

June 2019

Welcome, dear Friends, to the June 2019 edition of **InfoShare**, the email newsletter from New York Yearly Meeting.

It's only a month until [Summer Sessions](#)! Many Friends are working hard right now to bring you this Spirit-led and grace-filled week. I hope you can enjoy the fruit of our labors and join us at Silver Bay next month. If you don't have time to attend for a full week, please consider coming for a half week or just a day or two. Find the details under "[Upcoming Events](#)" below, where you can also preview some of the amazing interest groups that will be offered. **Register for Sessions as soon as you can!** Please **pay by June 15**, if you are able, to help NYYM meet its financial obligations to our Sessions host, Silver Bay YMCA.

Quakers from all around our yearly meeting want to hear from you! [Email](#) or use this [form](#) to submit items to the monthly **InfoShare**. For **InfoShare** and our printed newsletter, Spark, the submissions deadline is the 1st week of the month prior to publication. Articles for Spark should be 400-600 words long. Photos and artwork are welcome. The next issue of Spark, in September, will be un-themed, with news from Summer Sessions. The November issue is titled [Light Behind the Walls](#), on Quaker worship in prison, and will be guest-edited by [Jill McLellan](#) of the Prisons Committee.

Don't forget to check out (and Like!) the NYYM social media accounts: the NYYM [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram account](#). I hope to see many of you this summer!

— Sarah Way, Editor

News & Announcements

Last Chance to 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.

Articles on Decentering Whiteness

Center for the Study of White American Culture (CSWAC)

Season 1 of the CSWAC Decentering Whiteness blog has been rolling along. So far, we've covered topics such as

- [Has Black Lives Matter Made a Difference?](#)
- [Building Multiracial Community](#)
- [White Culture as the Mainstream](#)
- [The Rise of Color Consciousness](#)
- [The History of the Multiracial Movement](#)
- [The Importance of Making Friends With People Who Don't Look Like You](#)

[Click Here To Read All of the Articles From Season 1](#)

Purchase Quarterly Quaker Family Sunday Supper

Sunday, June 9, Purchase Quarter kicked off a new child-centered worship and fellowship for families. Scarsdale Meeting hosted this first gathering. We met for worship through story and singing, played outside together and shared a simple meal. Children and their parents had fun and enjoyed connecting with one another. The next Quarterly Quaker Family Sunday Supper will be hosted by Wilton Meeting at the end of the summer. Families from within and beyond Purchase Quarter are welcome! Join us!

Details will be posted on the Wilton Meeting [website](#). You can [email](#) Ann Nunes with questions.

Upcoming Events



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NYYM SUMMER SESSIONS

FRIENDS COME IN ALL AGES, SIZES, AND COLORS: OUR PATH TOWARD BEING INCLUSIVE
JULY 21–27, 2019

NYYM SUMMER SESSIONS, the annual intergenerational gathering of New York Yearly Meeting Friends, is July 21-27 at Silver Bay, NY. For some Friends, it is difficult to set aside a full week to attend Sessions. If you're one of them, consider joining the Friends who attend for half a week—or even fewer days. Make space for grace within your busy schedule. Check out the [Week-At-A-Glance](#) to help you choose which half of the week to attend. [Housing rates](#) are prorated for the days you attend.

Visit the [Summer Sessions page](#) for all details and for [registration](#).

Want to learn something new, be inspired, and make connections with others? On Tuesday and Wednesday night at Sessions you are invited to attend an **interest group**. Here's a sampling:

- Political Peacemaking: Quaker Faith and Practice in a Polarized World
- Gender Diversity and Christianity
- How Can You Support the Prison Ministry of the Yearly Meeting?
- Holding Our Families in the Light
- Quakers in Palestine: Ramallah Friends School

Inspired to offer an [interest group](#)? Great! Fill out and submit [this form](#).

Are you a NYYM committee clerk? If you'd like to meet during Summer Sessions, email office@nyym.org to reserve a space.

Advance documents — items that will be discussed during business meeting at Summer Sessions — will be posted [here](#) as they are received.

Do you have an item for the business meeting agenda? If you'd like to add an item to the business agenda, please contact the appropriate coordinating

committee clerk. office@nyym.org can help.

Would you like some display space? If you'd like to put up a display for your organization, download and fill out the [Display Space Request form](#).

NEW: First Time Attenders Orientation is at the Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Get informed and have your questions answered! If you've attended Summer Sessions many times, come and share your wisdom!

Northeastern United Society of Friends Women Gathering

Host: Trois Riviera (Three Rivers) Friends Church, Quebec

Dates: **June 15 and 16.** 10 a.m.- Sunday after morning worship

Lots of Singing, Worship, Prayer, informal sharing over meals.

Topics:

Women of the Bible – Pam Cole, pastor from New England YM

Women building each other up – Judith Nandikove, from Nairobi YM

USFWI: How we can form small, more local groups – Marian Baker, NEYM

We hope to have at least two carloads from New England and some from New York YM to attend, but **any women in northeastern US are welcome to come.**

RSVP to [Marian Baker](#) for details and car pool information.

A Reading of The Way of a Pilgrim: a play about prayer

1:00 p.m., Sunday, June 16

Fifteenth Street Meetinghouse, 15 Rutherford Place, NYC

Late in the 19th century, a monk in one of the monasteries on Mount Athos, Greece, discovered a manuscript called Candid Narratives of a Pilgrim to His Spiritual Father. It was published in Russian in 1884 and has since been retitled The Way of a Pilgrim. It's the memoir of a man, a seeker, who spent years traveling in Russia looking for a starets – a teacher – who could teach him what St. Paul means when he tells us, in his letter to the Thessalonians, "Pray without ceasing." When he finally finds his starets, he learns The Jesus

Prayer, still one of the most widely-recited Christian prayers.

Friends are invited to a reading of *The Way of a Pilgrim*: a play about prayer, adapted from this book. Whether Christ-centered or not, we'll all appreciate the wisdom that the anonymous Russian writer has for us. Brought to you by the 15th Street Meeting Arts Committee.

Preview "Cultivating Generous Congregations"

An online conversation at 7 p.m. on June 17

Join us for a preview of the NYYM and Everence sponsored "Cultivating Generous Congregations" retreat at Powell House, August 16-18. Colin Saxton, stewardship consultant from Everence, will offer an introduction to what the retreat will offer.

"Cultivating Generous Congregations" looks at giving trends in our culture and across generations. We will explore best practices for encouraging generosity and stewardship and how to overcome obstacles that keep Friends from partnering in the work of our Meetings. The retreat offers practical tools and a framework for engaging in healthy and transforming conversations about giving, our use of money and the work we are called to do as Friends.

Whether you are registered for the retreat, thinking about it or just want to learn more, plan to join us for a conversation on Monday, June 17 at 7pm (Eastern)!

No registration is necessary for the call. You can join us at the appointed time by using the following information:

Join by computer (recommended): <https://zoom.us/j/382233458>

Or join by phone: (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 382 233 458

Participating in God's Power

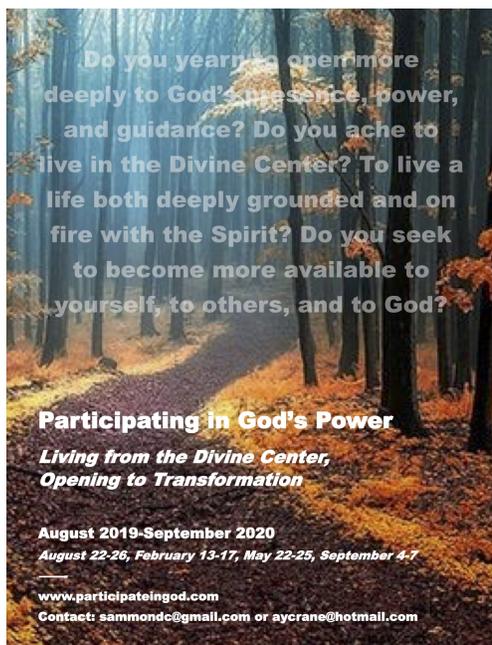
Living from the Divine Center —

Opening to Transformation

A year-long program consisting of four [residencies](#) on long weekends and video conferences in between.

There are still a few remaining openings in [Participating in God's Power](#), a

ministry of the [School of the Spirit](#). The application process will be held open until this new program is filled. Please continue to hold in prayer those who might be listening for a call to apply for this wonderful opportunity. And if you want to be considered, please [apply](#).



Upcoming Conferences at Powell House

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

Conferences for adults and families:

[Nonviolent Communication: A Spiritual Practice and Act of Social Change](#) Facilitated by Dian

Killian

June 21-23

During this weekend-long intensive training in compassionate Nonviolent Communication, we will learn practical skills to put Quaker principles into action: self-managing our own reactions, empathizing with others, and finding solutions that restore harmony, are in integrity with our values, and hold everyone's needs with care.

[Creating Generous Congregations](#) Facilitated by Colin Saxton

August 16-18

This interactive and practical workshop is focused on inspiring and equipping meetings toward generosity and faithful, financial stewardship. Get a preview of this conference on June 17 – see item below for details.

Upcoming youth programs:

[Unwinding](#) – 9th to 12th grade, July 4-7

A long weekend for unwinding, ending with a movie festival plus



munchies. Beginning Thursday, we'll come together to construct and destruct, work, reflect, play, swim and converse.

[The Stars Above and the Stars Below](#) – Rising 6-8th graders, July 12-14

Two nights of camping in the maze. Sardines outside in the dark, breakfast in the pavilion. Swimming in the pond. Large outside games on the trails. And of course stargazing at night.

[Quaker Spring: Experiencing the Inward Christ Together](#)

Friday-Wed, June 21-26, 2019

Woolman Hill Quaker Retreat Center, Deerfield, MA

Our program will be shaped by God's leading as the week unfolds. Each day will include: BIBLE STUDY, WORSHIP, QUIET TIME, EVENING EXPLORATIONS, and FELLOWSHIP.

Friends of all branches are welcome.

Costs are low & on a "pay as led" basis. (No one should stay away because of limited means.) Children's program and childcare available by advanced request. Learn [more details](#) and [register online](#).

1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse

The 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse in Farmington, NY, is a fixture in our historical landscape and a touchstone for the future of the Quaker Community.



1816 FARMINGTON
QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE

Upcoming Events:

[Akoma](#)

June 23, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Sonnenberg Gardens, 151 Charlotte St, Canandaigua, NY

The Rochester-based African American Women's Gospel Choir will present a range of songs including selections from the 1800s and the time of slavery and struggle for freedom as well as more contemporary times.

[Frederick Douglass in Canandaigua](#)

July 14, 2:00 PM

Sonnenberg Gardens, 151 Charlotte St, Canandaigua, NY

Actor and scholar David Shakes will appear as Frederick Douglass and deliver excerpts from speeches Douglass made in Canandaigua.

[Lucretia Mott: Quaker minister, abolitionist, suffragist and Seneca Falls Convention organizer](#)

July 21, 7:00 PM

Farmington Friends Church, 187 Co Rd 8, Farmington, NY

Christopher Densmore, former curator of Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College and Quaker scholar, will speak on Mott's vital role in the great social reforms of her time.

The Friends General Conference Gathering

Peace in our Hearts, Justice in the World

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 ongoing!

Self Care in the Craft of Teaching

[Tools for Expanding Your Practice](#)

August 16-18, 2019 at Powell House

The Children's Arts Guild partners with educators to bring authenticity-based, social-emotional learning to school communities across the country. In our **Authenticity in the Classroom** program, we bring self-care workshops to educators that focus on helping teachers tap into the passion for their craft to address stress in their professional lives. This workshop is designed to help teachers deepen their self-care practice and continue to build a community of support. Co-led by NYYM Friend Mark LaRiviere.

SAVE THE DATE

For These Upcoming Regional Retreats

[DEEPENING OUR WORSHIP - the Purchase Meeting Retreat](#)

October 4-6, 2019, at Powell House, NY

The theme is Deepening Our Worship, and we mean it in all senses, from how we are when we come together on Sunday, to how we are in the rest of our

lives. Over the course of the weekend, we will talk about what we revere in our lives, taking inspiration from “worship’s” root in where we find worth. While this retreat is being hosted by Purchase Meeting, it is open to all meetings in Purchase Quarter, and to anyone interested in the theme of deepening our experience of the worth in our lives.

Brooklyn Meeting Retreat

November 8-10, 2019 at Powell House, NY

The theme is still being discussed, but no matter what it is, this retreat will be a weekend full of contemplation, worship, relaxation, play, and laughter. As part of the NYQM Jubilee Year, Friends from all the meetings in the New York Quarter are encouraged to attend.

Opportunities



Job Opening: Office Coordinator at QUNO

New York, NY

Application Deadline: June 16, 2019

The Office Coordinator functions as part of a team to carry out the day-to-day aspects of the management and administration of the Quaker UN Office (QUNO) and Quaker House. This is a full-time position with benefits. See the [job listing](#) for all details and to apply.

Job Opening: Director of Facilities at Penington Friends House

Penington Friends House (the Penington), an intergenerational, cooperative residential community in the Union Square neighborhood of Manhattan, seeks to hire a Director of Facilities to oversee repairs, maintenance and capital improvements for its large Nineteenth Century, 5 story walk-up townhouse.

Schedule: Part-time (approximately 20 hours per week) Some weekend and evening hours may be required.

Expected start date: September, 2019

Compensation: Salary: \$25,000 annually; and Room and Board in the Penington Friends House community (preferred)

To apply, please send your resume and a cover letter to search@peningtonhouse.org. We will accept applications received by **June 14, 2019**.

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.

If Friends or meetings know someone who would benefit from the Stevens Fund, please encourage them to apply. Friends may note that the fund currently has more recipients than fund income permits, and we have had to receive assistance through an added budget line of Ministry Coordinating Committee. The Stevens Fund committee and Ministry & Pastoral Care Committee are currently discerning solutions to this budget gap. For now, contributions from individual Friends and meetings would be most welcome. Please send checks to NYYM with memo: Stevens Fund.

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**.

Staff Travel Calendar

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: Chad Gilmartin (Digital Communications Director), Callie Janoff (ARCH Director), Steve Mohlke

July

July 21-July 27: NYYM Summer Sessions, Silver Bay, NY: Chad Gilmartin, Callie Janoff, Steve Mohlke, Helen Garay Toppins (Associate Secretary), Sarah Way (Communications Director)



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