



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. Past Summer Sessions 2020 Quaker Updates are [here](#). The Summer Sessions **Information Desk: email** office@nyym.org or call (607) 220-3219 or (212) 673-5750. You can contact the **Tech Support Team** via [email](mailto:tech-team@nyym.org) 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](#).

Revisions to the Epistle

Please take a moment to sit with [the first draft of the Epistle](#) in worship, and if anything rises please contact [Julia Giordano](mailto:Juliaagiordano@gmail.com) (Juliaagiordano@gmail.com) with suggested changes as soon as you can. (The final version is scheduled to be read at 7:30 on Thursday!)

Agenda for the Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday *(subject to change)*

- Amendment to the 13th Amendment of the US Constitution
- Reading from State of Society
- Final Reading of Epistle – read [the first draft](#) and contact [Julia Giordano](#) w/changes
- Report from NY State Council of Churches

Agenda for the Closing Gathering at 7:00 p.m. on Friday *(subject to change)*

- Presentation: Celebrating the Year
- Clerk's Closing Address and Welcoming the New Clerk
- Introduction to Powell House Youth Directors
- Activity: Envisioning Our Future
- Fun Goodbye!

For Friday's Bible Study

Many people consider Quakers to be a bit strange. Although that may be true, it is also true that Quakerism started as an attempt to revive "Primitive Christianity." Join us on **Friday** for a look at a couple of Bible passages that help understand the Biblical basis for Quakerism.

Please read the Acts chapter 2 prior to class. It is quite short. nyym.org/bible-study

Intergenerational Activity – 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Friday

For the second Intergenerational Activity at Summer Sessions, we will take time to honor the JYM seniors who are graduating into NYYM and Young Adult Friends. We will offer breakout rooms so folks can tell each other their stories of transformation, get back together and sing This Little Light of Mine, honor each senior (and make sure they message us with their home address so we can mail a copy of Faith & Practice to them!). We will also worship and have fun over [a virtual ice cream!](#)

An open Invitation for Friends to join the Friends of Color Gathering on Friday July 31st, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Friends,

You are all invited to attend Friday's Friends of Color Gathering at 5:00-6:30p.m.

SY Bowland and Angela Hopkins have been facilitating spaces for FOC to gather during Our Virtual Summer Sessions.

Our joint commitment this summer has been to spend time together:

Embracing our Past

Envisioning Our Future

Living into our Present

Regardless to where you are with issues, projects, or concerns, we invite you:

Share your observations

Report experiences of committee or group work

Share thoughts regarding moving forward

Boathouse Sing on Friday Afternoon

Join us for the boathouse sing! We will have many favorite songs and different ways of singing together even when the Zoom doesn't work so well for group singing in real time... Come see and hear the possibilities of singing virtually together as we join together in song, laughter, joy, and celebration!

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 (from *Rise Up Singing*) please e-mail John Scardina at john-scardina@hotmail.com.

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! 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!

Quote & Query of the Day for Grieving and Healing

Since Sunday's Meeting for Grieving and Healing, grief may continue to visit you. The planning group for that meeting (Barbra Bleecker, Lu Harper, Angela Hopkins, Callie Janoff, Kevin Lovelady, Margaret McCasland, Anne Pomeroy) offers the following quote and query to you in your journey with loss and grief. If your grief troubles you, please reach out to a trusted friend or to any of the members of the planning group and we'll help make a connection for more support.

Quote: Grieving is not about forgetting... It is a sorting process. One by one you let go of the things that are gone and you mourn for them. One by one you take hold of the things that have become a part of who you are and build again. — Rachel Naomi Remen

Query: What have you mourned? What are you building?

Missed Cafe Night But Want to Donate to Powell House?

Checks sent to Powell House for Café Night donations need to have “Café Night” in the memo line, so that they can be handled appropriately. (Mail checks to Powell House, 524 Pitt Hall Rd., Old Chatham, NY 12136)

Did You Hear the Hometown String Band at Café Night?

NYYM’s Homegrown String Band performed at Café Night and they sounded fantastic, energetic, full of harmony — Friends were dancing in their chairs. If you missed it, or if you want to hear them again, check out [their YouTube channel!](#)

Post-Summer Sessions Events and Notices

Call for Proposals for the NYYM Parents and Kids Support Project

Families in NYYM with school aged children and younger are facing a range of challenges during this time. NYYM is offering to fund projects that support parents and children in NYYM in 2020. Do you have a creative idea to engage kids and/or connect parents with spiritual support that a small budget could help make happen? [Use this form to submit a NYYM Parents and Kids Support Project Proposal](#). Proposals that can support Families of Color in NYYM are especially welcome. Proposals are due August 15, 2020. Final decisions about projects will be made by the Personnel Committee as soon as possible. Questions can be directed to PKS@nyym.org or call 212-673-5750. Thank you!

Write an Article or Essay for the Next Issue of *Spark!*

Spark is the printed newsletter for New York Yearly Meeting and contains news and articles written by NYYM Friends. The next issue is in September. **The theme: Reflections on NYYM’s 325th Year.** Has NYYM changed since its 300th anniversary, in 1995? What do you think—or hope—will be different at the 350th or beyond? What has the yearly meeting done in the past to confront structural (and other) racism, and what can we hope to achieve? Please write up to 600 words and email your piece to communications@nyym.org by **August 7**. The following issue, in November, will have a more general racial justice theme. Articles for that issue are due October 1. Thanks for writing!

NYYM-Endorsed Event, Ribbon International, is August 1st

NYYM Summer Sessions 2019 endorsed **Ribbon International 2020**, a participative remembrance of the atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. You are invited, with folks from across the US and Japan, to attend this commemorative event online, Saturday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m. (Click [this link to join](#), then enter the password **052239**)

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 30

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

Call or text somebody that made you feel good this week and tell them you are grateful

Young Adult Friends: Morning Walking Meditation. This YAF event is open to people of all ages and physical abilities. Olivia Gamber will guide us through a 30 minute mindful meditation in which we will observe and greet the world, our bodies, and our minds with compassion and gratitude. The second 30 minutes will be open to conversation, check ins, and joy! Grab your preferred morning drink, headphones, and walking shoes and head outside. (Or join us from bed!)

7:00-8:00 a.m. **Conference Call #:** 720-835-5019
PIN: 06418

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

Junior Yearly Meeting: Grades 3-5 Group

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Join by computer:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87825635055?pwd=NjNxbERrZlFZQ1FKUEhncUU5SE13QT09>
Join by phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 878 2563 5055
Password: 274291

Junior Yearly Meeting: Grades 6-8 Group

12:30-1:30 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

Junior Yearly Meeting: Grades 1-2 Group

2:00-3:00 p.m. **Join by computer:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88921808837?pwd=dklwdTFoWFJuaKVjd0NNL2dYTGRKOT09>
Join by phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 889 2180 8837
Password: 913132

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

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Meeting for Business: See the most up to date agenda [here](#) (subject to change), 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

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

9:30-10:30

Join by computer:

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

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 829 4192 9083

Password: 104519

Friday, July 31

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

Create a sign about your favorite part of Summer Sessions. Text it to us OR bring it to the closing gathering tonight!

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

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 Senior High Group

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

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136409482?pwd=VzAxamQxcjl3VW5jQjFlVmxUU01tOT09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 841 3640 9482

Password: 781850

Social Lunch: Quakers & Nontheism

12:00- 1:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86731201140?pwd=UXZmdWdlYkdxblDJMa29LdXFqVWd5dz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 867 3120 1140

Password: 627789

Intergenerational Activity: In honor and celebration of the JYM Seniors

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986885467?pwd=TEN5dmNkR3ZSZFMzeVJJOFZTb1kyZz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 889 8688 5467

Password: 593216

Boathouse Sing: An intergenerational singalong with live accompaniment

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88597411742?pwd=VncrMDJocEEwVGICclBCd2tzazNZdz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 885 9741 1742

Password: 142831

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Friends of Color Communities Meeting – Open to All Friends

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82529047614?pwd=ejMrMGdlbTROQTU3NUdLTXZkYXBEOU09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 825 2904 7614

Password: 905100

Closing Gathering: See the most up to date agenda [here](#) (subject to change), and read the advance documents [here](#)

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88568079847?pwd=aVFBNHlwNWFXTE9Cc1BYaWlDaFBKdz09>

Join by phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 885 6807 9847

Password: 178264
