

April 2019

Welcome, Friends! **InfoShare**, this email newsletter from New York Yearly Meeting, is now **monthly**. Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month. Below, please find news and announcements, upcoming events, job and grant opportunities, and staff calendars for NYYM.

Everyone is invited to attend our annual gathering, [NYYM Summer Sessions](#), which is now **Pay as Led!** Regular registration ends on **May 15**, after which lower Pay as Led amounts and some room choices may not be available. Almost 300 Friends have already registered and received their room assignments. If you have particular room preferences, you should not delay your registration. See below for messages from the clerks of NYYM and the Sessions Committee.

InfoShare and our printed newsletter, *Spark*, is made up of information and articles provided by YOU. Articles for *Spark* are a written form of ministry and should be 400-600 words long. Submissions of photos and artwork are welcome. The theme for the September issue is **Light Behind the Walls** (Quakers in prison), guest-edited by [Jill McLellan](#) of the Prisons Committee. Please [email](#) news from your meeting or committee to me so it can be shared with others in NYYM.

We update these social media accounts often: our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram account](#). Keep in touch! We care about you.

— Sarah Way, Editor

News & Announcements

Join the Match!

Commit to a Recurring Gift Before Summer Sessions

An enthusiastic supporter is offering a match to encourage us all to make sustaining contributions to New York Yearly Meeting. \$50,000 is available to



match new and increased recurring gifts offered **before Summer Sessions 2019**. For your contribution to be eligible, all you have to do is indicate that your gift is recurring (monthly, yearly, etc.).

Your gifts help support all of the work of NYYM, work that strengthens our communities and helps us continue to bring our Quaker faith to the world. [Donate online](#) or call the NYYM office at 212-673-5750 to donate.

Volunteer to Help at Summer Sessions

It takes many hands and spirits to make Summer Sessions complete. Do you have gifts to share with the community? We especially need volunteers:

- to enrich worship by sharing a message, a song, a story, or a Scripture
- to facilitate worship sharing groups
- to drive golf carts around campus (must have valid driver's license)
- to carry (or "run") microphones to Friends during meetings for worship and with a concern for business
- to help facilitate or share an interest with a Junior Yearly Meeting group

With everyone's help, we can be a more inclusive community. To volunteer, [email](#) the NYYM office and we will forward your email to the appropriate person. Interested in helping with JYM? Email [Sylke](#).

Like Books?

If you have a book from the [FGC Bookstore](#) that you would like to see on the Mosher Fund Book Table at Summer Sessions please send the title to [John Scardina](#). All of our books will be ordered through FGC this year, so please make your suggestions from their inventory. All suggestions need to be received by **May 1st**.

Weekly Online Meetings for Worship and Healing

Friends who are seeking a healing gathering, or are unable to attend worship, or just looking for some shared worship during the week, are invited to join two weekly prayer conference calls:

Wednesday Prayer Healing Meeting, every Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Monday Afternoon Worship, every Monday at 5:00 PM

To join the conference call, dial the number below and follow the prompts for the access code. You will be prompted to "announce yourself" once you join the call. Please do so, even if it's silent, so we all know who has joined!

USA: (712) 451-0673

Access Code 357843#

For more information, contact [Patty Frascatore](#). All welcome!

New York Quarterly Meeting ONLINE!

The NYQM Communications Committee wishes to remind you of the new & improved web site at www.nycquakers.org

The calendar of upcoming events covers all of the meetings in New York City! www.nycquakers.org/events/

Check out the NYQM Facebook page: facebook.com/NYQMFriends

And the NYQM Twitter feed: twitter.com/NYQMFriends

Bayard Rustin Honored

NYYM Administrative Associate Walter Naegle, the surviving partner of civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, attended two recent events at which places were renamed in Bayard Rustin's honor. On April 7, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Anita May Rosenstein Campus of the Los Angeles LGBT was held. The campus includes a plaza named for Bayard Rustin (see photo). And last week, on April 11, the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBTQ Community Center in Allentown, PA, hosted a street renaming dedication for Bayard Rustin Way. View a short [news piece](#) on this event, featuring some words from Walter.



Tearing Down the Old in Rahway-Plainfield

Rahway Plainfield has started the process of tearing down the 1950s school

wing. Don't worry, we aren't touching our historic meetinghouse! We hope to have a new wing complete in about six months. —Karen Tibbal

Penington Friends House Chooses a New Director

The Penington House Board has selected a new Director of Operations and

Community. [Penington Friends House](#) is an intergenerational, cooperative residential community next to the 15th Street Meetinghouse in Manhattan. Robin and Todd Drake will replace outgoing Rie Ma starting May 1, 2019. Robin will focus on day-to-day operations and as primary contact for residents and guests, while Todd will focus on community outreach.



Robin and Todd bring a wealth of experience to the role, including running their own business together for many years, teaching in a variety of positions, operating a rental property on the Outer Banks, raising two children and being involved with activism around immigrant rights.

Upcoming Events



Friends Come in All Ages, Sizes and Colors; Our Path Toward Being Inclusive

NYYM SUMMER SESSIONS

July 21-27, 2019

Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY

This is the annual gathering of New York Yearly Meeting Friends. Come spend a week in a beautiful place among hundreds of people who all share your Quaker values.

Reminder from Melanie-Claire Mallison, Clerk of Sessions Committee

Dear friends: We hope you have all heard that for the 2019 NYYM [Summer Sessions](#), we are experimenting with a Pay as Led process. For the process to work, we need as many people as possible to [register online](#) by Wednesday, **May 15th**! And to pay whatever they are led to pay by Saturday, **June 15th**. As you know, anyone can register right up to the last day of Summer Sessions, but we cannot guarantee the minimums for Pay as Led nor your preferred room assignment after May 15th. Please spread the news of this earlier registration date – and we look forward to seeing you at Summer Sessions!



Message from Jeffrey Aaron, Clerk of NYYM

We Friends are a driven people. We work hard to make the world a better place. A Quaker hero from our own 15th Street Meeting named Bayard Rustin, who organized the March on Washington where Martin Luther King Jr. shared his great dream, called us “angelic troublemakers.”

Eleanor Roosevelt, a great American hero, said “*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*” There is great value in remembering to celebrate our good works and our loving time together. And remembering how beautiful our labor is that advances the beloved community for all Friends.

This year’s theme is “**Friends Come in All Ages, Sizes and Colors; Our Path Toward Being Inclusive.**” A wonderful part of being inclusive at this year’s Summer Sessions is Pay as Led, welcoming everyone who wants to be among us. Please come to [Summer Sessions 2019](#) and we can all celebrate together.

Upcoming Conferences at Powell House

[Powell House](#) is the conference and retreat center for New York Yearly Meeting.

Conferences for adults and families:

[Providing Pastoral Care in All Kinds of Weather](#), May 17-19, with Bruce Heckman. Gain skills and confidence to better serve your meeting



community as a pastoral caregiver. We will consider how to care for Friends who are homebound, hospitalized, terminally ill, and newly bereaved or grieving. We'll also explore approaches to helping troubled or disruptive members and attenders and those with mental health problems.

Save the date for:

[Forgiveness as Spiritual Practice](#), June 14-16

[Nonviolent Communication: A Spiritual Practice and Act of Social Change](#), June 21-23

[Creating Generous Congregations](#), August 16-18

Specifically for young adults:

[Clerking in the 21st Century](#), May 3-5. Part of the Young Adult Spiritual Nurture [series](#)! See item below for more details, and register [here](#).

Upcoming youth programs:

[Love Those Trees](#) – 3rd to 5th Grade, April 26-28. Hug a tree and experience what it has to tell you. Plus we'll look at our own roots and shoots: what anchors us and what draws us up and out.

[Journey to the Center](#) – 5th to 7th Grade, May 10-12. Let's journey to the center – of the earth? of ourselves? – and see what we encounter.

[Earthsong](#) – 7th to 12th Grade, May 31-June 2. The year-end celebration of our community and of our going-out-into-the-world seniors. There will be workshops, festive foods, large group games, a dress-up dinner plus a full and fabulous cabaret.

[Wild Edibles I](#) – 3rd to 5th grade plus parents, June 14-16. Come with or without a parent to join Jo Clayson and her service dog, Ace, in exploring the Powell House property in search of wild plants we can eat, friends we meet, and connections we can make. (Return in August for Wild Edibles II!)

New Worship Group at Skidmore College

Saratoga Springs, New York

Upcoming dates: **April 21 and May 5, 2019**

We meet for Quaker Worship and fellowship for an hour every other Sunday at 3 pm, September through May while school is in session. At Skidmore College, Wilson Chapel, Perimeter Rd., near the North Woods.

Worship at Skidmore College is being co-facilitated by Easton Friends Meeting and Saratoga Friends Meeting with Skidmore students. Contact Jeannine at 518 587 8932 or Ruth at 518 863 4041. All are welcome, please join us.



Online Meeting for Worship with Buffalo Friends

7:30 pm on April 24, May 8 & 22, June 12 & 26

All are invited to the [Buffalo Friends Meeting](#) Online Mid-Week Meeting for Worship, held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM with a welcome message from the Outreach Committee, followed by worship for about 30 minutes. Afterwards, there is time for check-in/follow-up amongst the participants. The meeting ends about 8:15 PM. This virtual meeting is held using [Zoom](#), a free video conferencing service.

Instructions for joining the meeting:

From computer or smartphone for audio & video: Click on [this link](#), or copy and paste this link into your web browser: <https://zoom.us/j/486346925>

From telephone for audio only: Dial (669) 900-6833 or (646) 558-8656, then enter the Meeting ID: 486-346-925

Friends having technical difficulties connecting may call or text Matt at (716) 507-6562.

Do you sing? Be a Nightingale! Nightingales Weekend is April 26-28 at Poplar Ridge Meeting

Come join us for a weekend of singing, potluck food, and the fellowship of open hearts and shared voices in song! Christopher Sammond and Barbara Rhudy are welcoming our gathering to their home. We will join Poplar Ridge Meeting in song and potluck fellowship Saturday night and "warm up" the worship room Sunday morning.



All are welcome! We have an online [registration form](#). If you have any

questions or are having troubles with registration, please contact Bronwyn Mohlke at BJQMohlke@gmail.com or (607) 220-3219. Tell us what sleeping accommodations you will need, for how many, and what food you will bring to share.

Next Event in the Young Adult Spiritual Nurture Series:

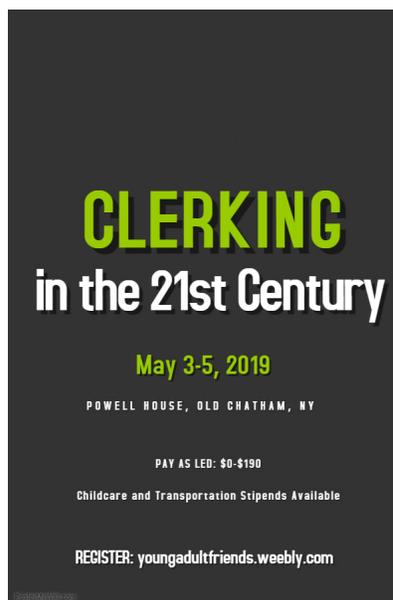
Clerking in the 21st Century

May 3 (evening)-May 5 (lunch)

Powell House, Old Chatham, NY

This weekend will provide opportunities for young adults at all phases of their Quakerdom to learn about clerking. Come if you know a lot, know a little, know nothing, or perhaps think you know something but aren't sure. We will hear from current and former clerks and discuss how traditional clerking translates into the 21st century. At the end of this workshop, participants will know more about clerking and will have built skills to move into clerking roles.

Join us to enjoy the beauty of [Powell House](#) in the spring and to build and deepen our skills in and knowledge of an important Quaker practice! Find out [more](#) or [register](#) now.



And save the date for the next event:

Why Am I? An Exploration of Authenticity, Integrity, and Courage

a one-day mini retreat

Date: June 8, 2019

Location: Farmington Friends Meeting, Farmington, NY

Open House at Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting

Saturday May 4th, 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday May 5th, noon to 5 PM

[Shrewsbury Meeting](#) will be open as part of the next [Weekend in Old Monmouth](#), May 4-5. We will be one of almost 50 historic sites in Monmouth County open for self-guided tours, with sites ranging from the Twin Lights lighthouse, multiple houses of worship, to the Quaker homestead of Walnford.

The [Center for the Study of White American Culture](#) presents

Raising Anti-racist White Children

Saturday, May 11, 2019, 9am-3:30pm

At the Brooklyn Heights Montessori School

185 Court Street (corner of Court and Bergen), Brooklyn, NY

Join us to explore and learn how we can all contribute to raising a new generation of white anti-racist activists. A description of this one-day, in-person course is [here](#), and you can register [here](#).

Reaching the Sacred Across the Divide

Explore with Friends to Discover That of God in Everyone

The Farmington Scipio Regional Spring Gathering

May 17-19, 2019

Watson Homestead, Painted Post, NY

Please [register](#) by **May 6**.

Click [here](#) for a folder that contains the informational flyer, as well as the primary registration form and additional youth registration forms for download if you prefer pen and paper.

Sandwich Seminar at Scarsdale Friends Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 12:30 pm (you are welcome to join Scarsdale Friends for Quaker worship at 11 am)

Quaker Women: Their Impact on the Success of the Women's Suffrage Movement – Celebrating the Centenary of the 19th Amendment

With Susan Weisfeld from the League of Women Voters

[Scarsdale Friends Meetinghouse](#), 133 Popham Road, just west of Rte 22.

All are welcome! Peace & Social Concerns will provide an excellent sandwich lunch (contributions for the meal are definitely welcome!) and we think you will enjoy the talk.

The Friends General Conference
Gathering

Peace in our Hearts, Justice in the World



FGC
FRIENDS
GENERAL CONFERENCE

June 30-July 6, 2019

at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

The [Friends General Conference \(FGC\) Gathering](#) is an amazing opportunity to immerse yourself in Quaker spirituality and to enjoy yourself among new and familiar F/friends. [Registration](#) is now open!

SAVE THE DATE:

Creating Generous Congregations

a workshop at [Powell House](#)

August 16-18, 2019

Facilitated by Colin Saxton



Does your meeting ever have a hard time with conversations about giving and financial support? An exciting new workshop is coming to Powell House this summer!

Creating Generous Congregations (CGC) is an interactive and practical workshop focused on inspiring and equipping meetings toward generosity and faithful, financial stewardship. Participants will explore the unique mission/vision of the meeting, current trends in giving, the spirituality of fundraising, and creative ways to invite Friends into a fuller partnership in the shared work and witness of the fellowship.

Make a note on your calendar, and watch for an invitation coming through the mail to your meeting treasurer soon.

Opportunities

Help Wanted: Advancement Manager at FWCC

Would you like to come work in our office? Do you know somebody who wishes they could be raising money to support the full spectrum of Friends as a whole?

The **Advancement Manager** will work closely with the Executive Secretary to collectively raise \$500,000 annually through a combination of individual gifts, grants, and contributions from other denominational bodies. The position will require excellent communication skills, including written and in-person



solicitation of donors, and hands-on database experience. A strong commitment to the future of the Religious Society of Friends is essential.

The position is expected to begin by October 1, 2019 (negotiable). The full description is posted [on our website](#). Share it with your friends, your family, and your local meeting. We need your help to find the right person.

Join ARCH Visitor Training Online Aging Resources, Consultation, and Help

Participate in the new [ARCH](#) Visitor Remote Training via Zoom video conference this Spring 2019! Yes, all of the great resources, learning, community building, spiritual deepening, and interpersonal connections of the ARCH Visitor Training retreat weekends are now available in a format geared for today's busy Quaker. We will meet weekly via Zoom for seven weeks for about an hour and a half, at a time mutually agreeable to the group. No experience with Zoom or video conferencing necessary—training provided.

[Sign up today!](#) If you have questions, please [email](#).

Earthcare Outreach Collaborators Needed

Rochester Monthly Meeting recently relaunched our Earthcare Committee. We are actively seeking collaboration with other Meetings on Earthcare related issues. Two important initiatives are unfolding: We are working with area schools to bring more nature into the lives of K-12 school children, and we are networking with several Rochester faith groups to introduce Creation Care practices on land around their worship spaces. If you as an individual, or as part of a worship group, would like to learn more, please [contact](#) Roy Allen.

More Earthcare News

Did you know that NYYM has an **Earthcare Working Group** (EWG)? Do you know *what we do**? Do we know *what you are doing*? Let's find out together. [Contact](#) EWG co-clerk Margaret McCasland to share your story and to hear ours.



*In addition to providing support and networking, the EWG now funds small Earthcare projects.

NYYM Meeting Houses & Properties Fund

The Trustees would like to remind all about the [Meeting Houses and Properties Fund](#). From the New York Yearly Meeting Trust Fund Descriptions, August 2018 Version:

“This fund was established in 2017 at the direction of the Trustees. The proceeds from the sale of the Plattekill Meeting House was deposited in this fund. The income is directed to the Meeting Houses and Properties designated use fund. The income from the Brinkerhoff fund is also directed to the Meeting Houses and Properties Fund.”

Per the Trustees minutes of May 23, 2017, “...the approved uses of that Fund are expanded to include maintenance, repair and new construction of meetinghouses and properties.”

The Trustees will be reviewing all applications to this fund at the **end of May**, so please submit any requests prior to that time. Visit the NYYM Financial Resources for Individuals and Meetings [page](#) to find an application form.

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 at Summer Sessions, July 21-27, 2019. Those who would like to apply please request an application from [David Herendeen](#), 518 836 7209, or [Anita Paul](#), 518 374 2166. Applications are due by **July 1, 2019**.

The Powell House Subscription Series

[Powell House](#), the conference and retreat center for NYYM, is launching the second year of offering a [subscription series](#) for individuals and monthly meetings.

The individual plan: Any individual who pays \$720 is eligible to come to as many Powell House programs as they'd like for one year.

The monthly meeting plan: A monthly meeting that pays \$1440 can have one person at each Powell House program for one year.

Powell House subscriptions have some restrictions and guidelines. Please feel free to bring questions or concerns to Co-Executive Director Regina Baird Haag via [email](#) or at 518-794-8811. Contact [Sharon](#) to purchase a subscription.

Staff Travel Calendar

April

April 24-26: *Friends Services for the Aging (FSA) Annual Meeting, Pennswood Village, Newtown, PA:* Callie Janoff (ARCH Director)

May

May 3-5: *Clerking in the 21st Century (part of the Young Adult Spiritual Nurture Series), Powell House, Old Chatham, NY:* Steve Mohlke (General Secretary)

May 15-17: *Farmington-Scipio Spring Gathering, Watson Homestead, Painted Post, NY:* Steve Mohlke

June

June 21-23: *Building Multi-Racial Community, Friends Center for Racial Justice, Ithaca, NY:* Steve Mohlke

June 30-July 6: *Friends General Conference Gathering, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa:* Callie Janoff, Steve Mohlke



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