

# NYYM Thursday Minute

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## Thursday Session agenda:

- Memorial minute for Miriam Brush
- Meetings for Discernment report and minute
- Priorities Working Group recommendations

**Lunch on Saturday.** Remember that Saturday lunch is NOT included in our conference. If you would like to eat lunch at Silver Bay on Saturday, you need to purchase your lunch ticket in advance. If you would like to purchase a box lunch for Saturday, please do so by 1:00 pm today.

**Meals with Meaning**—all are in the rear of Gullen Lounge

**Thursday lunch**—Matt Southworth, from the Friends Committee on National Legislation will talk to us about FCNL's work and opportunities for Friends' involvement.

**Thursday dinner—Prison Ministry DVD.** The Purchase Quaker Prison Ministry Committee prepared a DVD inviting Friends to join in worship with the Otisville and Sing Sing Prison Worship Groups. The 25-minute DVD includes an introduction to prison worship groups, testimonies by former prison worship group members and outside attenders, and information on how to attend a prison worship group.

**Friday lunch—AFSC.** Interested in the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)? What's in their strategic plan? How are things going in the new Northeast Region? What does AFSC do internationally? How will the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary be celebrated? How can my meeting and I get involved? Lisa Gasstrom, Assistant Clerk, will facilitate.

**Friday dinner—What makes an education "Quaker"?** Join us for a discussion about schools and education with representatives of Quaker Bolivia Link, Bolivian Quaker Education Fund, Brooklyn Friends School, Friends Academy, Westbury Friends School, and Oakwood, our Yearly Meeting School.

**ARCH:** What concrete steps can we take as a Meeting to open awareness of new ways of living in and sharing our world and its resources? See the ARCH display table for details on Senior Housing.

**Earthcare Film**—Earthcare Working Group invites you to a viewing of *Thomas Berry—The Great Story: The Life and Work of the Famous Eco-theologian*, 11:15–12:30, Inn room 230.

**Attenders List:** Friends, the adult Attenders List is available for \$2 from the NYYM conference office. **Please pick up your list now.** Friday will be the last day to pick them up.

**Racial Listening Project.** During this week at Silver Bay, you may see individuals wearing a name tag that looks like this: Racial Listening Project. These Friends are offering you the opportunity to share with them how you have been affected by racism. All conversations will be confidential and will neither be recorded nor reported. It will simply be an opportunity for deep listening as you recount your personal journey with the issue of race. The Apology to Afro-Descendants approved at Fall Sessions 2013 calls us to discern how "to bring about justice and reconciliation." It is our hope that by this process of telling our stories to an attentive, nonjudgmental listener, we will take another step of healing and trust. See Evy Kennenwood if you want to be a listener. From Charlie Flint, the Task Group on Racism, and Mary Pugh Clark, European American Quakers Working to End Racism Working Group.

**Friday's *Minute* is also known as the "take-home *Minute*"** because many Friends take it with them to share with their meetings. Please submit anything you have for the *Minute* by 5 pm today. We will also email the Friday *Minute* to everyone on the Attenders List.

Last chance to get your books from the **Mosher Book Table!** The Mosher Book Table gives each monthly meeting \$50 in books. Bags must be picked up by 3:00 pm. The book table ends at 9 pm tonight.

**The Contra Dance** will be held this evening in the Boathouse at 9 pm or after the Café Night. All dances are easy and taught. Live music. Please come and have fun.

**Healing Center.** The Healing Center is open today and Friday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.