

Dear Friends,

Friends are more fortunate than many others in the present situation in that we have an extended beloved community with a long history. Although many are struggling with the need to isolate ourselves from each other physically, we are accustomed to joining together spiritually. The remarkable technologies that let us stay in touch are an additional blessing.

Although none of us yet know how and when we will progress through this worldwide crisis to its end, what is clear is that we need to maintain as much semblance as possible of normality so that when we eventually emerge from the isolation that is needed at this time, we will be able to step back into the joy of physical return to the Beloved Community. And this is something that we must all take to heart; it is something spiritually constructive that we can do for ourselves and for each other.

With that in mind, your servant leaders are planning for Summer Sessions as usual or an alternate version if necessary. Our host, Silver Bay YMCA, is doing the same, as way opens. You are encouraged to register for Summer Sessions 2020, as many already have, understanding that you are not risking a financial loss if the lockdown must continue longer than we hope. You are encouraged to give thought to the nature of your expected participation with the current, ongoing assumption that we will gather for our 325th annual session, where we will, God willing, share joyful time together in many ways, including our longstanding joyful experience of Junior Yearly Meeting.

Following is a letter from the hard working Junior Yearly Meeting Committee leaders. Please read it and consider whether you can play a part.

In the Light,
Jeffrey Aaron, Clerk

Dear Friends,

In the hope that we will be able to gather at Summer Sessions in July, we are moving ahead with planning for Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM). We are looking for dedicated people to volunteer with JYM as both group leaders and resource people. We hope that each of you can look around at your circle and see if you can identify someone who has the gift of working with children and teens.

JYM group leaders need not be Quakers, just be in tune with our values and willing to create a loving community for our youngest Friends. Adults of any age are welcome to join the JYM community of volunteers.

Group leaders are charged with creating programming for our young people that aligns with the theme of Summer Sessions. It involves a significant commitment that includes attending a planning meeting weekend at Powell House scheduled for June 5-7th, attending a few meetings at 7:00am during Summer Sessions, and being part of your age group's leadership team Monday-Friday from 9-12:15. In the event that the Planning Weekend at Powell House is not feasible because of COVID19 precautions, an alternate planning strategy will be devised. In exchange for this significant commitment, JYM will cover up to \$500 of the cost of the volunteer attending Summer Sessions.

Resource people are folks who have something to offer our young people and are available to visit a group or two for part of a day and share what they have to offer - e.g. music, games, stories, etc.

If you feel that you could be a JYM group leader or resource person - or you know someone whom you would recommend we reach out to - please answer the questions below and return the form to Dawn Pozzi at quakerdawn@gmail.com. If you have questions, you may call Dawn at 585.328.1178.

Thank you.

The JYM Committee

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JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE

Your Name: _____

Email: _____

_____ I am interested in being a JYM group leader.

_____ I am interested in being a JYM resource person.

_____ I have a recommendation for a JYM group leader: _____

_____ I have a recommendation for a JYM resource person: _____

1. What do you think you would bring to a JYM group? (Or what do you think the person you are recommending would bring to a JYM group?)

2. What experience do you have working with children? (Or what experience does the person you are recommending have?)

3. Which age groups would you be open to working with? (Or which age groups would you recommend this person for?) (Age groups are for rising grades.)

_____ Preschool (3-5 year olds)

_____ Grades 1-2

_____ Grades 3-4

_____ Grades 5-6

_____ Grades 7-9

_____ Grades 10-12

4. Have you been to New York Yearly Meeting sessions before? (Or has the person you are recommending been to NYYM sessions before?) _____ Yes - _____ No

If yes, what resources (if any) that are available at Silver Bay would you want to incorporate into your group activities?

5a. If you are submitting an application for yourself, please list one reference that we can contact who could speak to your work with children.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

5b. If you are recommending someone else, please list their contact information below.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Return to Dawn Pozzi quakerdawn@gmail.com