



# 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. You can access the previous Quaker Updates from the 2020 Summer Sessions [here](#).

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

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

### Epistle from FGC's Pre-Gathering of Friends of Color and their families

NYYM clerk Jeffrey Aaron referred to the Epistle from Friends General Conference's Pre-Gathering of Friends of Color and Their Families in his opening remarks on Monday night. You can read the entire epistle, including a list of queries for yourself and your meeting, here: [Epistle from FGC's 2020 Pre-Gathering of Friends of Color and their Families](#)

### 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 **today, Wednesday, 7/22, 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.

## Online Screenings of the Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries documentary

The movie **Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries** (website: <https://quakersthefilm.com/>) will be discussed in a Q&A with Director/Producer Janet Gardner and Senior Producer Dick Nurse during the interest group session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29. There will be a couple of screenings of the film before then: on **Friday, July 24, 7:00.-10:00 p.m.** and on **Sunday, July 26, 7:00-10:00 p.m.** More details to come.

## 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 the new Powell House 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:** The hole swallows up language, memory, and meaning and leaves us in a scarred and stripped landscape...We tell a story about violence to make sense of it, and the story returns us to the public realm where grieving is possible. The act of naming the violence and grieving loss in community is how the hole turns into a wound that can heal. — Valarie Kaur, *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*

**QUERY:** We have all been experiencing losses this year, some large, some not, some personal, some shared. Grief is an involuntary response to loss. Have you acknowledged that you are grieving?

## Calling All Boathouse Musicians!

If you would like to lead a song on your own during our Virtual Boathouse Sing (Friday 7/31 at 3:30 p.m.) please let me know by Wednesday evening 7/29. Cai Quirk (JYM Co-Clerk) and I have a plan that will be wonderful, so join the fun! — John Scardina (he/him/his, Purchase Meeting) [johncardina@hotmail.com](mailto:johncardina@hotmail.com)

# Upcoming Events

## 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

**Bible Study:** 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.

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83173964903?pwd=czBmYkhWTWEvT210cDQzeWZmOEFBFdz09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 831 7396 4903  
Password: 815089

**Junior Yearly Meeting:** Singing with Grades 1-2

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541883950?pwd=Z2JzVEptNEQxWENRdk40MHQxZmNRZz09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 825 4188 3950  
Password: 800569

**Junior Yearly Meeting:** Grades 6-8

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87650415359?pwd=eFFNUHV3QjFpQkZTVzVLdkNldTlxdz09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 876 5041 5359  
Password: 722849

**Interest Groups (section 1):** There are seven to choose from! See the list here: [Interest Groups](#)  
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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

## Thursday, July 23

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

Go on a scavenger hunt outside and search for:

- A thing that gives you hope
- Something that reminds you of Quakers
- A rock that tells you a story

**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=VGZmVERQOW13cnlEalV5ZkkxOHlxUT09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 842 6050 5681

Password: 909636

**Junior Yearly Meeting: Grades 3-5 group**

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82625843060?pwd=aUwvUTBYZkJEeDZlWmtDL0dCRnpCZz09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 826 2584 3060

Password: 978747

**Junior Yearly Meeting: Grades 6-8 group**

**12:30-1:30 p.m.**

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89570703967?pwd=eFJiMjdlQnpYcUlkTTJGODRxeDRHZz09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 895 7070 3967

Password: 562696

**Worship:** Each meeting for business will be preceded by a period of unprogrammed worship.

**1:30-2:30 p.m.**

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVxibnVhQlRhRnZhUT09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 827 1833 9800

Password: 832819

**Meeting for Business:** See the most up to date agenda [here](#) (subject to change, of course), and read the advance documents [here](#)

**2:30-4:00 p.m.**

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVxibnVhQlRhRnZhUT09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 827 1833 9800

Password: 832819

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**Social Time:** Pop in and say hello! Facilitated by Yana Landowne and Jennifer Swann

**9:30-10:30 p.m.**

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83073738673?pwd=K3R0ZEZQUG1GZXZuUkd4VHpMY1J5QT09>

Join by phone:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 830 7373 8673

Password: 399164