



April 2018

Welcome to April InfoShare, the email newsletter from New York Yearly Meeting. Please read on for announcements, events, requests, and opportunities for you and your meeting.

You can announce your meeting's news and submit articles to *Spark* by emailing me at communications@nyym.org. The theme for the May issue of *Spark* is **Learning from First Day School**. Please send in news, announcements, and events from your meeting **BY APRIL 20**. Has your meeting tried something new? Tell us about it!

It was a joy to be immersed in Quaker-dom during Spring Sessions last weekend. The next opportunity to gather will be at Summer Sessions, July 22-28, at Silver Bay, NY. Information will be posted [online](#) once available, and will be in the May issue of *Spark*.

Don't forget to keep in touch with your yearly meeting through our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram account](#). Manage your subscriptions to various NYYM communications at [NYYM Connect](#).

– Sarah Way, Editor

Notes and Announcements

Worship Sharing Leaders Needed for Summer Sessions

Sunfire is again this year helping the Committee on Worship at Yearly Meeting by organizing the worship sharing at Silver Bay. This committee is looking for Friends willing to facilitate the worship sharing sessions that we have every morning. **Please consider whether you are led to be one of the facilitators.** We need them for both the general groups and special interest groups. If you are led to step into this role, either by facilitating a group alone or with a co-facilitator, please send an email to sunfirequaker@earthlink.net. Suggested guidelines and queries will be provided for the sessions.

Opening for Clerk (or Co-clerk) of NYYM Witness Coordinating Committee

Term begins July 29, 2018

Witness Coordinating Committee supports and oversees New York Yearly Meeting's witness to the world both financially and spiritually. The energy for the concerns of the various committees is strong, and there are resources to support them. The difficulty we have is finding a person(s) to serve as clerk(s), as the committee members' energies are very focused on the particular witness with which they are involved. For a full description of the position [click here](#); if interested or if you have questions, [email Mary Eagleson](#).

NYYM Peace Working Group Minute in Support of March for Our Lives

At Spring Sessions on Saturday, April 7, the NYYM Peace Working Group (PWG) came to unity on the following minute:

We call on monthly meetings in NYYM to reach out to students from the Parkland movement (i.e. local student organizers of the many Marches for Our Lives earlier this spring) and to offer our meetinghouse facilities for community meetings and other forms of anti-gun violence activism.

For more, including ways to get involved, [click here](#).

2018 Edition of Faith and Practice Now Available

The 2018 edition of *Faith and Practice*, the book of discipline for NYYM, includes a number of revisions which have been approved over the past few years. It is our hope that it will serve as a useful guide to our practices and provide spiritual nurture. *Faith and Practice* is available for purchase for \$7 from the yearly meeting office if you pick it up at the office. The cost is \$10 if we mail it to you. Make check payable to NYYM and mail to: NYYM, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003

Questions? email: office@nyym.org or call: 212-673-5750

New Home for the Quaker Missions Stamp Project

In support of Right Sharing of World Resources, many Friends in NYYM have saved postage stamps for the Quaker Missions Stamp Project, founded by Brad Hathaway of Mattapoisett Friends Meeting in Massachusetts. Brad collected and sold stamps, the proceeds of which were sent to Quaker organizations including RSWR. Earl Walker of Claremont Friends Meeting in California took over the stamp ministry in 2009. Thanks to Earl's generosity with his time and resources Right Sharing has received over \$11,000 from recycled stamps! Now Indianapolis First Friends have taken up the project. For those who have been saving them, or would like to save them, Send in Your Stamps! Mail stamps to: Stamps for Right Sharing, c/o Indianapolis First Friends, 3030 Kessler Blvd East Dr, Indianapolis, IN 426220 If you have questions about the stamp project, please contact the Right Sharing office at (765) 966-0314 or rswr@rswr.org.

Mary Eagleson, RSWR NYYM Resource Person

Committee Service Opportunities at Friends United Meeting (FUM)

NYYM is one of the yearly meetings affiliated with Friends United Meeting, a denominational Quaker organization. Members of NYYM are invited to serve on the following FUM committees:

Stoking the Fire (organizing an annual retreat and program for Christ-centered Friends in North America); **Flourishing Friends** (organizing the training of "congregational coaches" in each yearly meeting to help local meetings in decline); **Unleashing the Power** (organizing a series of regional workshops on topics of practical assistance to meetings/churches); and **African Friends in North America** (creating a supportive network of African Quakers and their congregations in North America, and consulting with meetings on embracing African members.)

Read full descriptions of the committees [here](#). If you interested in serving on any of these committees please [email Joe Garren](#).

Stevens Fund Applications Open

The [Stevens Fund](#) is a small fund held by NYYM Trustees in order to assist retired or disabled Friends who are in need; often, but not exclusively, pastors and ministers. The next list of distributions will be decided by the Ministry and Pastoral

Care committee and take place at Summer Sessions, July 22-28. Those who would like to apply please request an application from David Herendeen, dherendeen55@yahoo.com, 518-836-7209 or Anita Paul, anitalouisepaul@gmail.com, 518-374-2166. Applications are due by July 1.

If you know someone who would benefit from the Stevens Fund, please encourage them to apply.

Upcoming Events

Peacemaking Circles Trainings

Little Book of Circle Processes author to offer trainings on Restorative Justice Practice of Peacemaking Circles

The Conflict Transformation Committee of New York Yearly Meeting is sponsoring two three-day trainings in the Restorative Justice Practice of Peacemaking Circles.

April 20-22 in Rochester

April 24-26 in the New York City region

This training will increase participants' understanding of Restorative Justice and prepare them to keep/facilitate a peacemaking circle for a variety of circumstances.

To receive a registration form, please send an email to kreixach@gmail.com with the subject line "Circle Processes Training Rochester" or "Circle Processes Training NYC region." Registration form for Rochester is also available [here](#).

Participants are limited to 20 per workshop, with no more than 2 from any single meeting or NYYM Committee. Please consider if you feel led to this work.

Tag Sale at Housatonic Meeting House

Saturday, April 21, 9am-3pm

Collectibles / Framed Art / Household Goods

300 Danbury Road (Route 7), New Milford, CT

For a flyer, visit Housatonic Meeting's [website](#).

**Unite in Light March over
the Brooklyn Bridge**



April 28, 2018 at 6pm

The Quaker Activism group at Brooklyn Friends Meeting is calling on the community to **Unite in Light** April 28, 2018 at 6PM in a family-friendly, interfaith march traveling from the Brooklyn Meetinghouse (110 Schermerhorn Street) over the Brooklyn Bridge to Manhattan. This is a peaceful event to show our respect for all—people of all ages are welcome. All who are interested in participating or volunteering, please email QuakerActivism@protonmail.com or call Yana at [917-684-8784](tel:917-684-8784).

Friends Center for Racial Justice

Upcoming Conferences

May 11-12: DECENTERING WHITENESS/BUILDING MULTIRACIAL COMMUNITY
(moving beyond the Eurocentric paradigm)
Facilitators: Charley Flint & Jeff Hitchcock

June 15-16: GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUROPEAN AMERICAN FRIENDS
(addressing how to further racial justice via storytelling, panel discussion with Judy Meikle, Steve Mohlke, Nancy Riffer, Rima Segal, and more.)
Facilitators: Mary Pugh Clark & Jeannine Laverty

June 22-24: GATHERING OF NYYM FRIENDS OF COLOR
(opportunities for reflections, sharing, and organizing)
Facilitator: Regina Rene

For more information about these workshops, email Angela.

FGC Gathering: The Power of Truth

July 1-7, 2018 at the University of Toledo, OH
Standard registration opens April 20.



Taste the vibrancy and the variety that is available by immersing yourself in this community of Friends for a week. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you—in person—to the 2018 FGC Gathering! Visit the Gathering [web page](#) for more!

Restorative Practices & Transformative Justice Conference

May 4, 2018, at Lehman College, the Bronx, NYC

The 4th annual *Restorative Practices & Transformative Justice* conference will be held at Lehman College on May 4, 2018. This year we are giving focused attention to: the relationship of restorative practices/restorative justice and trauma-informed practices; the use of the expressive arts to address trauma; youth as restorative and transformative leaders and, the implementation of whole school-based restorative practices/restorative justice methods. **Conference information and registration is located at www.bestrestorativepractices.com.**

For additional information, please email david.fletcher@lehman.cuny.edu

Stoking the Fire

May 17-20, 2018

The Stony Point Center, 17 Cricketown Rd., Stony Point, NY 10980

Hosted by [Friends United Meeting](#)

Are you spiritually aflame, or perhaps feeling more like a smoldering ember ready to be stirred into life? Join Friends as we stoke our spiritual fires and stretch ourselves through communal worship, learning, and fellowship. Together we will open ourselves to Christ's presence and power and allow the Spirit to work within us as we seek God's power for transformative action.

[Stoking the Fire](#) is timed to coincide with Pentecost Sunday in the Christian calendar, and is intended as an annual retreat for individuals who are “on fire” with the Holy Spirit and are seeking deeper faith and bolder witness. Register [here](#).



Continuing Revolution: Building Intentional Lives

A six day intensive conference for young adults

June 1-6 at Pendle Hill

How can we make sure that our lives and our actions align with those values we care about most deeply? This year's young adult conference will look specifically at four areas that impact us as young adults: work, love and relationships, justice, and spiritual practice. For more click [here](#).

A Year at Hogwarts

June 8-10, 2018, at Powell House

We are pleased to inform you that you have a place at the Powell House Adjunct School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Term begins June 8, 2018 at 7:00pm and will include: Welcoming Feast, Sorting, Potions, History of Magic, Divination, Herbology, Quidditch championship, awarding of the House Cup, and recreational viewing of films. All ages admitted. Recommended for adults and for children ages eight and up. Your acceptance letter is [here](#).

FIRST-YEARS ARE NOT ALLOWED THEIR OWN BROOMSTICKS

Radical Faithfulness in Action Program

Residencies at Pendle Hill, June 28-July 1, Aug. 16-19, Oct. 25-28, 2018

[Click here](#) for flyer.

[Radical Faithfulness in Action](#) is an on-campus and online program designed for people already engaged in organizing for social justice, but seeking tools for grounding, connection and resilience. If you value the importance of

interconnection, community, and spiritual practices to sustain you in your work, then Radical Faithfulness in Action may be for you. Its goal is to support change makers in finding the tools they need to be powerful in their work ahead.

The three on-campus residencies, **June 28-July 1, Aug 16-19, Oct 25-28, 2018** will be the foundation for the program, with some webinars and online connection in-between.

[Apply now!](#) More information can be found on [Pendle Hill's website](#). Financial assistance may be available. Questions or other thoughts can be directed to Lina Blount at lblount@pendlehill.org



Liberation Summer Filmmaking and Advocacy Camp

July 2-August 2, 2018, at Seafarer's House, New York, NY

Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is once again teaming up with Echoes of Incarceration for our monthlong Filmmaking and Advocacy Summer Camp. The camp will help young people ages 15-19 use filmmaking to become agents of change.

All high-school age youth are welcome, but those impacted by the immigration system or criminal justice system are especially encouraged to apply. Fill out [this application form](#) by **April 29**.

Please contact [Jeremy Robins at jeremy@ibisdocs.com](mailto:jeremy@ibisdocs.com) or [Lewis Webb at lwebb@afsc.org](mailto:lwebb@afsc.org) for more information.



Quaker Study Tour of Bolivia

July 26-August 1, 2018

We'll explore Bolivia's history and culture from the pre-Inca traditions to the emergence of the Plurinational State of Bolivia. We'll visit those who have dramatically improved their lives with the educational support of trip sponsor Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF) and the development projects of Quaker Bolivia Link (QBL). We'll learn about the cultural revolution taking place and make warm personal connections with local Friends.

For more information, a flyer with the itinerary, and registration, [click here](#).

Jobs and Opportunities

Guest Services Associate (Part time)

At Pendle Hill

Pendle Hill, a Quaker study, retreat and conference center seeks a part-time Guest Services Associates (25-29 hours per week) to assist and support the Guest Services Manager in providing event planning and event set up and breakdown. This includes the day to day physical set up for the programs and events of our conference and educational services. In general, this position provides superior guest satisfaction to a variety of adult spiritual seekers, students, families, and groups. Click [here](#) for full job description and how to apply.

Occasional Jobs at Powell House

Snow Removal Person – this person must be available to work when snow is accumulating! The position is part-time, hourly work. If you live nearby and would like to earn some extra money, let Regina Haag know at 518-794-8811 or by emailing regina@powellhouse.org.

Cooks – We would like to add another person or two to the supply of folks who are employed for weekend retreats and programs (both adult and youth) to provide meals under the direction of our food service manager. [Click here for more details.](#) Send your resumes to regina@powellhouse.org.

Staff Travel Calendar

April

April 13-15: *Co-leading Aging Concerns Facilitator Training for Concord Quarter (PhYM) West Chester, PA:* Callie Janoff (Director of Aging Resources Consultation and Help/ARCH)

April 18-19: *Friends Services for the Aging CEO Peer Group Meeting, Blue Bell, PA:* Callie Janoff

April 20-22: *Circle Processes Training, Rochester NY:* Steve Mohlke

April 21: *Auburn Prison Worship Group:* Steve Mohlke

April 27-29: *Pastors and Elders “Tending the Flock” conference at Powell House:* Steve Mohlke (General Secretary)

(No confirmed events for **May** or **June** at press time)

July

July 22-28: *NYYM Summer Sessions at Silver Bay, NY:* Chad Gilmartin (Digital Communications Director), Callie Janoff, Steve Mohlke, Helen Garay Toppins (Associate Secretary), and Sarah Way (Communications Director)



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