



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 past Summer Sessions 2020 Quaker Updates [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 or by phone: (607) 220-3219 or (212) 673-5750.

Having technical troubles? Contact the **Tech Support Team** via [email](#) to tech-team@nyym.org or call 607-216-2203.

For all Summer Sessions events and Zoom info, refer to [The Summer Sessions 2020 Calendar](#).

Have Lunch with the NYYM Staff

Today (Friday)'s social lunch is your opportunity to meet the NYYM staff! Join between 12:00-1:30 p.m. to chat and ask questions about the inner workings of the yearly meeting. The link is in the table below.

Friends of Color Affinity Group – Opportunities to Gather at Summer Sessions

S.Y. Bowland has arranged some opportunities for Friends of Color to gather together in the Spirit during our virtual Summer Sessions. Below are the times that have been scheduled and confirmed. Other times may be added, and will appear in future Q-Ups if they are.

Friends of Color Affinity Gatherings:

7/24 Friday, 2-3:30 p.m. (Zoom information is in the table below)

7/29 Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m.

TONIGHT! First Online Screening of the *Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries* documentary

The movie **Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries** (website: 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. The first online screening of the film is **TONIGHT, Friday, July 24, 7:00-10:00 p.m.** The film will be available for viewing **only within that time frame time windows** at nyym.org/film. There will be another screening on Sunday, July 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and one *after* the interest group, on Saturday, August 1, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Anti-Racism Resources

Here are some **anti-racism resources** Friends have recommended during Summer Sessions:

- The [Epistle from FGC's 2020 Pre-Gathering of Friends of Color and their Families](#)
- The book [White Fragility](#) by Robin DiAngelo
- The book [My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our](#)

[*Hearts and Bodies*](#) by Resmaa Menachem

- The [recent episode](#) of Krista Tippett's **On Being** podcast with the authors of *My Grandmother's Hands* (Resmaa Menachem) and *White Fragility* (Robin DiAngelo)
- The article [For White People: How to Listen When Race is the Topic](#) by Beth Roy
- [A Facebook page](#), organized by John Wilmerding, for white Quakers who want to address their own racism: www.facebook.com/groups/whitequakers/

Study Action Teams: Lifting as We Climb

The Black Concerns Committee has established the following **Action Study Teams**. If you'd like to join one, email Helen Garay Toppins at office@nyym.org.

- **Advocating for College behind Bars** (*Emmy Gay – Coordinator*)
- **Disrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline** (*Helen Garay Toppins – Coordinator*)
- **Racial Justice and Anti-Racism Resources** (*David Fletcher – Coordinator*)

Sign up for Interest Groups

Check out the [list of Interest Groups](#) and reserve a seat at the ones you plan to attend. The third and last session of interest groups is on **Wednesday, July 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** The Zoom links for the interest groups are on the very useful [Summer Sessions Schedule](#).

Share an Ice Cream With Friends!

When New York Yearly Meeting meets in person for Summer Sessions, many Friends gather over ice cream in the afternoon or evening, laughing and talking and sharing news. Will you join us for a virtual ice cream, please? Click this link — nyym.org/sites/default/files/Ice-cream-sundae.pdf — print the PDF, and color and write a message to the rest of the yearly meeting. Then scan it (or take a photo) and send it to communications@nyym.org. You can also post it online with #nyym2020summer.



Read the Summer Sessions Minutes Online

For future reference, after the minutes from a meeting for business have been approved and finalized, they will appear on this page: nyym.org/2020-minutes

Engaging in NYYM Virtual Summer Sessions Without a Screen

For each day of virtual Sessions there is an activity that you can engage in without a screen! These optional activities 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 **texting the photo, your name(s), and any other helpful details to 845-288-3225**. They might be in our closing slideshow!

CAFE NIGHT IS COMING

Café Night is on 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](mailto:sarahandmartin@powellhouse.org), Sarah and Martin, who are leading the Senior High group: 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 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The link will be in both the Quaker Update and the Summer Sessions schedule.

QUOTE: To our Friends in the wider Quaker world, we the Friends of Color, can't breathe....In this time of COVID-19, People of Color discovered that a deadly pandemic is secondary to the long-time pandemic of racism in our lives. People of Color are more likely to die from COVID-19 due to the effects of racism and oppression. Think about how this pandemic has turned your world upside down, economically, emotionally, psychologically. Now imagine there is no one working on a vaccine, and that if you get sick or die, no one notices or cares. For People of Color, the human-made pandemic of racism is deadlier than COVID-19, and we need you to do work so that we can BREATHE. — *The Outgoing Epistle of the 2020 FGC Virtual Pre-Gathering Retreat for friends of Color and their Families*

QUERY: Do we attend to the different ways that grief may manifest, and prepare ourselves to witness each other's ways of grieving even when it may look different from our own?

Scroll down for the table of upcoming events and their Zoom connection information.

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 24

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

Open a Bible to a random page and read the section you come across. Spend a few minutes worshipping on how that passage relates to your current life. Discuss it with somebody else if you can!

Bible Study

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83173964903?pwd=czBmYkhWTWEvT21OcDQzeWZmOFBFdz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 831 7396 4903

Password: 815089

Junior Yearly Meeting: Singing with Grades 3-5

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

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87990786377?pwd=UVhKTFuWit1a0dUVVMzQ1RUV3liUT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 879 9078 6377

Password: 191176

Social Lunch: Meet the staff! Come say hello to the people who staff New York Yearly Meeting.

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88554736005?pwd=Q1duTlZ6VkhZMwPnQ0tUNHN0UHAvdz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 885 5473 6005

Password: 836255

Junior Yearly Meeting: Senior High School group

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89570703967?pwd=eFJiMjdIQnpycUlKTTJGODRxeDRHZz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 895 7070 3967

Password: 562696

Friends of Color Affinity Group: A virtual opportunity for Friends of Color to worship and gather together in the Spirit.

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82529047614?pwd=ejMrMGdlbTROQTY3NUdLTXZkYXBEQT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 825 2904 7614

Password: 905100

Screening of the film "Quakers: The Quiet Revolutionaries" See the film's website for details: <https://quakersthefilm.com/> (Director/Producer Janet Gardner and Senior Producer Dick Nurse will be hosting an Interest Group about the film on Wednesday, July 29, at 7 pm.)

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Join by computer: The film, which is 80 minutes long, will be available to view [at this link](https://nny.org/film/) (nny.org/film) ONLY between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Friends can start the film from the beginning at any point in this 3-hour window, but must be finished watching by 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25

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

Give back to your community in some way or do something nice for someone

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=VGZmVERQOW13cnlEalV5ZkxkxOHlxUT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 842 6050 5681

Password: 909636

Young Adult Friends service project: Though this event is designed for Friends ages 18-35, all are welcome.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84262820732?pwd=VU83ZUU5U1hHTExBKzdHM2FITitvZz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 842 6282 0732

Password: 103091

Junior Yearly Meeting: 3-5th grade group

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

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85041969300?pwd=YVVTZlZ2ajVOamtITkpjOHFORjOrUT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 850 4196 9300

Password: 685045

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=c2MzRmlmVE80bVxkbnVhQIRhRn-ZhUT09>

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=c2MzRmlmVE80bVxkbnVhQIRhRn-ZhUT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 827 1833 9800

Password: 832819

Young Adult Friends Party: Though this event is designed for Friends ages 18-35, all are welcome.

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82396627115?pwd=RzhBbnAySDMvWnlVVXZVVFR3NGFiZz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 832 9662 7115

Password: 965801

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=K3R0ZEZQUG1GZXZuUkd4VHpmYy-1J5QT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 830 7373 8673

Password: 399164
