

NYYM Tuesday Minute

Silver Bay, New York

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ARCH Visitors will be meeting Wednesday 11:00 am in the INN Gullen Lounge. We will be sharing stories and experiences from our ARCH work. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Members of your meeting's ministry committee are particularly encouraged to come and listen to how ARCH Visitors enact their ministry of presence.

ARCH Reception. On Wednesday evening following the meeting for business in worship, the Committee on Aging Concerns welcomes the whole Quaker community to an ice cream social to celebrate ARCH staff members Callie Janoff and Barbara Spring at Gullen Lounge.

Barbara will be with ARCH through 2015 but will be heading to Africa and other adventures after that. We celebrate all she's done for the ARCH program and wish her well in whatever lies ahead.

Callie will become director of the ARCH program and, with Anita Paul, will continue to provide the fine services you all expect from ARCH. We celebrate her new leadership position as she tries in the months ahead to download all that Barbara knows and then in 2016 goes solo as the ARCH director.

Bible study. The theme for the week is: *Conflict, Shadow and Unity*. On Tuesday, we will focus on Shadow and Light—Genesis 2:18–3:22. On Wednesday, Wrestling with the Shadow—Genesis 32:23–33. We will look at shadow, conflict, and unity in light of the story of Jacob and Esau.

Plenary message. Please attend our plenary session with speaker Don Badgley at 7:15 pm this evening in the auditorium. This session will be audio-recorded for archiving on our website.
~ Roseann Press, clerk of Sessions

Visitors—sign the guest book. Visitors to New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions, please be sure to come by the conference office and sign our guest book.

The adult Attenders List is available at the Yearly Meeting conference office for review, corrections, deletions, and additions. This year we are accepting prepaid orders for \$5.

Slim Point alert. Silver Bay is hosting a private event at Slim Point Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00. Please respect Silver Bay's use of Slim Point during this time.

The Committee on Conscientious Objection to Paying for War (COPW) plans to meet on either Thursday or Friday. Please see the Wednesday *Minute* for date, time, and location. Contact Jens Braun, Naomi Paz Greenberg, or Andy von Salis for more information.

Ride Board: The ride board is in front of 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.

Healing Center hours are Tuesday, 1–5; Wednesday, 4–5; Thursday, 1–3; Friday, 1–3. All are welcome.

Inter-visiting Friend from Vermont under a concern for anti-racism training.

John VanDyke Wilmerding is a member of Putney, Vermont Friends Meeting visiting at Sessions this year. He is carrying a concern for developing an anti-racism training curriculum, based around AVP, for working with white people to address their—and one another’s—racism in new, different, and very intensive ways. He proposes a new 5-day curriculum based around a 3-day AVP basic workshop, with two additional days specializing in racism issues.

John was previously a member of New York Yearly Meeting in the 1980s and early 1990s. John may be reached at Sessions using his email or his cellphone (text and calls):
Wilmerding@myfairpoint.net, (802) 257-3367.

Meet Steve Tamm, CEO of Silver Bay YMCA. Steve Tamm will be on the Inn porch Tuesday evening at 6:30 for Friends who want to get acquainted.

Intervisitation Friends are encouraged to attend the Wednesday 11:00–12:15 meeting in the Inn Library. Anyone else who might like to visit meetings in your region are also welcome. Come find out what we do! Buffy Curtis & David Herendeen, clerks

Nine Partners Worship, Rest, & Renewal. Friends of the Nine Partners Quarter will meet Tuesday at 1:30 pm in Inn room 230 to discern their way forward.

Make paper cranes to send to Los Alamos. Rima Segal will be on the Inn porch from 6–7 Tuesday making paper cranes and invites Friends to join her. She has the materials. The Upaya Zen Centre Campaign for Nonviolence hopes to have 70,000 cranes to send to Los Alamos on the anniversary of the atomic bombing in Japan. Los Alamos is where the atomic bomb was developed.

Oakwood Friends School. Oakwood Friends School, the Yearly Meeting’s official day and boarding school, is undergoing a leadership transition. Peter Baily, Head of School for the past fifteen years, leaves Oakwood this summer. Friends who are interested in speaking with someone about Oakwood or Quaker education should speak to Board members who are attending our Summer Sessions this year: Ben Frisch, Deb Wood, Fred Doneit, and John Scardina.

Come paddle with Spirit! At 4:00 on Tuesday, young adult Friends are inviting Friends from the High School group to join us in a Paddle with Spirit. We will kayak and canoe in the bay. ALL Friends older than 18 are welcome, as well. Can you canoe?

Vespers reminder: John Cooley brings the message to Vespers in the Silver Bay chapel this evening from 7:15-7:45 pm.

Worship for Racial Healing. The Task Group on Racism invites all Friends to join the Worship for Racial Healing in Field Memorial, Wednesday, July 22, at 4 pm.

Mosher Book Table: A reminder to each meeting, H.H. Mosher Fund is giving each meeting \$50 worth of books for their library. Books must be selected and checked out by Thursday at 5 pm. Think about joining the Mosher Committee. Talk to Ruth Ralston or Beatrice Beguin if you want to know more. We are short-handed this year, so if you are free for an hour or two, please volunteer. Find us in the Inn lobby.

***Faith and Practice* in the conference office.** Please pick up your meeting's copy of the 2015 edition of *Faith and Practice*. The cost is \$7 if you pick up your copy here; \$10 for copies that have to be mailed. You may send a check for the copies after you arrive home.

Meals with Meaning:

Tuesday – Lunch with Colin Saxton. An opportunity to talk with the general secretary of Friends United Meeting regarding the work of Friends around the world; to ask questions and share ideas and concerns around how FUM can better support New York Yearly Meeting.

Tuesday dinner – Light behind the Walls. Everyone interested in prison worship groups and the Alternatives to Violence to Project are encouraged to attend. We will share our stories and experiences. This will also be a great opportunity for people interested in prison ministry to gather more information.

Wednesday breakfast. Five Mualim-AK will share the lessons he learned from the time he spent in solitary confinement.

Wednesday lunch – Yearly Meeting communications. Join Steven Davison, the Yearly Meeting's communications director, to share your ideas and vision for our communications.

Wednesday dinner – Getting to Know the American Friends Service Committee. Amy Gottlieb, Associate NE Regional Director, and members of the AFSC Corporation will share updates about programs in New York, New Jersey, and the world. Amy has worked extensively on Immigrant Rights and will also speak about AFSC's work on immigration issues.

Thursday Lunch – Creating a Child & Youth Field Secretary position. Join Barbara Menzel, Personnel Committee clerk, to learn more about the creation of this new position. Share your thoughts and vision as we move forward to meet the spiritual needs of our youngest members.