

2018 SUMMER SESSIONS INTEREST GROUPS

SESSION 1A – TUESDAY, 7:45-8:45 PM

Addressing Climate Change with Peace & Justice - Led by Shelley Tanenbaum, Earthcare Witness General Secretary – Join us as we explore what it means to lovingly and scientifically confront climate disruption, with a focus on environmental justice. What role do you and other Friends have?

Draft Registration---Can we stop it? Led by Bill Galvin, Counseling Director, Center on Conscience & War. We will discuss the current requirements for young men to register, and how Friends may influence the Commission that is studying Selective Service and is charged with making proposals to either end it, or extend it to women.

Institutional Assessment on Racism – Update from FGC – We will discuss next steps, the purpose and progress on the IAR, address questions, and listen to those who may want to have their voices heard on this topic. Led by Sharon Lane-Getaz, co-clerk of the FGC Institutional Assessment on Racism Working Group.

Optimizing Our Meetings and Committees in the Digital Age – Led by Chad Gilmartin, NYYM Digital Communications Director – Who keeps your records? Are they secure? How are your minutes shared or published? Are you losing time digging through emails for the final version of that report? We will discuss how monthly meetings and committees can implement digital solutions to these Digital Age problems. Learn how to: collaborate, share and meet remotely.

Quaker Bolivia Link - A Quaker Response to Poverty – Led by John Scardina
Come learn about the work we are doing in the altiplano of Bolivia (home to 30,000 Quakers) to provide clean water and food security for the Aymara communities.

Right Sharing of World Resources – Led by Jackie Stillwell, RSWR General Secretary

The work of Right Sharing of World Resources is changing. We are researching what works in the economic development field, and adapting our program to the needs of our partners in India, Kenya, and Sierra Leone. Jackie wants to hear from NYYM Friends.

Spiritual Gifts Discussion & Assessment – Led by Hoot Williams

This Interest Group will identify and discuss Spiritual gifts through a unique assessment provided by the facilitator.

What Canst Thou Say? Speaking with People who are Facing Death. – Led by Barbara Spring

In this intergenerational program; participants will share experiences and questions about visiting someone in a nursing home, under hospice care, or who has dementia. We will share how to prepare for these experiences and make them positive memories.

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Facebook Pages for Meetings – Led by Sarah Way, NYYM Communications Director

A Facebook page gives your meeting a presence on the most widely-used social media site in the world. It gives you a place to post your meeting's information, events, announcements, and photos. It serves as an outreach tool and helps build community. We will demonstrate how to create a new Facebook page from scratch.

SESSION 2A – WEDNESDAY, 7:45-8:45 PM

ARCH for Everyone - Led by Callie Janoff, ARCH Director

Come and learn how ARCH Visitor Training can be done via Zoom video conferencing. This session is for anyone interested in becoming an ARCH Visitor and learning about growing older with grace among Friends. No experience with video conferencing necessary; technical support for Zoom provided. Please bring your smart phone, tablet, or laptop.

Being in Right Relationship with Native Peoples with Freida Jacques, Onondaga Turtle Clan Mother

A discussion about relationships between European Settlers and Native Peoples: how to be an ally, acknowledgement of the lands original inhabitants, and what Native Americans are asking of us.

A Big Year in Belize! – Led by Oscar Mmbali

Oscar Mmbali, a Kenyan Friend working for Friends United Meeting, will tell stories and entertain questions about community peace work and the Friends' school in Belize City.

Inclusion and Yearly Meeting Structure – Led by Lu Harper & Anne Pomeroy

NYYM is in the midst of reshaping our structure and how we support witness and ministry. How might we envision a structure that is fully inclusive: race, gender, age, sexuality, ability? Join us to share your experiences and vision.

Focus Group for People of Color – on the **Friends General Conference Institutional Assessment on Racism**, Sharon Lane-Getaz, co-clerk

A Focus Group and update for People of Color on the progress of the Institutional Assessment on Racism and a discussion of next steps.

Institutional Assessment on Racism Purpose & Progress & Updates – Led by Sharon Lane-Getaz, co-clerk

We will discuss the purpose and progress on the IAR, address questions and listen to those who may want to have their voice heard on this topic. An update on the FGC Institutional Assessment on Racism progress with next steps and a Focus Group of participants' opinions.

Opening the Door to Talking about Mental Health – Led by Oliver Waterhouse, Ministry & Outreach, Britain YM

This basic level workshop, being offered to Quaker meetings in Britain, helps raise awareness and initiates conversations on mental health. Suitable for teenagers and adults and for all abilities and understanding of this topic.

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The Powell House Strategic Plan – Q & A Led by Regina Baird Haag

The plan is exciting because it guides, directs and enables the efforts at Powell House, as we seek to continue to be a place of respite and inspiration for those of us who seek to change our world for the better. We will go some details and have lots of Q & A.

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