



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 questions by [email](#) to office@nyym.org or by phone: (607) 220-3219 or (212) 673-5750.

You can contact the **Tech Support Team** via [email](#) at tech-team@nyym.org or call 607-216-2203.

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

Social Lunch on Tuesday: Leadings for the Wider World

Facilitated by Susan Weisfeld, clerk of the World Ministries Committee. How can we follow our leadings to hold the “wider world” in the Light? Do Quakers have a responsibility to care about those living in the “wider world?” Bring a sandwich and a drink and let’s share and, even, inspire...

Calling all Friends for Café Night

Do you want to share in **Café Night (Tuesday, 7/28, at 6:30 p.m.)**, the annual **NYYM talent show**? Do you want to laugh and cheer Friends on and raise money for Powell House and the Sharing Fund? If you do, please sign up or encourage the hams in your household to sign up. Right now there are not enough acts for the show to go on! Contact sarahandmarting@powellhouse.org to make this historic event happen! (Otherwise it won’t be historic.)

Boathouse Musicians Wanted!

If you will be attending the **Virtual Boathouse Singing on Friday** and would like to lead a song from our usual Boathouse repertoire please e-mail John Scardina at johnscardina@hotmail.com.

Sign up for Wednesday Night 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](#).

Reflections from Sunday’s Meeting for Grieving

During Sunday’s **Meeting for Grieving and Healing**, we named together some of the ways that grief is showing up in our lives and in the world. Our griefs form a vast and varied landscape, ranging from traumatic losses such as the death of a loved one or the ending of an intimate relationship, to more ambiguous griefs such as our assumptions about what the rest of our lives would be like. Our hearts are breaking because of what we are seeing in our communities and in the world, some

things for the first time, many things for far too long. We may also be grieving for our self-image: if we can no longer do work we found fulfilling, or if we are seeing ourselves in new ways as we gain insights into how our previously unconscious ways impact other people. We shared different ways we can process these many kinds of griefs, by ourselves and in community. We heard that, as we process and move thru our griefs, we may release some, but others we will learn to carry with us.

QUOTE: PRESCRIPTION FOR THE DISILLUSIONED

Come new to this day.
Remove the rigid overcoat of experience,
the notion of knowing,
the beliefs that cloud your vision.
Leave behind the stories of your life.
Spit out the sour taste of unmet expectation.
Let the stale scent of what-ifs waft back into the swamp
of your useless fears.
Arrive curious, without the armor of certainty,
the plans and planned results of the life you've imagined.
Live the life that chooses you,
new every breath, every blink of your astonished eyes.

— Rebecca Del Rio, *Prescription for the Disillusioned: Selected Poems 2001-2016*

QUERY: How does processing your grief help you support the people and the ministry you care about?

One last chance to watch *Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries*

The movie [Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries](#) 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 last online screening of the film is **Saturday, August 1, 2:00-5:00 p.m.** The film will be available for viewing **only within that time frame** at nyym.org/film.

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!

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

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 27

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

Go for a walk and [listen to the playlist](#) generated by Friends yesterday. Notice how it feels!
Dance if you want to!

Bible Study: Resources for Bible Study: <https://nyym.org/bible-study#resources>

9:30 a.m.-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: 3-5th grade group

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

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87825635055?pwd=NjNxbERrZlFZO1FKUEhncUU5SE13OT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 878 2563 5055

Password: 274291

Junior Yearly Meeting: Senior High Group

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88921808837?pwd=dklwdTFoWFJuaKvjd0NNL2dYTGRKQOT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 889 2180 8837

Password: 913132

Junior Yearly Meeting: Pre-K Group. Celebrating Trees!

4:00-5:00 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.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVlxbnVhQlRhRnZhUT09>

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](#)

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82718339800?pwd=c2MzRmlmVE80bVlxbnVhQlRhRnZhUT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 827 1833 9800

Password: 832819

Tuesday, July 28

Today's way to engage in virtual Summer Sessions without a screen (text pics to **845-288-3225**):
Create a piece of art or music on the theme of LOVE

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

Social Lunch: Leadings for the Wider World (See above for description)

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84669168966?pwd=MzZsTWlvSUxlaGhCchFkSTNFeTFnQT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 846 6916 8966

Password: 201280

Junior Yearly Meeting: Senior High 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

Café Night: This is the **NYYM talent show** at which we donate money for the Sharing Fund and Powell House! Email sarahandmarting@powellhouse.org to sign up to perform!

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88431793867?pwd=dHVCa1Y2ME9NS1E1Yk5NQXhPWmV3dz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 884 3179 3867

Password: 358765

Young Adult Friends: Ice Cream Social. All are welcome.

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89521109398?pwd=TUxibW9GQjAwMEQrUndiMzZKTzF3UT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 895 2110 9398

Password: 782351

Social Time: Pop in for a chat about your day!

9:30-10:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82941929083?pwd=ZEIXQU5vQlRTZHhmVVF0aXF4N0JoQT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 829 4192 9083

Password: 104519
