



# QUAKER UPDATE

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## NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING'S 325TH SUMMER SESSIONS 2020

To submit items to the **Quaker Update**, please use [THIS FORM](#) by 5:00 p.m. of the date desired.

The **Summer Sessions Information Desk** consists of our two registrars, Helen Garay Toppins and Bronwyn Mohlke! Send your questions to them [by email](#) or by phone: (607) 220-3219 or (212) 673-5750.

**Tech Support Team:** Having technical troubles? Send a message via [email](#) or call **607-216-2203**

This calendar has **all Summer Sessions events and Zoom info:** [The Summer Sessions 2020 Calendar](#).

### Intergenerational Activity — Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

***The Intersection of Creativity & Spirituality:*** Friends of all ages (2-102) are invited to come together in an intergenerational community to explore the inner artist in all of us, the joy of our inner child, and how Quaker testimony is in itself a creative act. Facilitators Louise Tiano and Lily Bergstein are excited to offer a number of creative activities that are sure to make you think, laugh, dream, and push the limits of your imagination.

### Agenda for the Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday

- Report of “Spring” Seasoned Business Items (SBI) approval
- Treasurer’s 2019 year end report
- State of Society reading (from local State of Meeting reports)
- Financial Services Committee report
- Treasurer’s report
- Friends Fiduciary Committee letter/response report

### Sign up for Interest Groups

The list of [Interest Groups](#) is now available! Check them out and reserve a seat at the ones you plan to attend. The first session of interest groups takes place on Wednesday, July 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

### Wednesday Plenary with Angela Hopkins:

#### Our Path toward Being Inclusive, From Reflection to Envisioning

*Plenary Speaker Angela Hopkins (Ithaca), Wednesday, July 22nd, 7:30-9:00 p.m.* Angela’s message grows out of this year’s Summer Sessions theme — “325 Years; Embracing Our Past, Envisioning Our Future, Living into Our Present” — and links it to our theme from last year: “Friends Come in All Ages, Sizes and Colors; Our Path Toward Being Inclusive.” Angela has been deeply engaged in

conversations regarding the naming of our Meetings as Anti-Racist Faith Communities. She will bring this concern for our discernment during Summer Sessions. We will consider our structures: where we have come from; the progress and changes we have made toward equality (apologies, pay-as-led); and opportunities for responding to what may be emerging leadings as a result of recent acts of violence. Angela offers a “container” for looking at Quaker ministry, witness, and our inward and outward journeys. Join us for this exploration.

### Engaging in NYYM Virtual Summer Sessions Without a Screen

We understand that Zoom can be exhausting and that there may be days when you or your family cannot participate in NYYM’s Zoom events. Therefore, each day there is an activity that you can engage in without a screen! These will appear before the table of Zoom links for each day (see below). These activities are optional but will allow us to share common experiences throughout the two weeks of our Summer Sessions. If it feels comfortable, we encourage you to send pictures of you or others completing these activities by sending a text with the photo, your name(s), and any other helpful details to 845-288-3225. These might be shared in our closing slideshow!

### CAFE NIGHT IS COMING

Café Night is next Tuesday, 7/28, at 6:30 p.m. We would love all you singers, stand up comedians, and story tellers to share your gifts with the meeting. If you would like to be part of this, or have an idea and wonder if it would work on Zoom, please email our Youth Directors, who are leading the Senior High group: [sarahandmartin@powellhouse.org](mailto:sarahandmartin@powellhouse.org)

### Quote & Query of the Day for Meeting for Grieving

**The Meeting for Grieving and Healing** will be a time for Friends to acknowledge the trauma and losses we’ve experienced as individuals and as a yearly meeting since we last gathered, including interconnected losses due to the pandemics of systemic racism and the coronavirus, economic disruption, and climate change. We will be posting a quote and a query in this and each Q-Up. If any or all of these quotes or queries speak to your condition, please join us **Sunday, July 26, from 2-4 p.m.** The link will be in both the Quaker Update and the Summer Sessions schedule.

**QUOTE:** Francis Weller speaks of the five gates of grief: The first gate of grief is “Everything we love, we will lose.” Grief is one of the voices of the soul. He further states that everything is a gift, nothing lasts. The second gate of grief is “The places that have not known love.” These are tender places precisely because they have lived outside of kindness, compassion, warmth or welcome. This gate includes soul loss. The third gate of grief is “The sorrows of the world.” This is grief that is shared and communal. The fourth gate is “What we expected and did not receive.” This includes things we may not realize we have lost that are coded into our physical and psychic lives. Weller names the fifth gate of grief “Ancestral grief.” This is the grief that we carry in our bodies from sorrows experienced by our ancestors. Weller recognizes that trauma may need its own gate, as trauma always carries grief. — Francis Weller, *The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred Work of Grief*

**QUERY:** What are you experiencing as a loss now? Where do you bring your grief?

# Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, July 21**

Today's way to engage in virtual Summer Sessions without a screen (text pics to 845-288-3225):

Go for a walk outside and beam love to the whole Yearly Meeting

**YAF Welcome Breakfast:** Though this event is for Young Adult Friends, everyone is welcome.

7:45-8:45 a.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89016320470?pwd=aVNCaW0rRFM0a0o4M3I3T0JraGpkQT09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 890 1632 0470

Password: 278603

**Community Worship:** a period of family worship in which all are joyfully invited to participate. The first part of the session will be programmed, followed by a short period of worship.

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84260505681?pwd=VGZmVERQOW13cnlEalV5Zkx0OHlxUT09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 842 6050 5681

Password: 909636

**Junior Yearly Meeting:** Singing for **Pre-K kids** and parents.

11:30 a.m. –  
12:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85786977394?pwd=SmZickRCMnRGVndQVzZVQVdlbVdjUT09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 857 8697 7394

Password: 939937

**Social Lunch: ARCH Stories.** (ARCH = Aging Resources, Consultation, and Help). Friends involved in the ARCH network can share stories about growing older; anyone is welcome to share and listen too. Facilitated by the ARCH staff.

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88371377240?pwd=OGhhenZCWFEBSzBCbVnQSIjUklMQT09>

To join by phone:

Dial 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 883 7137 7240

Password: 104196

**Intergenerational Activity:** The Intersection of Creativity and Spirituality.  
Facilitated by Lilly Bergstein and Louise Tiano.

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87836828565?pwd=ZWJDRHdjbnIvNWxhekpkGTzhDdzlLZz09>

To join by phone:

Dial 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 878 3682 8565

Password: 612454

**Junior Yearly Meeting: Senior High School** group, facilitated by Sarah Glazer and Marty Glazer

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84366902866?pwd=T1hVUzJ2QmxjYU02cUNZcWRKK1pkdz09>

To join by phone:

Dial 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 843 6690 2866

Password: 561600

<b>Worship:</b> Each meeting for business will be preceded by a period of unprogrammed worship.		
<b>6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>	Join by computer: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVlxbnVhQlRhRnZhUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVlxbnVhQlRhRnZhUT09</a>	To join by phone: Dial 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 827 1833 9800 Password: 832819
<b>Meeting for Business:</b> See the agenda <a href="#">here</a> , and read the advance documents <a href="#">here</a> , including the treasurer's report, <a href="#">State of Society report</a> , and <a href="#">budget report</a> (agenda subject to change)		
<b>7:30-9:00 p.m.</b>	Join by computer: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVlxbnVhQlRhRnZhUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVlxbnVhQlRhRnZhUT09</a>	To join by phone: Dial 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 827 1833 9800 Password: 832819
<b>Social Time:</b> Pop in and say hello! Facilitated by Yana Landowne and Jennifer Swann		
<b>9:30-10:30 p.m.</b>	Join by computer: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83073738673?pwd=K3R0ZEZQUG1GZXZuUkd4VHpMY1J5QT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83073738673?pwd=K3R0ZEZQUG1GZXZuUkd4VHpMY1J5QT09</a>	To join by phone: Dial 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 830 7373 8673 Password: 399164

## Wednesday, July 22

*Today's way to engage in virtual Summer Sessions without a screen* (text pics to 845-288-3225):  
Create a piece of art representing NYYM's 325th birthday

<b>Bible Study:</b> This year's Summer Sessions Bible study will be looking at how social justice concerns, particularly racism, have been addressed in Biblical history. Led by Lucy Price.		
<b>9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>	Join by computer: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83173964903?pwd=czBmYkhWTWEvT210cDQzeWZmOFBFdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83173964903?pwd=czBmYkhWTWEvT210cDQzeWZmOFBFdz09</a>	Join by phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 831 7396 4903 Password: 815089
<b>Junior Yearly Meeting:</b> Singing with Grades 1-2		
<b>11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b>	Join by computer: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541883950?pwd=Z2JzVEptNEQxWENRdk40MHQxZmNRZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541883950?pwd=Z2JzVEptNEQxWENRdk40MHQxZmNRZz09</a>	Join by phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 825 4188 3950 Password: 800569
<b>Junior Yearly Meeting:</b> Grades 6-8		
<b>12:30-1:30 p.m.</b>	Join by computer: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87650415359?pwd=eFFNUHV3QjFpQkZTVzVLMkNLdFlxdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87650415359?pwd=eFFNUHV3QjFpQkZTVzVLMkNLdFlxdz09</a>	Join by phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 876 5041 5359 Password: 722849

**Interest Groups:** There are seven to choose from! See the list here: [Interest Groups](#)

For the list of groups and their Zoom links see [The Summer Sessions Calendar](#)

**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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**Young Adult Friends social dinner:** Though this event is for Young Adult Friends, everyone is welcome.

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Join by computer:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83284134388?pwd=ZjlsUnNIUTJPWE85bHBldGI5NEtPUT09>

Join by phone:  
(646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 832 8413 4388  
Password: 748323

**Plenary: Our Path toward Being Inclusive, From Reflection to Envisioning**

Plenary Speaker: Angela Hopkins

**7:30-9:00 p.m.**

Join by computer:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87998917654?pwd=YjVrRGYyOXQ4NHhucVBGL2RCbWtuUT09>

Join by phone:  
(646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 879 9891 7654  
Password: 548241