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Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age

**The Clerk's Invitation to Summer Sessions 2016
July 24-30 • Silver Bay, NY**

Summer Sessions are a time to gather both for work and for community-building. This year we gather to celebrate and nurture each and every one of us, from smooth-skinned infants in arms to elders whose every wrinkle radiates wisdom. We are tremendously blessed to have each other's company, to share and support each other as we learn to walk God's path for us, both individually and as the body of New York Yearly Meeting. It is not easy. We feel that in our hearts, we know it with our minds.

And yet there is so much cause to rejoice. At Silver Bay, we are particularly invited to rejoice in the natural world and our place in it. Even in rain we walk past scented flowers. We see the sparkle of sunlight on Lake George as we eat our meals, breezes caress our faces as we ride the golf carts, feet, at long last, can go unshod on beaches and in green grass.

Years ago in my home meeting, Scarsdale, a dear Friend stood and quoted part of Gerard Manley Hopkins's poem "God's Grandeur" in her message. The poem reads, in part:

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod."

But the part she quoted reads:

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things . . .

Please come to Summer Sessions and celebrate the dear freshness in us all.

Lucinda Antrim, Clerk, NYYM

Conversations on Racism

Introduction

At Spring Sessions 2015, the gathered body of the yearly meeting heard an invitation from Friends in the yearly meeting working on issues of racism to join the White Privilege Conference (WPC), to be held in April 2016 in Philadelphia. We also heard an invitation from Friends General Conference to join them as a co-host organization of the Conference. A task group was formed to facilitate this participation and this spring, more than 100 Friends from New York Yearly Meeting attended, joining roughly 400 more Friends from around the country, out of a total Conference attendance of 2500.

We asked Friends who had attended to consider writing articles for this issue of *Spark* about the Conference and their experiences or about whatever they felt led to say about racism more generally. A number of Friends responded with a range of articles that we hope will give our readers a feeling for the Conference and a deeper understanding of the dynamics of racism and white privilege, within ourselves, within our own Quaker communities, and in the wider society. We hope these articles become part of an ongoing engagement with racism and white privilege as issues that deserve our deepest spiritual attention and our informed action as agents of social change.

~ Editor



Bare Feet

Lucinda Antrim, photographer

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Meeting News

Rockland Meeting sponsored a speaker for its First Day School on March 20 from Me to We, an organization that “empowers people to change the world through their everyday consumer choices.”

On April 23, **Wilton Meeting** hosted a screening of a NRCAT (National Religious Campaign Against Torture) documentary *Breaking Down the Box*, which exposes the torture of solitary confinement and calls faith communities to action. A panel discussion followed the screening and a replica solitary prison cell was on display (see Notes & Announcements below on how to bring this cell to your meeting).

Perry City Preparative Meeting holds a bicentennial celebration of the meeting’s founding on Sunday, August 7, 2016.

Poplar Ridge Meeting now holds a monthly Quaker meeting for worship in Spanish for Spanish-speaking farm workers and those from their meeting who speak some Spanish.

NYYM Fall Sessions: November 11–13, 2016, Ethical Culture Society, White Plains, NY.

Fifteenth Street Meeting hosted a teen sleep-over on April 16–17.

Flushing Meeting hosted an interfaith prayer breakfast on May 1, inviting prayers, concerns, poetry, and songs.

Scarsdale Meeting hosted a Black Lives Matter special presentation on June 5, “Working for Justice in Westchester: Success, Challenges, Next Steps . . .”, featuring WVOX radio talk show host Darrell Davis. Darrell Davis is a long-time political, social, and anti-racists activist founder of the Committee for Justice, and author of *Ghost of Robeson*.

Share Your News in InfoShare

Published in February, April, June, August, October, and December.

News & Announcements

Replica Solitary Confinement Cell

New York Yearly Meeting now has a replica solitary confinement cell available for events and exhibitions.

For 23 hours a day, for months, years, even decades, more than 80,000 adults and youth are held in solitary confinement in U.S. prisons, jails, and detention centers. We can take action as communities of faith to expose this torture.

Friends are encouraged to bring the replica solitary confinement cell to your monthly meeting, quarterly or regional meeting, and combine the experience of witnessing the 9’ x 6’ space with a screening of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture Documentary (NRCAT) documentary *Breaking Down the Box* (see nrcat.org for viewing options). Speakers who have been directly affected by solitary confinement are available for panel discussions. You can create a powerful event to build awareness and mobilize Friends and others to take action.

The cell is constructed out of ten 7’ x 3’ Plexiglas and wooden panels. It is lightweight and easy to construct. It is stored at Wilton Meeting and is ready to go on tour! Contact your NYYM NRCAT Representative Judy Meikle to discuss your requirements: jubilantjudy@mac.com.

Traveling Ministry Corps

Friends World Committee for Consultation—Section of the Americas (FWCC) is organizing a small volunteer corps of Friends to send as traveling ministers throughout the Section. For more information and application forms, visit fwccamericas.org/about_us/ programs. Deadline for the first round of applications: June 30, 2016.

Care for Our Common Home—A Call for Earthcare Art from Young Friends

NYYM’s Earthcare Working Group invites young Friends to submit works of art about their: care and appreciation of the Earth. The art will be on view at Summer Sessions from Monday, July 25, 2016. All artwork will be returned.

Notices

New Members

Susan Lee Carmody – Morningside
Cole Carmody Harmaty – Morningside
M.L. Healey – Easton
John Brooke Kenny – Jericho
Lorraine Krehling – Fifteenth Street
David Lawrence Lundy – Buffalo
Sarah Mongeau – Rochester
Jay Nober – Catskill
Janet Poole – Albany
Dale Sims – Fifteenth Street
Robert James Stevens – Morningside

Births/Adoptions

Dario Joshua Gulizia, on March 15, 2016, to Adria Gulizia, member of Chatham-Summit, and Stefano Gulizia

Transfers

Stuart Bartram, from Alfred to Genesee Valley
Taylor Eskew, from Montclair to New Paltz
Elizabeth Gordon, from Binghamton to Albany
Risa Pomerselig, from New Paltz to Bulls Head-Oswego

Deaths

Ellen Denooyer, member of Purchase, on November 26, 2015
Emma Fleck, May 22 2016, member of Quaker Street Memorial meeting July 3, Quaker Street Meetinghouse
John Black Lee, member of Wilton, on April 13, 2016
Robert Richardson, member of Poplar Ridge, on February 11, 2016
Paul Rivet, member of Rockland, on April 22, 2016
Edward Wickersham, member of Purchase, on September 27, 2015

Who: Young Friends—children, teens, young adults.

What: Artwork about the Earth—paintings, drawings, prints, and photographs of all sizes up to 24” x 36”.

Deadline: Sunday, June 19.

Queries to consider:

- What does nature give you?
- How do you feel about what’s happening to Nature in your community?
- How do you feel about what’s happening to the Earth at large?
- What is your vision for the Earth?
- How will you make your vision a reality?

How to submit: Please affix to the back of your work: your name, address, phone number, email, the title of your piece, art materials you used, and any other details you want to include. Ship or drop off art by June 19th to NYYM, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003. We also invite a statement about how your piece reflects your feelings for the Earth; email to Janet Soderberg (janet@janetsoderberg.com).

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Changing FUM

Some NYYM meetings are in discernment about NYYM's relationship with Friends United Meeting because of how FUM's personnel policy effectively discriminates against LGBTQ Friends. A long-time participant in this relationship, Carol Holmes of Brooklyn Meeting offers these observations. For more information, visit nyym.org/?q=FUMPersonnelPolicy.

I served on the FUM board from 2002 to 2011, six of those years as NYYM's representative and three years as recording clerk. In that time I saw a shift in commitment to the personnel policy.

Reconsideration of the policy was often on the board meetings' agendas. We had many searching, painful discussions. In my last year, we agreed to minute—and to include in the personnel manual—that the FUM board no longer had unity to support the policy, but, following Friends' practice, without unity to adopt a new policy, the old policy stayed in place.

This may seem insignificant, but it does mean that the policy would not be adopted if it were proposed today. It leaves the door open for change.

Withholding or earmarking New York Yearly Meeting's small contribution to FUM's budget will do little to bring about that change. However, since the personnel policy does not apply to those appointed to FUM's governing board by constituent yearly meetings and organizations, sending qualified and capable LGBTQ Friends to the FUM board as our representatives, joining the three LGBTQ Friends who currently sit on the board, would could have real effect. 

Reflections on the White Privilege Conference

Mary Pugh Clark, Montclair Meeting

In 2011 at the 12th White Privilege Conference, my eyes opened to behold systemic racism and my personal white privilege. A week after attending the White Privilege Conference this year (WPC17) I feel my mouth is opening and I am finding my voice. What follows are three possible foci for dialogue with others: the notion of WOKE, the challenge of responding to white fragility, and the “platinum rule.” I look forward to exploring more ideas as time goes by.

Walking among the display tables at WPC17, I was taken with Jada Monica Drew's slim book, *Revolutionize Now: Creative Leadership & Action For Social Change* (2016), with its provocative title, a table of contents with chapters like “Be Bold, Diplomatic, and Nice,” and its personalized list of “Revolutionize Now Terminology.” I bought the book and read it during my first week home after the conference. It gave me food for thought and helped me reflect.

One word, “Woke,” Jada defined as: “to be conscious about systems of oppression and empowerment movements.” Thinking about my efforts to become awakened both spiritually and as an activist made me smile “yes.” Musing further, Jada's equation—“Historic Truth Telling + Building Relationships + Creative Action = Social Justice”—seemed to me quite Woke.

But things can get complicated. Today in the *New York Times* I read “First Words: Earning the ‘Woke’ Badge” by Amanda Hess. She suggests that whites are using the term and

got privilege?

seeking pats on the head for their anti-racist work. I blushed. Still, bringing up the term Woke seems to me a viable ice breaker for a serious conversation on racism and the dangers of white appropriation of black culture.

In one of the white caucus sessions I attended I came to understand the concept of white fragility more fully. A middle-aged white woman became emotionally overwrought and cried over an exchange she had

had with a woman of color who took issue with her over a joke the white woman had told. The caucus group turned their attention to the woman in her distress. I felt resentment for having this shift of focus but I chose to stay quiet and feel my feelings. Eventually I was able to share my thoughts about how when making apologies one did so without expecting forgiveness. I am glad I sat with the situation. Doing so nurtured my compassion for the range of people who might get emotional in a conversation on racism. It also led me to do some personal strategizing on how to engage with others when dealing with upsetting events and situations.

Treat other people the way they would want to be treated.

Finally from one of the keynote speakers at WPC17, Dr Verna Meyers, I learned of the “platinum rule.” Noting how people have different cultural lenses, she identified a common reaction many have in a foreign place—in another country or just in a strange part of one's own country. The first thought of outsiders, she said, was a blaming question: “What's wrong with you people?” When working with others for social justice she advocated working to uncover one's unconscious biases and owning one's lens. And then, after personal reflection and taking the time to observe and learn about others, she suggested one could practice the “platinum rule”: “Treat other people the way they would want to be treated.” This is a challenge I will give to myself and recommend to others.

WPC17 affected me on both a personal, practical level and on a social, theoretical level. I gained insight about how I might change my behaviors and be more effective in working with others for social change. That the presenters grounded their ideas on common assumptions about the systemic nature of racism and white privilege served as a credible context for talking about challenges that need to be faced when re-imagining equity and justice. The

Cracking the Shell

Emily Boardman, Cornwall Meeting




Perhaps the most meaningful part of the White Privilege Conference for me was the willingness of us all to come together and ask ourselves to begin the process of cracking the protective shell of our white privilege, which has cut us off from one another.

The caucuses, which gathered by race, were the most revealing and heartfelt for me. There we shared the consequences of the loss of our own humanity in our white privilege. A young man spoke of the comfort and relief he felt from sharing this burden with others, which he had felt he carried alone. An older man said that, before the conference, he had been reluctant to share what he felt now, but that it was crucial to share with F/friends. A woman spoke of her inhibitions about sharing her feelings with people of other races and that she recognized that it came from her fear and guilt. Another spoke of our “calling people in rather than calling them out.” Still another spoke of “hearing with integrity” as the way to reconciliation.

Several commented on the impact of sharing the experience with so many Friends and I felt that, too. I was gratified and reassured that there were so many of us there looking at some of the most entrenched barriers to our own place in the great Oneness. A genuine call to look for the Face of God in each of us. 

quotation by James Baldwin on the T shirt I purchased sums up the promise that my experience at WPC17 holds for me:

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” 



Talking About Race

Linda Clark,
Brooklyn Meeting

I don't like to share my story with many white people, who so often react with some weird curiosity about the details. It's a reaction that has the emotional power of a prurient interest, as though my history is sordid or salacious. And it usually becomes my defining feature in the mind of the listener. Thereafter, all of our conversations are about race. Other topics of conversation, such as weather, parenting, physical health, favorite movies, cease to exist for us. We are henceforth limited to the topic of race. I become a creature of one dimension.

Born in a time and place when the one-drop rule was still the law, I lived in a white racist community in a white racist family. As a child, I habitually eavesdropped on adult conversations. One day, while listening to a conversation between my grandma and an auntie, I learned that my grandfather had a mixed ancestry. I don't know how to convey to you my thoughts and feelings, or the events that followed. When I told my siblings they were equally confounded. My mother was livid when she heard about my discovery and strongly denied the information.

You see, she was the foremost carrier of the white racist beliefs in our family. I never learned how she managed to reconcile her "beliefs" with her "knowledge" and though she never admitted it to me, I am sure she knew. There was a constant concern and scrutiny for telltale physical characteristics—complexions and noses and lips and eyes and fingernails. There was constant vigilance that nothing in my behavior, such as dancing or singing or being "happy go lucky," should reveal our secret. Decades later, I began to realize it must have been pretty awful for her, too.

The idea of living with such secrets is appalling to most of us today. But just think about it. "Passing" for white was a common occurrence in those days. It is abhorrent to many today and perhaps unforgivable. But think about the poverty, ignorance, and degradation of both races in a strictly segregated society. Try to imagine conditions

beyond anything you have ever seen or even heard of. Then add on the KKK and the infected legal system. I think there are probably many Americans who think of themselves as white but who really do have ancestors beyond the pale (so to speak) without their knowledge.

My father's father was Irish and his mother was Cherokee. This was not a secret, though there was plenty of prejudice against American Indians in those days. It was a convenient way to explain those pesky darkish complexions and almond eyes that kept cropping up.

I often pondered the meaning of what I had overheard in terms of what it meant in my reproductive life. What could I do for my own children in this regard? Should I even have children? I would like to tell you that I was seized with zeal to be honest or truthful, but it was many years before I began to ponder the effects of the spiritual and mental burdens caused by the shame and duplicity of "passing."

In this world, there is no place for people of mixed race to simultaneously honor all their ancestors.

One must choose a community. How does one choose? I came to believe that I did not really belong to either race. I have lived in both racial communities and have even switched back and forth. I have often exploited my white appearance for financial gain and for other privileges. Most of all, I have used it to escape the unrelenting harshness of black life.

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Movies Aren't Really (Just) for Entertainment

Sue Wolf, Ithaca Meeting

At the White Privilege Conference, I attended a powerful workshop led by Frederick W. Gooding, Jr (The Race Doctor) in which we learned how Hollywood consistently marginalizes characters played by people of color while at the same time the industry glamorizes white characters. This could seem obvious: white characters dominate the numbers of Hollywood roles and win more Oscars. But the methods used are actually subtle and difficult to discern. If you don't view with a critical eye, you would miss these negative influences altogether while your brain absorbs them. People, especially children and youth, spend a great deal of time watching TV and movies. Absorbing these insidious, inaccurate, damaging (and "invisible") messages through hours of viewing perpetuates racism.

We did not focus on films in which the cast of characters would be all people of color or all white; in such films characters are not compared or contrasted according to their skin color or culture. Dr. Gooding wanted to focus on films with characters who are both white and people of color, and that play these characters against one another in subtle ways.

We analyzed a major and popular film made at great expense (\$250 million): *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* (2011). We moved forward through the film, viewing brief clips and pausing to reflect and offer our insights. We were amazed to see how lighting, camera angles, the clothing the characters wore, sudden shifts in vocabulary, and other specifics worked to cast a negative light on the character of the person of color. We also discovered that the

primate characters also reinforced and perpetuated racial stereotypes. Here are some examples.


The CEO of the research facility and villain of the plot was played by David Oyelowo, an African-American actor of note. His face was often lighted in such a way as to make his features difficult to see, and the camera would shoot at an angle that made him appear shorter than he actually was (in comparison with James Franco, the white male lead). Invariably he was dressed to the



David Oyelowo in
Rise of the Planet of the Apes

nines in a three-piece suit, tie, and pocket handkerchief, while Franco dressed in a more relaxed style. The CEO was interested only in profit, and was ruthless in its pursuit. To me, this subtly reinforced the "gangsta" image of many rappers, who flaunt their wealth in jewelry and decking out their "crib."

Cesar, the leader of the apes, was of light-brown complexion, while the rougher, tougher ape character (who did the dirty work) had black skin. It's also interesting to note that in the online credits, David Oyelowo's name does not appear among the "main" or highlighted cast of characters.

I was appalled. I had seen this film with my son, and at the time was simply entertained. Now, as I looked more deeply, I could see how we the viewers had been manipulated. I will never look at movies the same way again. 

**To be afraid
is to behave as if
the truth were not
true.**

~ Bayard Rustin

Meeting for racial healing,
Summer Sessions 2015

~ Lucy Sykes, artist


Summer Sessions 2016

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Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age

SESSIONS & PROGRAM INFORMATION

Steps to Summer Sessions

1. Read the Summer Sessions pages of this *Spark* issue carefully and be sure to read additional important information on the website.
2. Decide on your arrival and departure dates.
3. Choose your housing preferences, page 8.
4. Register, either by emailing the form downloaded from nnyym.org or by mailing in the form on page 12. Note that by registering, you agree to follow all of the participant expectations and agreements listed on page 6.
5. Send your registration fee to the NYYM office along with your registration form or pay online at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=7bb2f5>.
6. When Silver Bay YMCA sends you an acknowledgment of your registration, they will include a request for a 25% room deposit. Be sure to pay your room deposit by the date they request to ensure that they reserve your room.
7. All JYM registrants must include a completed medical form signed by a parent (and brought to JYM Registration on Sunday or upon arrival at Silver Bay). 

Opportunities for Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age

This year's Summer Sessions theme, based on the NYYM Leadings & Priorities, is "Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age."

Life begins for each of us with nurture at the hands of a care-giver, and as we grow, we learn to nurture and care, too. But we often also learn to see people as "other" and we often learn that "other" is not worth our time or care. In joining this faith, the Religious Society of Friends, we challenge that view of "other" and work towards recognizing that we are all part of the Blessed Community. Summer Sessions is an opportunity to live, experientially and intensively, in the blessed community of Quakers, sitting close in worship, whispering to our buddies on the Inn porch, sharing life experiences over meals, caring for each "other" and opening up to how our faith holds us together through the stages of our lives, witnessing the concerns, the awe, and the beauty of every age and stage in life.

This year, Summer Sessions offers several new ways to nurture each other and to be nurtured ourselves.

Community worship. We gather in community worship every morning in the auditorium from 8:45–9:15 a.m. before Worship Sharing. Everyone is invited to gather for worship, storytelling, and singing to pull us together and ground us for the day, sharing what is happening that day in adult and junior yearly meetings, hearing stories of personal faith and witness, highlighting interesting activities, explaining a little about what happens at sessions, clarifying terms or procedures; and making use of and highlighting technologies (video, live-casting, internet, etc.) that are relevant and interesting to various ages.

Whisper Buddies. Whisper Buddies are a new mentorship program in which those who want to learn about Quaker process are matched up with those who feel they have experience to share. At the Monday afternoon planning meeting, we'll gather to share interests and choose buddies, who will then work together to choose which business sessions and/or committee meetings they will attend


together (JYMers may need a permission slip signed by their parents or guardians). This program happens in real time during meetings for worship with a concern for business via passing notes and whispering. We also encourage you to continue the process during meal times. We hope that Whisper Buddies will enhance the experience of participating in sessions for our whole community.

NYYM staff nurture all ages. Now that NYYM has a Children and Youth Field Secretary, we have staff who directly serve Friends of all ages in our meetings—youth, young adults, adults, and older Friends. On Wednesday morning, we will focus on the theme of Spiritual Nurture for Friends of All Ages with multigenerational worship, and in the following plenary, the Children and Youth Field Secretary, Melinda Wenner Bradley; the Young Adult Field Secretary, Gabrielle Savory Bailey; the General Secretary, Christopher Sammond; and the ARCH Director, Callie Janoff, 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 great opportunities for experiencing how to deepen the spiritual life of your meeting and of your members and attenders.

Quaker Crafts. On Wednesday afternoon, as part of the new Fundraising Policy for NYYM Sessions (see page 10), Sessions Committee is offering a two-hour event for Friends to sell crafts made by themselves or by others. Crafters should contact the Conference Services Liaison to request a table. Set up will begin 30 minutes before the Quaker Crafts event starts at 2:00 p.m. and sellers must stay with their table and be responsible for their sales money throughout the two hours. Please read the Fundraising Policy and contact the clerk of Sessions Committee if you have any questions on Quaker Crafts.


Helping others attend. As in the past, you have at least two opportunities to help Friends attend Summer Sessions, and both are found on your registration form. First, you can donate to the Equalization Fund, from which Friends can then request assistance. Second, you can help pay for our littlest members (the babies!) to attend Silver Bay's Morning Program. We have found that Friends are both conscientious and generous when given these opportunities to help others.

Conflict. Finally, because even a blessed community experiences conflict, the Conflict Transformation Committee (CTC) and the Abuse Investigation Committee (AIC) will be available all week. The members of the committees will be introduced at the Sunday opening worship and listed in the first *Daily Minute* available on Sunday. If you witness something or hear about something that you are uncomfortable addressing yourself, please seek out a member of CTC or AIC as soon as

possible. Both committees will make it a priority to ensure complete confidentiality in all aspects of their work. A CTC member or the General Secretary (on behalf of the AIC) will report back to you on your concern, and also to the community if the AIC feels it's necessary. 

Bible Study


Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age

Because of the new Community Worship in the morning, Bible Study has been moved back to the early evening at 6:45–7:30 p.m. on Monday–Thursday. Our Bible study facilitator will be announced in June and Bible study will be focusing on our theme "Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age." 



Meeting for business in worship
NYYM Summer Sessions 2014


Meetings for Discernment

All are welcome to the Meetings for Discernment being held on Tuesday at Summer Sessions, with sessions in the morning and afternoon and an evening follow-up meeting. Meetings for Discernment are times of extended worship focused around queries. Please join us for what is likely to be an amazing worship-filled experience. Information online will include the queries to consider for this summer's sessions. 

Plenary Session: *Spiritual Nurture for Friends of All Ages*

A discussion led by NYYM staff—the Children and Youth Field Secretary, Melinda Wenner Bradley; the Young Adult Field Secretary, Gabrielle Savory Bailey; the General Secretary, Christopher Sammond; and the ARCH Director, Callie Janoff.

Our plenary session this year (Wednesday morning at 10:45) focuses on our theme “Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age.” It features the members of the yearly meeting staff who, with the recent hire of our new Children and Youth Field Secretary, Melinda Wenner Bradley, now directly serve Friends of all ages in our meetings—children and youth, young adults, adults, and older adults. In a fun and engaging way, they will share 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.

In addition, the community worship on Wednesday morning (8:45) will be multigenerational and will focus on the same theme. These programs are a great opportunity to experience how to deepen the spiritual life of your meeting and of your members and attenders. 

Participant Expectations & NYYM Agreements

We come to yearly meeting sessions to create a Blessed Community in which to discern and carry out the work to which the Divine leads us. 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 should find a safe and supportive community among Friends.


By registering for Summer Sessions, Friends commit 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.

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, Meeting 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, and observe 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 their safety and well-being. Adults and youth should commit to a specific bedtime and to checking in with each other at least once a day.

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 NY State laws regarding the use of illegal drugs and the legal age of drinking alcohol (see the first paragraph of our agreements). 




Fred Dettmer & Peter Phillips at Fall Sessions 2015


Interest Group Proposals

Helen Garay Toppins, Coordinator

Deadline: July 15.

Interest Groups (IGs) will be held on Tuesday at 1:45-3:15 p.m. and 7:45-9:15 p.m., and on Thursday from 7:45-9:15 p.m. It is important for IGs to relate to our theme and/or the NYYM Leadings and Priorities in general. Complete the online form at <https://goo.gl/KQk5lM> and submit it no later than July 15, 2016, so that we have time to make arrangements for your group's needs. If more requests are received than we have space for, those that best speak to our theme, leadings, and priorities will be given preference. If you have any questions, email Helen Garay Toppins, office@nyym.org, or call 212-673-5750. 

Agenda Items


If you have items for the business agenda, please contact the appropriate coordinating committee clerk: John Cooley, General Services; Irma Guthrie, Ministry; Deborah Wood, Nurture; Mary Eagleson, Witness; or Lucinda Antrim, clerk of NYYM, clerk@nyym.org; or the NYYM office, office@nyym.org. Contact information for the coordinating committee clerks is in the *Yearbook*, which should be available at your meeting. 

Financial Assistance Available

Deadline for application: June 24.

Friends requesting assistance should first ask your monthly meeting, quarterly or regional meetings for support. No request for funds will be processed and no funds will be disbursed without this communication from your meeting. Friends will be asked to send confirmation from their meeting about the amount that has been asked for and granted—even if it is zero. This process can be as simple as an email or note from your meeting's clerk, or a more formal letter. Please see the NYYM website for additional information on financial assistance and our Equalization Fund.

Fill out the Financial Assistance section at the bottom of your registration form stating the amount you expect or hope to receive from your meeting. Then write in the amount you need from the Equalization Fund. Scholarships typically provide adults and children up to one-third the cost of lowest-priced housing, but may provide more, depending on the needs of the individual or family. If you have a physical condition that limits your mobility and your access to the lower-priced housing units, please give us that information on your form. If you have any questions about financial assistance, call Helen Garay Toppins at 212-673-5750.

The Equalization Fund uses contributions to help Friends with the cost of attending NYYM sessions. The registration form in *Spark* and on the NYYM website provides an opportunity for Friends to contribute to the fund. 

for Worship at Summer Sessions and Registration Fees, see page 11

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Nurturing the Blessed Community at Every Age

SUMMARY	TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SUMMARY	
Safe Travels to NYYM Summer Sessions	6:00am	Early Dinner & Coffee and Communion					6:00am	Safe Travels Home!	
	7:00-7:30am	JYM Volunteers Meet / Early Worship at the Boat House / Hymn Singing at Hughes Chapel					7:00-7:30am		
	7:30-7:45	BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30am	BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30am	BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30am	BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30am	BREAKFAST 7:30-8:30am	7:30-7:45		
	7:45-8:00						CLEAN UP & PACK UP 8:30-9:30am		
	8:00-8:15								
	8:15-8:30								
	8:30-8:45								
	8:45-9:00	JYM Program Begins. Meet the JYM Table in Gullen Lounge for Locations / travel time					8:45-9:00		
	9:00-9:15	Worship Sharing 8:30-10:30am	Worship Sharing 8:30-10:30am	Worship Sharing 8:30-10:30am	Worship Sharing 8:30-10:30am	Worship Sharing 8:30-10:30am	9:00-9:15		Closing Worship 8:30-11:00am
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	9:30-9:45								
	9:45-10:00	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 10:45-12:15pm	Meeting for Discernment 10:45-12:15pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business with Multigenerational Event, 10:45-12:15pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 10:45-12:15pm	Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business 10:45-12:15pm	9:45-10:00		
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	11:30-11:45								
	11:45-12:00								
12:00-12:15									
12:30-12:45	Rest & Renewal, YAP & Whisper Booklets, 1:30-3:00pm Worship Sharing 2:00-3:00pm	Meeting for Discernment, 1:45-4:00pm & Interest Groups 1:45-3:15pm	Rest & Renewal, 1:30-3:00pm Worship Sharing 2:00-3:00pm	Pumpkin Patch & Fall 1:45-3:00pm	Coordinating Commission, 1:45-2:45	12:30-12:45			
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Talking About Race

Linda Clark

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Many white people are shocked, even angered, when they learn of my racial identity. They often feel duped by my failure to announce my condition to them. This is especially so if my disclosure fails to be in time to prevent their embarrassing themselves by making a racist remark. I am responsible for their embarrassment. And it becomes my responsibility to explain the “race problem.” (Among some white Quakers, I sometimes see this as a longing to be relieved

of racial prejudice. Think of the cognitive dissonance occasioned by the juxtaposition of racism and the testimonies.) It is beyond my powers to manage the direction and outcome of these conversations. For the most part, I try to just avoid them because of the way talking about it stirs up so much turbulent (even violent) emotion and easily becomes destructive. And to what avail?

A couple of years ago at New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions, I discovered an organization called the Center for the

Study of White American Culture. CSWAC offers workshops that provide safe environments for conversations to take place that can bring light for healing to our deeply buried beliefs and feelings about racism. Thanks to their work, I have progressed from feeling like I do not belong to any race to feeling that I belong to all. Like it or not, I’m all yours. But I still won’t want to talk to you about it in a casual, spontaneous way. Maybe we will meet one day in a workshop. . . .

The Center for the Study of White American Culture is a multi-racial organization that seeks to build an equitable society in the United States by decentering white culture and centering an anti-racist multiracial culture free of white supremacy. For more information, visit www.euroamerican.org.

Staying on Campus

Room Reservations

The yearly meeting office will send your reservation forms to Silver Bay YMCA, which will acknowledge your room reservation and request a nonrefundable room deposit of 25 percent per person, to be applied to your final bill. **Do not send room deposits to the NYYM office.** The balance of the Silver Bay charges must be paid at the Silver Bay desk before you leave. Silver Bay cannot guarantee housing or food for those who do not preregister and pay their room deposit by Silver Bay's deadline.

Preference for rooms is given to those who stay for the entire week. Rooms are assigned in the order in which requests are received. We advise that you register early.

All rooms are typically rated for double occupancy. Beds for children may be added to some of the larger rooms. If you require a single room, you may want to consider off-campus accommodations. The actual beds are twin-size. A few double-size beds are available in the Inn, Bayview, and Trinity. If you would like a double-size bed, please indicate that on your registration form.

Depending on when you register, no rooms may be available at your requested price, so you may be assigned to a room at a higher price. You will receive prior notice if this is necessary. Room reservations will not be held after 6:00 pm on the day of your expected arrival unless the room is completely prepaid or you call Silver Bay to notify them of your late arrival. If you need to cancel, call Silver Bay (518-543-8833, ext. 350) so your room can be reassigned.

Silver Bay room check-in begins at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 24. Checkout time is 11:00 am daily, with the conference ending on Saturday, July 30, at checkout time. Luggage can be left in designated areas after checking out. Those not out of their rooms by 11:00 am will be charged for an extra day. No refunds are issued for early departures, unless arrangements are made prior to check-in.

All rates are per person (double occupancy) and include a 5% gratuity. Suites in Bayview and the Inn have a surcharge of \$25 per day, in addition to all other charges, if occupied by fewer than three persons. The half-conference rate is for those attending from Sunday, July 24, to Wednesday, July 27, or Wednesday, July 27, to Saturday, July 30. The extra day rates are for those who wish to arrive early on Saturday, July 23. Silver Bay does not guarantee that you will be assigned to the same room on the extra day.

Clustering (staying in rooms that are close together) is required of all parents / guardians / sponsors and the children they are supervising. **Please send in your registrations together.**

No one should go to Silver Bay YMCA without an advance registration with New York Yearly Meeting and assurance from Silver Bay that there is room for you.

Off-Campus and Day Registrants

Friends camping, commuting, or taking rooms off-campus are asked to give their addresses for the week on the registration form. Otherwise, please supply this information when registering at Silver Bay when you arrive. Name badges are required for all attenders. Lost badges incur a \$2 replacement charge.



The beach at Silver Bay

People staying on campus pay for the use of facilities through their lodging costs; those living off-campus (including lean-tos and tent platforms), and daily commuters pay for the use of the facilities through a day-use fee, paid when checking in at Silver Bay when you

arrive. This fee allows use of the facilities, including the swimming areas, gym, art center, and boathouse.

(Note: these fees are in addition to the NYYM registration fee.)

Day-use fees for use of facilities for off-campus and day guests:

Per Day:	\$25 per adult	Per Week:	\$144 per adult
	\$18 per youth 6-17		\$101 per youth 6-17
	\$41 per family		\$247 per family

Children five and under pay no day-use fee when accompanied by a paying adult guest. "Family" is defined as members who share a household and live together as a family unit.

Meals for Off-Campus and Day Guests

Meal tickets for the Silver Bay dining room can be purchased at the Inn front desk in advance of desired meals. A name badge must be worn and a meal ticket presented at the dining room. The cost per meal is: \$14 breakfast • \$14 lunch • \$19 dinner.

Youth ages 6-17 are half the adult meal rate. Children five and under eat for no charge when accompanied by a paying adult.

If you intend to buy meal tickets when you arrive at Silver Bay, please indicate this on your registration form.

More about Accommodations on the next page =>

Youth Room Rates

For youth ages 12-17, deduct \$30 per person per night.
 For children 6-11, deduct \$40 per person per night.
 Children 0-5 are complimentary.
 These discounts do not apply to the Platform/Lean-to rates.

Adult Room Rates

Full Conference Rates (6 Nights)								
	Inn Private Bath	Inn Shared Bath	Trinity	Bayview	Hepbron/Locust/Paine	Hemlock	Overlook	Platform/Lean-to
Single	1440	1110	1590	1284	750	888	528	162
Double	948	804	1020	870	600	660	354	162
Triple	780	678	828	732	546	594	N/A	162
Quad	690	630	N/A	660	N/A	552	N/A	162
Half-conference Rates (3 Nights)								
Single	720	555	795	642	375	444	264	81
Double	474	402	510	435	300	330	177	81
Triple	390	339	414	366	273	297	N/A	81
Quad	345	315	N/A	330	N/A	276	N/A	81
Extra Day Rates (1 Night)								
Single	240	185	265	214	125	148	88	27
Double	158	134	170	145	100	110	57	27
Triple	130	113	138	122	91	99	N/A	27
Quad	115	105	N/A	110	N/A	92	N/A	27

Helpful People at Silver Bay

- Conference Services Liaison: Martha Gurvich
- Display Requests: Karen Snare
- Financial Assistance: Helen Garay Toppins
- Food-Service Coordinator: Martha Gurvich
- General Scheduling: Melanie-Claire Mallison
- Golf Cart Coordinator: Angel Ramos
- Greetings to Absent Friends: TBD
- Interest Group Coordinator: Helen Garay Toppins
- JYM Program Coordinators: Ellie Rosenberg & Rebecca Wolf
- *Daily Minute* Editor: Communications Director
- Special Needs: Martha Gurvich
- Whisper Buddies: Jillian Smith
- Worship Sharing Groups: Melanie-Claire Mallison
- All registration questions: Helen Garay Toppins, office@nyym.org; 212-673-5750; NYYM Office, 15 Rutherford Pl., NY, NY 10003. 

Special Needs at Silver Bay

Martha Gurvich, Special Needs Coordinator

Friends who indicate special needs on their registration form will receive a form from the NYYM office requesting specific information on your needs. This information is only shared with Silver Bay as needed to find appropriate accommodation. Friends will also have opportunities to serve as special-needs volunteers with a checkbox on the registration form.

Housing. Five mobility-accessible sleeping rooms, with bathrooms, are reserved in the Inn for those using wheelchairs (and their roommates). One-tenth of the rooms in the Inn will be reserved for people who, for any reason, find it physically difficult to room elsewhere. These rooms will be held only until July 1 and then will be released for general availability.

If you have a disability or illness that makes it hard for you to climb hills or steps, please make sure that you sign up early and request one of the reserved rooms. Financial assistance is available from the Equalization Fund.

Friends who are unable to transfer themselves to and from wheelchair/bed, etc., and require special assistance with dressing, bathing, or other personal needs must arrange this assistance on their own and the person assisting them must stay in their room. The caregiver must attend for the length of the stay of the person they are helping.


Special Needs for Worhup & Meetings continued in next column

Accommodations


Lean-to and Tent Camping


Campers attending Summer Sessions have three options:

- Adirondack-style lean-tos on Ryan's Ridge, a 15-minute hike up Woodside Trail on the west side of Rt 9.
- Raised wooden platforms 20'x20' on a knoll behind the gym.
- Rogers Rock State Park near Ticonderoga.

For more details regarding lean-to and tent camping, visit our website: nyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2016-Accommodations. 


Alert to Guests Needing a Roommate

Silver Bay YMCA will make every effort to find you a roommate, but cannot guarantee to find one. Guests will be less likely to incur a single-room rate if they make their own contact for rooming together. Silver Bay will inform registrants one week prior to arrival if they are unable to find a roommate. All guests are responsible to make full payment for the period for which they register regardless of their actual length of stay; thus a remaining roommate would not be financially responsible for the early, unplanned departure of another roommate (since there is no refund for early departure). A guest who has no roommate registered will be charged for the single rate. To be sure there are no misunderstandings, it is best for roommates to register at the same time, noting they are roommates on the registration form, and check in together at Silver Bay when they arrive. 

Worship and Meetings. The people who set up the worship-sharing groups need to know if you have hearing or physical problems so that note takers can be provided or accessible locations allocated. Please indicate on your registration form if you require such assistance. 

12-Step Meetings

Roseann Press, Contact person, rpress123@gmail.com


12-Step Meetings will be held every evening: 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday; 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Nurture Coordinating Committee has oversight of these meetings, but needs to hear from people who would be willing to take responsibility for one or more of the meetings. To volunteer, please contact Roseann Press at rpress123@gmail.com. 

Food Service at Silver Bay

Martha Gurvich, Food Service Coordinator

Friends, please remember: you must be wearing your name badge to enter the dining hall. Lost badges incur a \$2 replacement charge.

Meals begin with dinner on Sunday evening and conclude with breakfast on Saturday. If you plan to arrive at Silver Bay early enough to have lunch on Sunday, you must make arrangements with Silver Bay YMCA in advance to purchase this meal; it is not part of the conference package. Likewise, if you intend to stay through Saturday lunch, you must arrange and pay for Saturday lunch at the Front Desk by the Thursday of the conference.


If you are a vegetarian, please indicate this on your registration form. Please see the NYYM website for additional information regarding special diets, special food storage, and dining hall hours of operations. 

Healing Work at Summer Sessions

Buffy Curtis, Contact person

This year at Summer Sessions, The Healing Center will begin its second decade of service to the yearly meeting. It will be located in Sproul Pavilion and will have regularly scheduled hours for healing work. The hours are dependent upon the corporate body schedule so remain flexible.

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 on Sunday night in Sproul. Notices will be posted for time.


Please see the NYYM website for more information on how you can help with this important work and its contribution to our work and play together. 



Golf Cart Drivers Needed

Angel Ramos, Coordinator

Silver Bay is a beautiful place, but for some Friends, it is challenging to walk up and down the hills and from one meeting place to another. As in previous years, we will have golf carts to help Friends get around. We need volunteers to drive the carts. Are you 21 or older with a valid, clean driver's license? Those are the requirements to volunteer as a part-time golf cart driver. Driving the cart is easy, fun, a great way to serve the community, and a wonderful way to get to know Friends of all ages you might not otherwise meet. Please see the NYYM for more information and how to volunteer.

If 40 NYYM Friends each volunteer to drive a golf cart for two hours during the week, we will be able to maintain the level of golf cart service we want to offer. To commit to driving for two hours or more, please contact the NYYM office at office@nyym.org. You may also contact the Golf Cart Coordinator, Angel Ramos. His contact information is in the *Yearbook*. 

About Fundraising During Summer Sessions

Melanie-Claire Mallison, contact person, msmellie@gmail.com

Three events at Summer Sessions raise money exclusively for Powell House and the Sharing Fund: the Fun(d) Fair, the Tagless Tag Sale, and Cafe Night. Other Quaker (and non-Quaker) groups sometimes seek ways to raise money for their own projects and organizations, and this is possible within certain guidelines. Please see the yearly meeting website (nyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2016-AtSilver-Bay#fundraising) for these details about fundraising during Summer Sessions.



Fun(d) Fair 1995 – Carol Mallison, photographer

NYYM Committee Work and Displays

Contact person, Karen Snare, karensnare@aol.com

Summer Sessions is a wonderful time for anyone connected to a NYYM committee to do their work and share information with the yearly meeting—inviting folks to their committee meetings, reporting during meeting for business, and offering materials at a display space, to name a few options. Information will be emailed to all NYYM committee clerks regarding committee meeting needs; please request display space by downloading our form at nyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2016-AtSilverBay. If you have any questions or concerns regarding committee meetings or display space, please contact Helen Garay Toppins, office@nyym.org or 212-673-5750, or Karen Snare, karensnare@aol.com, respectively.

TRAVEL TO SILVER BAY

Share a Ride to Silver Bay!

Visit our **Rideshare website** to offer rides to other Friends or to find a ride to Silver Bay. The url is:

<https://www.groupcarpool.com/new2/khfatn>.

On Your Way to Silver Bay

Adirondack Friends Meeting invites Friends to visit meeting for worship on Sunday, July 24—a wonderful way to extend your knowledge of NYYM Friends and add a worshipful break to your journey. Adirondack Meeting is about one hour south of Silver Bay in South Glens Falls. Worship is programmed and begins at 10:30 a.m.; refreshments and sharing follow. The meeting is at 27 Saratoga Ave., South Glens Falls NY 12803. For more info, contact Jodi Distefano, jmdlmt@yahoo.com or 518-232-6329.

Driving Directions & Public Transportation

See nyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2016-Travel for these details.

Ellie Rosenberg & Rebecca Wolf, Coordinators

Welcome young Friends and parents/guardians to Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) 2016!

Here are some basic things for everyone to remember:

When you arrive at Silver Bay YMCA, you must check in with Silver Bay to get room assignments, and then proceed to the JYM registration area in Gullen Lounge in the Inn. JYM registration will be open from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Those registering Monday morning or later should go to the JYM area in Gullen Lounge. Please bring your child's relevant medical history, parental consent forms, and a record of any allergies. If you are sponsoring a JYM youth, you will need a medical form signed BY THE YOUTH'S PARENT in order to register. (See page 11 for the list of JYM forms found online.)

Where does my child go? Each JYM group is based on the grade the young Friend will be entering in the fall, from 1st to 12th. Each group meets in the same space every day. These spaces will be posted at JYM Registration.

For children from infancy through those entering kindergarten, Silver Bay offers childcare Monday through Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m., which is supplemented by a JYM volunteer. See the Silver Bay Camp Booklet (available online) for more information on the SB program. We ask parents to sign up to help cover the time between 11:45 and 12:15 so parents can take turns attending meeting for business. This will be coordinated by the JYM volunteer. The yearly meeting covers the fee to Silver Bay for this service, but this means that parents MUST submit the Silver Bay Enrollment Form watermarked with NYYM (also online) in order for Silver Bay to bill NYYM. If you do not use this form, you will be expected to pay Silver Bay directly for childcare. Donations to offset this cost are appreciated from any Friend, parent or not, who wishes to contribute. You must also complete a JYM medical form for JYM registration. This will enable your child to participate in PM childcare and other JYM sponsored events.

When does JYM meet? Every morning, the gathered body of the yearly meeting meets in the auditorium for Community Worship from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. The young Friends will then leave the auditorium with their JYM group and be in their program until 12:15 p.m. Please make sure that your child gets enough rest every night to be able to participate effectively in his/her JYM group each morning. If your child will not be attending group on a given day, please notify the group leaders or the JYM Coordinators. Children under 9 cannot be dismissed from JYM until a designated adult picks them up. Parents and guardians please let the group leaders know in advance if you wish them to release your child to someone other than yourself.

Morning worship sharing for teens. Young Friends entering 10th to 12th grade are invited to attend adult worship sharing groups from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and should indicate their choice on their registration forms. They are expected to join the Senior High JYM group right after worship sharing.

High School Gatherings. The teens will also meet in evening JYM Sessions from 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Afternoon and evening childcare. JYM provides cooperative childcare for children up through the age of 10, with JYM volunteers and JYM parents, every day during committee meeting times and most evening session times. These times will be posted at JYM registration and in the weekly *Program*. Evening childcare ends at 9 p.m. Please note: If childcare is required after 9 p.m. or outside of PM Childcare hours, please contact Silver Bay to arrange for childcare services at an hourly rate that will be charged to the parents/guardians. All the PM Childcare sessions rely on volunteer help and all parents who bring children to PM Childcare are expected to give an hour to the program. There must be one adult for every four children. Two volunteers from JYM will supervise each session. You can sign up to help during JYM registration at the JYM table in Gullen Lounge, or at any time with the JYM PM Childcare volunteers in Morse Hall. We thank you in advance for helping to provide care for all of the children in our community.

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Junior Yearly Meeting

How do I know where my child is during the day? During official JYM sessions, they should be with their JYM groups. If your child's group will leave their regular space on a given day for a special event, you will be informed, and/or a notice will be posted on the door of the regular meeting place. Any child not attending an age-appropriate JYM group must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or parentally designated adult companion during JYM session times. Parents/guardians/sponsors are responsible for JYMers whenever they are not with their JYM group or JYM childcare. We suggest that you have a regular check-in time and location for the young Friend(s) and the parent/guardian/sponsor to connect with each other each day.

Which group will my child be assigned to? The JYM groups are organized by standard public school grades in an effort to build on the strengths and needs of our children. Experience has shown us that placing children in groups with attenders years older or younger than they are does not work well for community building. Although it is tempting to ask that siblings who are assigned to different groups be placed together, we have found that this is usually a hindrance to both the children and the JYM group.

Can the JYM volunteers provide for my child with special needs? We welcome and are enriched by the participation of all children in our community. If your child will attend JYM and needs a very high level of individual attention because of a physical or developmental need, please plan to participate with them in the program. The JYM program does not have enough volunteer staff with special training to provide for all special needs. Please contact the JYM Coordinators if you have questions about your child's participation.

Can my child go to Silver Bay without me? If your child is under 18, he/she may attend Silver Bay with an adult sponsor. The sponsor should be designated by the parent or legal guardian and must be at least 10 years older than the young Friend they are sponsoring. The sponsor and the child should know each other reasonably well. When you register your child to attend Summer Sessions, please indicate who their sponsor is, send your child's registration in with that person's, and indicate that they will be clustering (rooming near each other). Please send a SIGNED, completed medical information form with your child, to be turned in at JYM registration.

What is clustering? People in a "cluster" are assigned rooms in the same building, on the same floor, in close proximity to one another. Clustering allows children and their parents, guardians, or sponsors to check in with one another and communicate responsibly. You must request clustering when you register for Summer Sessions at Silver Bay, and if feasible, send in the clustering registration forms together.

What do I need to bring? If you register with enough lead time, JYM volunteers working with your group will send you a letter explaining what you will be doing in your group and listing certain things they think you may want to bring with you. We suggest that everybody bring along a beach towel, bathing suit, sunscreen, sturdy shoes, and rain gear. The weather at Silver Bay is unpredictable and can be quite cool. Be prepared for this by packing some warmer clothing (for example, long pants, sweatshirts, windbreaker).

Snacks. All families are asked to bring a can of juice and healthy non-sugary cracker snacks for our JYM groups to share during snack time. These contributions can be brought to the JYM registration area or JYM office in the Boathouse.

About cell phones and electronic devices. We come to yearly meeting gatherings to create a Blessed Community. This requires that we be present to each other. With this in mind, the JYM Committee has agreed that cell phones and other electronic devices will not be used during JYM program. JYMers are advised to leave their devices safely in their rooms. If you bring one to group, you will be asked to put it in a basket during group time. JYM adult volunteers have walkie-talkies to use in case of an emergency.

Whom do I talk to if I have any questions? The JYM Coordinators, Ellie Rosenberg and Rebecca Wolf, are available to answer questions about JYM during our week at Silver Bay. Except during Community Worship times, one of the Coordinators will be available Monday through Friday, from 9:15 to 12:15, at the JYM table in Gullen Lounge. You can also go to the clerk of JYM Committee, Dawn Pozzi, or the NYYM conference office in the Inn. If you cannot find us and want to leave a note, there is a message board in the Inn for that purpose.

JYM volunteers needed! JYM volunteers give their time to the yearly meeting at Summer Sessions at Silver Bay working with the youth in grades K–12. Volunteer group leaders plan and carry out a program prepared at the June JYM Planning Weekend at Powell House. JYM group leaders also provide afternoon and evening childcare (referred to as "PM Childcare") for children through age 10 during committee and session times Monday–Friday. Financial assistance is made available to JYM volunteers.

Adult presences needed! Afternoon and evening childcare programs offered by Junior Yearly Meeting are always happy to have additional Friendly adults. You can sign up to help during JYM registration at the JYM table in Gullen Lounge, or at any time with the JYM PM Childcare volunteers. We thank you in advance for helping to provide care for all of the children in our community.

If you are interested in serving the yearly meeting as a JYM volunteer in future years, please speak with Ellie Rosenberg or Rebecca Wolf, Coordinators of JYM 2016.

Parent Meeting on Sunday, July 24th, 8 p.m.

JYM will host 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: 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. NYYM

JYM Forms Online—see nnyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2016-JYM

< [NYYM-Youth-Medical-Form.pdf](#) >

< [NYYMCampEnrollmentForm-2016.pdf](#) >

< [SilverBayCampBooklet-2016.pdf](#) > NYYM

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Worship at Summer Sessions

See nnyym.org/?q=SummerSessions2016-Program for details about the many opportunities for worship this year. NYYM

Registration Fees

For the first time in a very long time, Sessions Committee has raised the registration fees for NYYM Summer Sessions. This increase is necessary to cover the real costs of running a week-long conference, such as staff, participant materials, and other supporting logistics. If we add up all these factors and divide the cost evenly over 500 participants, the registration fee would be approximately \$145 per person. It is unlikely that we will ever raise our fee that high, but this small incremental change will bring us closer to paying our fair share of the conference costs. NYYM

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2016 NYYM REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES

NYYM registration fees (not to be confused with the room deposit for Silver Bay YMCA) must be included with the completed registration form for everyone age three and older. Everyone (all ages) must be registered, even the under-threes.

Registration Fee Chart

	Until July 15	July 15–July 24	July 24–29
Adults	\$60	\$90	\$100
Young Adults (18-35 yrs)	\$52	\$82	\$92
JYM Youth (3 yrs to 17 yrs)	\$40	\$55	\$60
Family Group—2 adults & all children under 18 in room with parents	\$97	\$127	\$137
Family Cluster—2 adults & all children under 18 in 2 rooms with adult in each room	\$120	\$150	\$160
Per-day fee—applicable only to all those attending less than half session	\$25	\$30	\$35

NYYM Summer Sessions Registration for **One Adult** Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY July 24–30, 2016

BEFORE July 20 return to: NYYM, 15 Rutherford Place, New York NY 10003
AFTER July 20 send to: Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks, 87 Silver Bay Rd., Silver Bay NY 12874; 518-543-8833

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Meeting _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day phone (____) _____ Evening phone (____) _____
E-mail address _____

Check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circle of Young Friends (ages 18-35) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults with young children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First time at Summer Sessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Caregivers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JYM Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Transformation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Earthcare <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Aging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not list me as attending | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's <input type="checkbox"/> Racial Healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's <input type="checkbox"/> Unprogrammed |

Special needs: hearing seeing walking other: _____

I will volunteer for: Golf cart driver Microphone carrier
 Assisting Friends with special needs PM Childcare Healing Ctr

Silver Bay YMCA Housing:

Arrival day & date _____ **Departure day & date** _____

I prefer the same room assignment as last year
First choice _____ Rate: \$ _____
Second choice _____ Rate: \$ _____

If neither is available, **location** is more important
 If neither is available, **price** is more important

Name of parent/sponsor/other roommate _____

I will cluster with _____

Please assign me a roommate _____

I will stay off-campus at (name/address) _____

_____ I am eating all meals on campus

Only these meals: _____

Request for financial assistance (due 7/8/16)

Source of funds: Private \$ _____

Provided by monthly/regional meeting \$ _____

Requested from Equalization Fund* \$ _____

** notification from monthly meeting clerk required*

Registration fee enclosed (see fee chart above) \$ _____

Donation to Equalization Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____

Donation to support AM Childcare (tax deductible) \$ _____

NYYM Summer Sessions Registration for **JYM** **One Person Under 18 Years Of Age** Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY July 24–30, 2016

BEFORE July 20 return to: NYYM, 15 Rutherford Place, New York NY 10003
AFTER July 20 send to: Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks, 87 Silver Bay Rd., Silver Bay NY 12874; 518-543-8833

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Meeting _____
Age now _____ Grade in fall _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day phone (____) _____ Evening phone (____) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Check all that apply:

- Female Male Vegetarian First time at YM/JYM

Special needs: hearing seeing walking other: _____

Sponsor at YM if other than parent/guardian: _____

Grades 10, 11, & 12 Worship Group choice _____

(Worship groups are listed on the adult registration form.)

Silver Bay YMCA Housing:

Arrival day & date _____ **Departure day & date** _____

I prefer the same room assignment as last year
First choice _____ Rate: \$ _____
Second choice _____ Rate: \$ _____

If neither is available, **location** is more important
 If neither is available, **price** is more important

Name of parent/sponsor/other roommate _____

I will cluster with _____

I will stay off-campus at (name/address) _____

_____ I am eating all meals on campus

Only these meals: _____

Request for financial assistance (due 7/8/16)

Source of funds: Private \$ _____

Provided by monthly/regional meeting \$ _____

Requested from Equalization Fund* \$ _____

** notification from monthly meeting clerk required*

Registration fee enclosed (see fee chart) \$ _____

Remember to review the Participant Expectations and NYYM Agreements on page 8.