 pm, Friday, 4:30-5:30 pm. WSG locations are posted on the Inn Porch. If you have any WSG questions please contact Melanie-Claire Mallison, coordinator, by leaving a note for her on the YM message board, outside the YM conference office. Worship Sharing Groups include: Aging Concerns, Adults w/Young Children, Caregivers, Conflict Transformation, Earthcare, General, LGBT, Men's, Racial Healing, and Women's. You may also attend unprogrammed worship during this time in the Chapel.

Yoga for All (New!) will take place Monday and Wednesday, 1:45-2:45 pm, in the tent outside of the Collins Equipment Center. It will be led by Jolene Festa, who believes that a strong physical body makes it easier to sit in the stillness and allow the mind to still. A half hour of yoga will be followed by a half hour of worship sharing. Please bring your yoga mat. Chairs will also be provided.

Silver Bay Vespers: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:15 pm, Chapel. NYYM Friends will offer five-minute devotionals at Silver Bay's Vespers, which take place in the chapel from 7:15-7:45 pm. Vespers also includes hymn singing, a reading from scripture, and special music by Silver Bay staff.

Closing Worship, Saturday, 9:30-11:00 am, auditorium: After you've packed up and vacated your room, please join us in the auditorium for a sessions-ending gathering that will include programmed and unprogrammed worship. It is our time to bask in the Blessed Community one more time before heading home.

Quiet Worship Spaces: Sometimes we need a space to sit quietly with our own thoughts without interruption. This year the Sessions Committee is dedicating Bayview Suite #3 as a Silent Center, open to Friends throughout the day and the evening for silent worship. You may sign up for golf cart transportation if needed. The Chapel garden is another place to appreciate the silence: quiet with benches, it is a lovely place to sit. The Chapel door is always open and the chapel often empty. Even if the string quartet is practicing, it's still fine to enter and sit quietly. The daily Minute will list times when Inn Rooms 130 and 230 are not in use and may be used as a quiet worship space.

Circle of Care and Concern

This year New York Yearly Meeting has established a *Circle of Care and Concern* which includes our Committee on Conflict Transformation, the Abuse Investigation Team, Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinators, and the clerk and assistant clerks of NYYM Sessions Committee. Joining the *Circle of Care and Concern* as advisors and resources are Friends identified by the Ministry Coordinating Committee for their gifts in listening, the NYYM field secretaries, and a member named by Aging Resources Consultation and Help, Young Adult Concerns Committee, and the Task Group on Ending Racism in NYYM, as well as a member of the Silver Bay YMCA staff. The names of these persons for the 2016 NYYM Summer Sessions are listed on the message boards near the conference office, on the Inn porch by the golf cart desk, and at the back of the Auditorium. A detailed description of the *Circle of Care and Concern* is also available at these locations and on the desk in front of the YM conference office.