

## Message from the Clerk

Beloved Friends –

Welcome to the 316th Annual Sessions of New York Yearly Meeting!

As we consider the way of peace with the earth, may we be conduits of kindness, truth, and love shining for all beings—in our meetings for worship and discernment, and in the dining room and the lines for the bathroom, in our action and witness in the world, and in speaking truth to each other in love. May we forgive each other with tenderness and hope, remembering our own stumbles and how we have been forgiven.

Prepared in our personal seeking, let us gather to wait on the Inward Teacher, the source of Love and Truth, for the grace of surrender. A Friend said, “Without surrender, we cannot be led.” I know I need to practice surrender every day—in our culture it feels like a very radical choice! Sometimes we have to yield to the call to speak our doubts and say hard things. May we receive such speaking with tenderness and gratitude.

Over and over we are called to faith, and to faithfulness. There is a story about Abram as a youth being tied up and thrown into the fire because of his radical faith. Instead of burning him, the fire destroyed what bound him, and set him free. Let us burn brightly in our faith, in our actions big and small, in our daily encounters. Let those who meet us discover in themselves a hunger for what shines through us.

As we worship, work, and play together this week, let us enter into this mystery with curiosity. Let us embrace the creativity inherent in conflict that transforms us. Let our hearts and minds be open, free of assumptions and set ideas, and also childlike, eager, and trusting. We are not called to be perfect, to fix everything, to right every wrong—we are simply called to be faithful.

Let us wait, and listen, and then wait and listen some more.

In loving and joyful friendship,

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## Clerk's Tea

The Clerk's Tea is happening on Sunday from 4:00–5:30 and again on Wednesday from 6:00–7:00. This informal gathering provides an opportunity to welcome newcomers, and those who feel like newcomers, and those who like to welcome newcomers. It's a chance to make connections and to ask questions and start sorting out the sometimes baffling world of Summer Sessions and our Yearly Meeting.

All are invited to both teas, which will take place in Gullen Lounge, in the northern end of the Inn.

## PROGRAM NOTES

### Welcome to NYYM Summer Sessions at Silver Bay

Besides the events listed in this program, Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks has its own schedule of activities, which can be found in their publication, *The Breeze*. Please observe all Silver Bay rules and requirements.

Badges are required on campus. The name badges provide a good way to start conversations with people of any age, particularly those with a blue dot on their name badges. These people are first-time attendees at Summer Sessions.

Questions about residential rooms are directed to the Silver Bay YMCA desk.

Questions about Yearly Meeting services, facilities, program, or program rooms should be directed to the New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM) conference office in the Inn lobby or the Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) office in the upper Boathouse.

### Meals on Campus

Badges are used in place of meal tickets. All meals are cafeteria style.

Those staying off-campus may buy meal tickets at the Silver Bay YMCA desk at least one meal before you expect to eat in the dining room. Those wanting the meal package for their entire stay must purchase it on arrival.

Those who want a box lunch on Saturday must place orders at the Silver Bay desk by Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

## **Announcements**

Use the NYYM *Minute* each day for announcements such as program changes or special events. Items should be placed in the *Minute* box at the NYYM conference office by 6:30 p.m. for the following day; they must be signed and previously checked for accuracy, legibility, and availability of facilities.

For emergency announcements, check with John Cooley, clerk of the Sessions Committee. Do not use the cafeteria microphone.

## **The Community**

Clerk Heather Cook and Assistant Clerk Jeff Hitchcock will meet Monday through Friday for worship with the expanded Liaison Committee (which consists of the clerks of the four sections, reading and recording clerks, general secretary, clerk of the Meetings for Discernment Steering Committee, and a representative from JYM). We will hold in prayer each day how the Spirit is moving in the community and the prepared business coming before the meeting that day. Please address questions about the agenda to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting or the appropriate coordinating clerk: Ministry, Regina Haag & Amy Willauer-Obermayer; General Services, Jeffrey Aaron; Nurture, Cheshire Frager; Witness, Fred Dettmer; and JYM, Peter Close.

## **The Coordinators**

Messages for coordinators can be posted on the bulletin boards outside the NYYM conference office. JYM coordinators Ginny Haines and Mimi McGiver are available at the JYM office in the upper Boathouse. They welcome your offers of help, suggestions, and inquiries.

The Silver Bay liaison is Martha Gurvich. Contact her with any questions about facilities or about food.

The Sessions Committee, which planned the week, is clerked by John Cooley. Committee members have red dots on their name badges. They will be glad to help you. Please ask them.

For use of audiovisual aids during committee or interest group times, consult Martha Gurvich. It is necessary to clear use of both space and equipment in advance.

For questions about displays, check with the NYYM conference office.

John Cooley, our off-campus coordinator, can be contacted with concerns of off-campus participants.

The NYYM *Minute* editor is Barbara Von Salis.

Friends with special physical challenges may contact Ron Inskip.

The 12-Step program coordinator is Boyce Benge. The golf cart coordinator is Don Kissil.

To schedule additional committee or group meetings, contact the NYYM conference office for time and space.

For medical problems, consult the Silver Bay nurse. The nurse's office is on the first residential floor of the Inn at the end of the north wing, next to room 140. Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays. (Check with the Silver Bay desk if the nurse is not in the office.) A nurse is on call 24 hours a day for emergencies.

## **Message Center**

Friends at the NYYM conference office will help provide information. Messages can be left on the bulletin boards opposite the conference office, at the bottom of the stairs. Everyone is asked to check frequently for messages.

Requests for committee photocopies should be made only at the NYYM conference office, by the clerk of the requesting committee. It is important to take leftover reports and papers with you when you leave the campus.

The NYYM conference office is not open during meetings for worship with a concern for business.

## **Meetings in the Auditorium**

Please try to arrive early, settling into worship in preparation for meeting for worship with attention to the affairs of the Yearly Meeting. We ask that you come to the front of the auditorium for seats with better acoustics. If you wish to speak, after being recognized by the Clerk please wait for the microphone before beginning to speak. Bells ring at the beginning of meals and at the end of worship sharing and Bible study.

Visiting Friends are asked to give their names to the NYYM conference office and to indicate which session will be their first one, so that the Yearly Meeting Clerk can welcome them.

## **Committee Meetings**

In general, visitors are cordially invited to all committee meetings, but they are asked to respect the agendas and, should they have matters to discuss, inform the committee clerk before the meeting starts.

## Junior Yearly Meeting

Regular groups meet daily, Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Young Friends are assigned to groups according to the grade they are entering in the fall.

The JYM office is located in the upper Boathouse. Look for the signs!

Parents, guardians, and sponsors have responsibility for their children and must register at the JYM office after registering with Silver Bay. At registration, each JYMer receives a schedule of group activities (there are extra copies for parents) and can refer to this throughout the week. The schedules and other important information are posted in the JYM office in the upper Boathouse.

All youth 10 years and above are welcome to participate in interest groups. The upper High School group sponsors the Thursday evening Café Night.

A childcare program for children up to age 10 will be available Monday–Friday afternoons and some evenings, depending on parent volunteers. A schedule will be posted at JYM Registration, as well as a sign-up for parents to help out. JYM will coordinate volunteers to supplement the Silver Bay staff in their preschool morning program at the Children’s Pavilion, 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday–Friday.

JYM needs volunteers to create a fun-filled environment. Please come to the JYM office to learn how to volunteer.

Each day parents should pick up their preschool through 3rd grade children before 12:00 noon at their group meeting places. Everyone is welcome at the community worship in the Auditorium from 12:00 to 12:15.

JYM coordinators Ginny Haines and Mimi McGiver are available in the JYM office between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. every day. JYM staff meetings are held each morning at 7:30 a.m. in Morse Hall.

## The Book Table

Members of the Committee for the Expenditure of the H.H. Mosher Fund invite browsing and buying.

## Early Evening Events

Bible study will be 6:45–7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. This year, our leaders for Bible study will be Kristina and Callid Keefe-Perry from Rochester Monthly Meeting.

Informal singing will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in front of the Inn, Monday through Thursday.

## SUNDAY, JULY 17

### P.M.

2:00–3:45	Sessions Committee—Inn conference room
4:00–5:30	General registration—Inn JYM registration—upper Boathouse Clerk’s Tea—Inn Gullen lounge
5:00	Worship group leaders’ orientation—Inn suite 230
5:30–6:30	Dinner in cafeteria
6:30–6:45	JYM Meet-up—Auditorium
6:45–7:45	Community worship & welcome
8:00–9:00	Parents/sponsors/guardians information gathering—Auditorium Junior Yearly Meeting registration—upper Boathouse
9:00	Circle of Young Friends welcoming gathering—Gray Pavilion (high school seniors invited)
9:00–10:00	Meeting for Discernment elders—Morse Hall
10:00	12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
11:00	Quiet time

## Monday, July 18

### A.M.

- 6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch  
6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to  
NYYM affairs—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge  
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
1:45–2:45 Committee meetings  
Aging Concerns—Inn suite 230  
Black Concerns—Trinity lounge  
Faith & Practice—Munn  
Financial Services—Bayview lounge  
Friends World Committee on Consultation—Field  
Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130  
Junior Yearly Meeting—Boathouse office  
Ministry & Pastoral Care—Paine porch  
Personnel—location TBA  
Prisons—Brookside lounge  
Records Committee—Inn conference room  
Young Friends in Residence—Gray Pavilion  
Youth Committee—Inn library  
3:00–4:00 Committee meetings  
Advancement—Paine rotunda  
Aging Concerns—Inn suite 230  
Epistle—Bayview suite 3  
Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130  
Ministry & Pastoral Care—Paine porch  
Nominating—Inn conference room  
Prisons—Brookside lounge  
Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion  
Youth Committee—Inn library  
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship  
4:15–5:15 FLGBTQ worship—Gray Pavilion  
Meeting for Healing—Sproul Pavilion  
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch  
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial  
6:30–7:45 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
6:45–7:30 Bible study—Auditorium  
Storytelling—Inn lawn  
Circle of Young Friends games for all ages—meet in front of Field  
7:45 – 9:15 Plenary with speakers  
9:30–10:45 Reception for speakers—Inn Gullen lounge  
11:00 Quiet time

## Tuesday, July 19

### A.M.

- 6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch  
6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:15–12:00 Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
1:45–2:45 Community worship—Auditorium  
2:45–4:00 Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium  
4:00–5:00 Reception for Young Adult field secretary—Inn Gullen lounge  
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship  
4:15–5:15 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)  
Worship in the Spirit of Christ—Inn suite 130  
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
6:45–7:30 Bible study—Auditorium  
Storytelling—Inn lawn  
7:45–9:15 Reflections on Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium  
Interest groups (see posted lists)  
9:30 Circle of Young Friends—sponsored discussion for all ages—Morse Hall  
10:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  
11:00 Quiet time

## Wednesday, July 20

### A.M.

- 6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch  
6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to NYYM affairs—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
Opportunity to order box lunches for Saturday—Silver Bay desk  
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge  
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
1:45–3:45 Fun(d) Fair  
3:15–5:30 Coordinating Committees  
Ministry—Brookside lounge  
General Services—Munn  
Nurture—Auditorium  
Witness—Field  
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
6:00–7:00 Clerk’s Tea—Inn Gullen lounge  
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch  
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial  
6:30–8:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
6:45–7:30 Bible Study—Auditorium  
Storytelling—Inn lawn  
7:45–9:15 Interest groups (see posted lists)  
7:45–10:45 Awakening the Dreamer Symposium—Auditorium  
11:00 Quiet time

## Thursday, July 21

### A.M.

- 6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch  
6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to NYYM affairs—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
Last opportunity to order box lunches for Saturday—Silver Bay desk  
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
1:45–2:45 Committee meetings  
Advancement—Paine rotunda  
Aging Concerns—Inn suite 230  
Black Concerns—Brookside lounge  
Conscientious Objection to Paying for War—Inn porch (near dining room)  
Epistle—Bayview suite 3  
Financial Services—Bayview lounge  
Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130  
Junior Yearly Meeting—Boathouse office  
Meetings for Discernment Steering Committee—Trinity lounge  
Nominating—Inn conference room  
Spiritual Nurture—Bayview suite 2  
Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion  
Youth Committee—Inn library  
3:00–4:00 Coordinating Committees  
Ministry—Brookside lounge  
General Services—Munn  
Nurture—Auditorium  
Witness—Field  
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship  
4:15–5:15 Meeting for Racial Healing—Morse Hall  
Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)  
4:30–5:30 Meeting for Racial Healing—Morse Hall  
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch  
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial  
6:30–7:45 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
6:45–7:30 Bible study—upper Boathouse  
Storytelling—Inn lawn  
7:15–9:15 Café Night—Auditorium  
9:15 Community contra dance—upper Boathouse  
10:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130  
11:00 Quiet time

## Friday, July 22

### A.M.

- 6:00–7:00 Coffee, communion, and conversation—Auditorium porch  
6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations  
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion  
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)  
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel  
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to NYYM affairs—Auditorium

### P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria  
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge  
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall  
1:45–4:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium  
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship  
4:15–5:15 FLGBTQ worship—Gray Pavilion  
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria  
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall  
6:45–9:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium  
9:00 Council of All Beings bonfire  
9:30 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 13  
11:00 Quiet time

## Saturday, July 23

### A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim  
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse  
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria  
9:30–10:30 Community worship under the care of  
MCC—Auditorium  
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria

*Please vacate your sleeping rooms by 11:00 a.m.*

*Those who ordered box lunches instead of  
cafeteria lunches may pick up their boxes  
after breakfast.*