

Yearly Meeting News



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REMINDERS

Your portable Info Desk! Information that repeats day-to-day is in the *Guide to Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions*. If you don't have a copy yet, download the Guide from <https://neym.org/what-expect-2025-sessions>. The *Yearly Meeting News* will provide the day's schedule, along with special announcements and a few reminders.

HOLD ON TO YOUR KEY/DORM ACCESS CARD. Replacement for the key is \$100.00 and the card \$25.00. **LOCKOUTS** are \$50 on weekdays and \$75 on nights and weekends!

Your Sessions Photos Wanted: We welcome your photographs for use on neym.org during Sessions; however, please do not take photos from the front of the ballroom or on stage during worship or business. Please do not be disruptive and please do not post photographs of individuals without permission. Please see the full policy for taking photographs at Sessions at <https://neym.org/photography-recording-policies> or can be obtained by e-mailing office@neym.org.

Youth Programs maintain their own agreements, including use of social media. Participants and staff in those programs are expected to abide by their program's agreements. Contact the program coordinators with questions.

Policy Addressing At-Risk or Disruptive Behavior at Sessions: A copy of the Policy is on page 5 in the *Guide to Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions*. Friends are encouraged to review it as we seek to create a place of safety and respect for all who attend.

Volunteers Needed: Help in the bookstore, carry a tray at mealtime, play with kids under the tent in the afternoon, drive shuttles. Find something to do and volunteer through the Info Desk.

Practicing Noticing Patterns Together: This year in business meetings, the NPWG encourages all Friends to share their noticings, with support available from Noticing Patterns. The prompts *I feel; I hear; I see; I wonder; I know* are helpful starters. The Presiding Clerk will also call for noticings, as led.

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Zoom links and other info for all online activities, including informal gatherings and hybrid events, can be found on the linktree at <https://linktr.ee/NEYMevents>.

FRIDAY

3:30–5:30 p.m.	Registration (Campus Center)
4:45–6:45 p.m.	Dinner (Worcester Commons)
7:00 p.m.	Welcome Activities
7:00–9:30 p.m.	Registration (Campus Center)

EVENTS ON SATURDAY

6:30–7:00 a.m.	Early Morning Programmed Worship (See Linktree above) Marian Baker, long term Travelling Minister among East African women, from Weare/Henniker MM
	Unprogrammed (See Linktree above)
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast (Worcester Commons)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Registration (Campus Center)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Opening Celebration (Student Union Ballroom)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Bible Half-Hour (Student Union Ballroom)
11:30 a.m.–12:15	Registration continues (Campus Center)
11:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Worcester) Saturday arrivals must pay at the door
1:15–3:15 p.m.	Meeting for Business (Student Union Ballroom)
3:30–5:00 p.m.	Choices (see reverse)
4:45–6:45 p.m.	Dinner (Worcester Commons)
6:00–6:20 p.m.	Vespers All ages welcome for singing meditative songs learned by ear. Join us to musically ground in the gift of life. (See Linktree above)
6:00 p.m.	12-Step Online Link: The Quaker 12-step group will be meeting Sat–Tues at 6 p.m. as a hybrid, in person/Zoom meeting. (ILCS311) Can't make it in person, please email Juliet Wright julietann@comcast.net for link.
6:30–8:00 p.m.	Memorial Meeting (Student Union Ballroom)

EARLY ON SUNDAY

6:30–7 a.m.	Early Morning Programmed Worship (See Linktree above) Windy Cooler, founder of Incubator of Public Ministers from Baltimore YM
	Unprogrammed (See Linktree above)
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast (Worcester Commons)
9:00 a.m.	All-Ages Worship (Student Union Ballroom)
10:30 a.m.	Bible Half Hour with Kirenia Criado Pérez (Student Union Ballroom)

The *Yearly Meeting News* is available Saturday–Tuesday mornings at the Info Desk and on the web at neym.org/yearly-meeting-news. Send submissions in email to ymnews@neym.org or drop off at the Info Desk (outside the Ballroom in the Student Union) Saturday thru Tuesday by 1:30 p.m. Announcements not specifically related to Sessions will not be included in the YM News.

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Worcester Commons dining service welcomes us, ready to cater to our special needs. Menus and ingredients are posted at <https://umassdining.com/locations-menus/worcester/menu>. If you have allergies and are unsure about whether an item is safe for you, please feel free to ask Worcester Commons staff or Jana Noyes, NEYM Access Coordinator, access@neym.org.

Please leave trays for those with young children and mobility challenges. Encourage parents with small children to go to the head of dining lines and offer to help.

No Running Zones: Please do not run in the dining hall and other busy areas! Please be careful not to bump into Friends. Please consider wearing your mask when not actively eating. Outside seating is available again this year.

Join Curt Torell, Quaker House and QREC, to chat over a meal about supporting youth discernment around conscientious objection to war. Registration for the draft is already happening. Now is the time for discernment and documentation. Curt's updated curriculum for teens Conscientious Objection: *Is This for You?* has just been released. Curt hopes also to return to NE in November to offer workshops at local meetings near colleges. Might this be for your meeting? Contact Beth Collea (bethcollea@aol.com) who is serving as Curt's elder.

Please join us for a Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Peace & Justice in Palestine. Sunday, August 3, 6:00–6:45 p.m. (Rain date Monday August 4, 6:00–6:45 p.m.) on the **South Lawn** (between the Du Bois Library and the Campus Pond). We have invited local community members who share our concern. If you are able, bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Please arrive a bit early. [Valley Families for Palestine](#) will lead stories and quiet activities for children nearby.

MEALTIME OPPORTUNITIES Unless otherwise specified, Mealtime Opportunities begin at the following times: Breakfast 7:30 a.m.; Lunch 11:45 a.m.; Dinner 5:15 p.m. For Details: <https://neym.org/choices>

Newcomers Dinner Meet-up	Friday Dinner
Newcomers Breakfast Meet-up	Saturday Breakfast
Newcomers Lunch Meet-up	Saturday Lunch
Quaker Affinity Groups & similar groups	Saturday Lunch

CHOICES SATURDAY AT 3:30 P.M. For Details: <https://neym.org/choices>

How Do You Know? The Mystery of Leadings	Phillip Veatch	ILCS331
Newcomers Reflection Group	Lucy Meadows	ILCS311
Parent Reflection Group	Diane and Donn Weinholtz	ILCS220
Building Belonging—Embracing Abilities and Disabilities	Patti Muldoon	ILCN255
Worship Sharing on Israel and Palestine	Bob Watt	ILCS211
Praying-sharing our experiences, questions, and ponderings	Allison Randall	ILCS110
A Friends School's Toolbox for Practicing Civil Discourse in Everyday Interaction	Jen McFadden	ILCS140
Out from Under the Bushel: What's holding us back?!	Peter Blood-Patterson	ILCN211
[Zoom] Quaker Reconciliation Leaders Revitalize Communities with Imaging	Virginia Swain, Facilitator; Paulette Meier, Quaker Singer/ Songwriter; Alberta Guise, Elder	Zoom only
[ZOOM] Sustaining Peace in Times of Uncertainty: Quaker representation at the United Nations in New York	Chelsea Comas	Zoom only



NEYM's Bookstore & Consignment Shop in Campus Center Room 165

Books for all ages, including some by NEYM authors! You'll find beautiful crafts and creative doodads made by NEYM's many artists in residence—plus piles of delicious Fair Trade chocolate bars! Make the rounds! All purchases support the Yearly Meeting and our wonderful independent book suppliers, many of which are Quaker entities.

Hours:

Friday 8/1 from 1–8 p.m.

Saturday 8/2 from 11:30 a.m.–6 p.m. - Coffee available 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

Sunday 8/3 from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–9 p.m.

Monday 8/5 from 11:30–9 p.m.

Tuesday 8/6 from 11:30–5 p.m.