

PROGRAM
The 315th Session of
NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING
of the
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 18 to July 24, 2010
Silver Bay, N.Y.

Use this program along with the *Advance Reports*, the *NYYM Minute*, the Worship Sharing list, and the Junior Yearly Meeting information sheets to enhance your participation in Yearly Meeting sessions.

Message from the Clerk

Beloved Friends –
Welcome!

As I have held our Yearly Meeting in prayer over the past year, a simple phrase keeps rising up: Choosing Love. As we gather this week, and as we hold and are held by those who cannot physically be with us, let us choose Love.

A fierce tyrant once was taking over new land, running people out of their homes, people fleeing in fear. But one peasant would not leave, and was not interested in the soldiers' threats. When the tyrant heard of this refusal, he himself tore into the home of the peasant and towered over him, brandishing his sword and roaring, "Don't you know you're looking at a man who could run you through without blinking an eye?!"

The peasant gazed at him evenly. "And don't you know you're looking at a man who could be run through without blinking an eye?"

The tyrant lowered his sword and left, having recognized that the man was connected to a greater power—the power of that transforming Love that brings freedom from fear, freedom from despair, freedom from everything that separates and diminishes us. The tyrant could not kill the man because there was no one there to kill; he was living somewhere that is at once deeply within the world and far from it, without self and without fear.

Like the Israelites fleeing the Pharaoh, turning on Moses in fear, crying, "Why did you make us leave Egypt?! We should have stayed! We would have been slaves but we would be alive!" I experience times when the promise of freedom seems impossible, and when I feel attached to my chains, because they are part of my identity. And even when I am brought to the mountaintop and get to look over, and see and hear and smell the crazy beauty of the promised land, I still slide back down to what I know, because of the attraction of the familiar. What would true freedom look like, and feel like—and demand? For this Love is not a cute, fluffy love, but it is vigorous, earthy, and strong.

In our times of worship and discernment together, let us seek immersion in and submission to that Love that transforms and frees us. With divine assistance, let us accept the Love that yearns for us, that seeks to heal our brokenness and connect us in deep relationship. As we live more deeply into that Love, those things that separate us lose their hold, and fall away.

While we live in community this week, let us choose Love. We can ask ourselves, Am I choosing Love in this situation? Let us choose joy, and hope, and trust. Let us assume that all intentions are for the good. With great tenderness let us help someone up when they stumble, even—or especially—when their stumbling hurts us. Let us be kind, remembering that we cannot know what inner struggles torment each person we encounter. Let our hearts stay soft. Let us love each other, and the stranger, and ourselves. And let us see what Love can do.

In loving friendship,

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Clerk's Tea

The Clerk's Tea (new this year!) is happening on Sunday from 4:00–5:30 and again on Wednesday from 6:00–7:00. This informal gathering provides an opportunity to welcome newcomers, and those who feel like newcomers, and those who like to welcome newcomers. It's a chance to make connections and to ask questions and start sorting out the sometimes baffling world of Summer Sessions and our Yearly Meeting.

All are invited to both teas, which will take place in Gullen Lounge, in the northern end of the Inn.

PROGRAM NOTES

Welcome to NYYM Summer Sessions at Silver Bay

Besides the events listed in this program, Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks has its own schedule of activities, which can be found in their publication, *The Breeze*. Please observe all Silver Bay rules and requirements.

Badges are required on campus. The name badges provide a good way to start conversations with people of any age, particularly those with a blue dot on their name badges. These people are first-time attenders at Summer Sessions.

Questions about residential rooms are directed to the Silver Bay desk.

Questions about Yearly Meeting services, facilities, program, or program rooms should be directed to the New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM) conference office in the Inn lobby or the Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) office in the upper Boathouse.

Meals on Campus

Badges are used in place of meal tickets. All meals are cafeteria style.

Those staying off-campus may buy meal tickets at the Silver Bay desk, singly, at least one meal before you expect to eat in the dining room.

Those wanting the meal package for their entire stay must purchase it on arrival.

Those who want a box lunch on Saturday must place orders at the Silver Bay desk by Thursday at 1:00 P.M.

Announcements

Use the NYYM *Minute* each day for announcements such as program changes or special events. Items should be placed in the *Minute* box at the NYYM conference office by 6:30 P.M. for the following day; they must be signed and previously checked for accuracy, legibility, and availability of facilities.

For emergency announcements, check with John Cooley, clerk of the Sessions Committee. Do not use the cafeteria microphone.

The Community

Clerk Heather Cook and Assistant Clerk Joe Garren will meet Monday through Friday for worship with the expanded Liaison Committee (which consists of the clerks of the four sections, reading and recording clerks, general secretary, and a representative from JYM). We will hold in prayer each day how the Spirit is moving in the community and the prepared business coming before the meeting that day. Please address questions about the agenda to the clerk of the Yearly Meeting or the appropriate coordinating clerk: Ministry, Julia Giordano; General Services, Jeffrey Aaron; Nurture, Cheshire Frager; Witness, Fred Dettmer; and JYM, Peter Close.

The Coordinators

Messages for coordinators can be posted on the bulletin boards outside the NYYM conference office. JYM coordinators Ginny Haines and Susan Stillman are available at the JYM office in the upper Boathouse. They welcome your offers of help, suggestions, and inquiries.

The Silver Bay liaison is Martha Gurvich. Contact her with any questions about facilities or about food.

The Sessions Committee, which planned the week, is clerked by John Cooley. Committee members have red dots on their name badges. They will be glad to help you. Please ask them.

For use of audiovisual aids during committee or interest group times, consult Martha Gurvich. It is necessary to clear

use of both space and equipment in advance.

For questions about displays, check with the NYYM conference office.

Regina Haag, our off-campus coordinator, can be contacted with concerns of off-campus participants.

The NYYM *Minute* editor is Barbara Von Salis.

Friends with special physical challenges may contact Ron Inskeep.

The 12-Step program coordinator is Boyce Bengé. The golf cart coordinator is Carol Rice.

To schedule additional committee or group meetings, contact the NYYM conference office for time and space.

For medical problems, consult the Silver Bay nurse. The nurse's office is on the first floor of the Inn at the end of the north wing, next to room 140. Hours are 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. weekdays. (Check with the Silver Bay desk if the nurse is not in the office.) A nurse is on call 24 hours a day for emergencies.

Message Center

Friends at the NYYM conference office will help provide information. Messages can be left on the bulletin boards opposite the conference office, at the bottom of the stairs. Everyone is asked to check frequently for messages.

Requests for committee photocopies should be made only at the NYYM conference office, by the clerk of the requesting committee. It is important to take leftover reports and papers with you when you leave the campus.

The NYYM conference office is not open during meetings for worship with a concern for business. A sign will be posted to inform you of when the conference office will be open.

Meetings in the Auditorium

Please try to arrive early, settling into worship in preparation for meeting for business. We ask that you come to the front of the auditorium for seats with better acoustics. If you wish to speak, after being recognized by the Clerk please wait for the microphone before beginning to speak. Bells ring at the beginning of meals and at the end of worship sharing and Bible study.

Visiting Friends are asked to give their names to the NYYM conference office and to indicate which session will be their first one, so that the Yearly Meeting Clerk can welcome them.

Committee Meetings

In general, visitors are cordially invited to all committee meetings, but they are asked to respect the agendas and, should they have matters to discuss, inform the committee clerk before the meeting starts.

Junior Yearly Meeting

Regular groups meet daily, Monday through Friday, 8:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. Young Friends are assigned to groups according to the grade they are entering in the fall.

The JYM office is located in the upper Boathouse. Look for the signs!

Parents, guardians, and sponsors have responsibility for their children and must register at the JYM office after registering with Silver Bay. At registration, each JYMer receives a schedule of group activities (there are extra copies for parents) and can refer to this throughout the week. The schedules and other important information are posted in the JYM office in the upper Boathouse.

All youth 10 years and above are welcome to participate in interest groups. The upper High School group sponsors the Thursday evening Café Night.

A childcare program for children up to age 10 will be available Monday–Friday afternoons and some evenings, depending on parent volunteers. A schedule will be posted at JYM Registration, as well as a sign-up for parents to help out. JYM will coordinate volunteers to supplement the Silver Bay staff in their preschool morning program at the Children's Pavilion, 8:30 A.M. to noon Monday to Friday.

JYM needs volunteers to create a fun-filled environment. Please come to the JYM office to learn how to volunteer.

Each day parents should pick up their preschool through 3rd grade children before 12:00 noon at their group meeting places. Everyone is welcome at the community worship in the Auditorium from 12:00 to 12:15.

JYM coordinators Ginny Haines and Susan Stillman are available in the JYM office between the hours of 8:45 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. every day. JYM staff meetings are held each morning at 7:00 A.M. in Morse Hall.

The Book Table

Members of the Committee for the Expenditure of the H.H. Mosher Fund invite browsing and buying.

Early Evening Events

Bible study will be 6:45–7:30 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This year, our leader for Bible study will be Jim Atwell of Butternuts Meeting.

Informal singing will be from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. in front of the Inn.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

P.M.

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| 2:00–3:45 | Sessions Committee—Inn conference room |
| 4:00–5:30 | General registration—Inn
JYM registration—upper Boathouse
Clerk's Tea—Inn Gullen lounge |
| 5:00 | Worship Group Leaders' orientation—Inn suite 230 |
| 5:30–6:30 | Dinner in cafeteria |
| 6:30–6:55 | JYM introductions—Auditorium |
| 7:00–7:45 | Community worship & welcome |
| 8:00–9:00 | Parents/Sponsors/Guardians Information Gathering—Auditorium
JYM registration—upper Boathouse |
| 9:00 | Circle of Young Friends Welcoming Gathering—Gray Pavilion
(high school seniors invited) |
| 9:00–10:00 | Meeting for Discernment Elders—Morse Hall |
| 9:00–10:30 | Multigenerational Swing Dance & Social—Gym |
| 10:00 | 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130 |
| 11:00 | Quiet time |

MONDAY, JULY 19

A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium

P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
1:45–4:00 Committee meetings
 Advancement—Inn library
 Aging Concerns—Inn suite 230
 Epistle—Bayview suite #2
 Faith & Practice—Munn
 Financial Services—Bayview lounge
 FWCC—See Memorial
 Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130
 Junior Yearly Meeting—Boathouse office
 Nominating—Inn conference room
 Peace Concerns—Field
 Prisons—Brookside lounge
 Spiritual Nurture—Bayside suite 1
 Traveling Friends/Ministry & Pastoral Care—Trinity lounge
 Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion
 Youth & First Day School—Circle tent
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship
Committee Fair—Inn Gullen lounge front & porch
Reception for PoHo youth coordinators—Inn Gullen lounge back
4:15–5:15 FLGBTQ worship—Gray Pavilion
Meeting for Healing—Sproul Pavilion
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial
6:30–7:45 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall
6:45–7:30 Bible study—Auditorium
Circle of Young Friends Multigenerational Games for all ages—meet in front of Field
7:45 – 9:15 Plenary with speakers
9:30–10:45 Reception for speakers—Inn Gullen lounge
11:00 Quiet time

TUESDAY, JULY 20

A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel
10:15–12:00 Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium

P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
1:45–4:00 Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship
4:15–5:15 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
Worship in the Spirit of Christ—Inn suite 130
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria
Dinner with Prison Worship Group members—Inn Gullen lounge
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall
6:45–7:30 Bible study—Auditorium
7:45–9:15 Reflections on Meeting for Discernment—Auditorium
Interest groups (see posted lists)
9:30 CYF-sponsored discussion on where we are spiritually (for all ages)—Morse Hall
10:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
11:00 Quiet time

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium

P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria
Opportunity to order box lunches for Saturday—Silver Bay desk
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
1:45–4:00 Coordinating Committees
Ministry—Brookside lounge
General Services—Munn
Nurture—Auditorium
Witness—Field
2:30–5:30 Fun(d) Fair
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria
6:00–7:00 Clerk’s Tea—Inn Gullen lounge
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial
6:30–8:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall
6:45–7:30 Family storytelling—Circle tent
7:45–9:15 Interest groups (see posted lists)
11:00 Quiet time

THURSDAY, JULY 22

A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium

P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria
Last opportunity to order box lunches for Saturday—Silver Bay desk
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
1:45–4:00 Committee meetings
Aging Concerns—Inn suite 230
Black Concerns—Inn library
Conflict Transformation—Bayview suite 1
Conscientious Objection—Gullen lounge
Epistle—Bayview suite 2
Faith & Practice—Trinity lounge
Financial Services—Bayview lounge
Indian Affairs—Inn suite 130
Junior Yearly Meeting—Boathouse office
Meetings for Discernment Steering Committee—Munn
Ministry & Pastoral Care/Traveling Friends—Field
Nominating—Inn conf. room
Personnel—location TBD
Prisons—Brookside lounge
World Ministries—See Memorial
Young Adult Concerns—Gray Pavilion
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship
CYF Intergenerational Fish Bowl—field next to parking lot
4:15–5:15 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
Meeting for racial healing—Morse Hall
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial
6:30–7:45 Evening childcare—Morse Hall
6:45–7:30 Bible study—upper Boathouse
7:45–9:15 Café Night—Auditorium
9:15 Community contra dance—upper Boathouse
10:00 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
11:00 Quiet time

FRIDAY, JULY 23

A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse
Hymn singing—Hughes Chapel
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria
8:45–12:15 Junior Yearly Meeting—various locations
Morning childcare—Children’s Pavilion
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (see posted lists on Inn porch)
Unprogrammed worship—Hughes Chapel
10:15–12:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium

P.M.

- 12:00–12:15 Community worship—Auditorium
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria
Sessions Committee—Brookside lounge
1:30–4:15 Afternoon childcare—Morse Hall
1:45–2:45 Coordinating Committees
Ministry—Brookside lounge
General Services—Munn
Nurture—Auditorium
Witness—Field
3:00–4:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium
4:00–5:30 Rest, renewal, family, fellowship
4:15–5:15 FLGBTQ worship—Gray Pavilion
5:30–6:30 Dinner in cafeteria
6:30–7:30 Informal singing—Inn porch
Singing Broadway tunes—See Memorial
6:30–7:45 12-Step meeting—Inn suite 130
6:30–9:30 Evening childcare—Morse Hall
6:45–7:30 Bible study—Auditorium
7:45–9:00 Meeting for worship with attention to business—Auditorium
9:15 Community bonfire
11:00 Quiet time

SATURDAY, JULY 24

A.M.

- 6:30 Early swim
7:00–7:30 Meeting for worship—Boathouse
7:30–8:30 Breakfast in cafeteria
9:00–10:00 Worship sharing (optional)
10:15–11:45 Community worship under the care of MCC—Auditorium
12:30–1:30 Lunch in cafeteria

Please vacate your sleeping rooms by 11:00 A.M.

Those who ordered box lunches instead of cafeteria lunches may pick up their boxes after breakfast.