


# 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>.

**Hold onto your key/dorm access card!** Replacement for the key is \$100.00; for 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 (email [photos@neym.org](mailto:photos@neym.org)); 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 do not post photographs of individuals without permission. See the full photography policy at <https://neym.org/photography-recording-policies>.

**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. 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.

**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

**Friends, we have a confirmed case of COVID on site.** We want Friends to have this information so you can choose to mask or to join events remotely, if that better supports your participation at Sessions. If you have symptoms, please contact our Health Team—the phone number and email are on the back of your name tag.

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>.

## EVENTS ON MONDAY

6:30–7:00 a.m.	<b>Early Morning Programmed Worship</b> (See Linktree above) Derek Knox of Wellesley MM, Hebrew and Greek Scriptures scholar <b>Unprogrammed</b> (See Linktree)
7:00–8:45 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b> (Worcester Commons)
8:30 a.m.	<b>Bible Half-Hour</b> (Ballroom)
9:15–11:15 p.m.	<b>Meeting for Business</b> (Ballroom)
11:30–1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> (Worcester Commons)
1:15–2:45 p.m.	<b>Choices</b> (topics and locations at <a href="https://neym.org/choices">https://neym.org/choices</a> ).
3:00–5:00 p.m.	<b>Meeting for Business</b> (Ballroom)
4:45–6:45 p.m.	<b>Dinner</b> (Worcester Commons)
6:00–6:45 p.m.	<b>Vespers</b> (See Linktree)
6:00 p.m.	<b>12-Step Hybrid Meeting:</b> The Quaker 12-step group will be meeting Sun–Tues at 6 p.m. both in person and on Zoom. (ILCS311) Can't make it in person?—email Juliet Wright <a href="mailto:julietann@comcast.net">julietann@comcast.net</a> for link.
7:00 p.m.	<b>Musical Plenary</b> with Kim Moberg (Ballroom)
7:00 p.m.	<b>Choices</b> (topics and locations at <a href="https://neym.org/choices">https://neym.org/choices</a> ).

## EARLY ON TUESDAY

6:30–7:00 a.m.	<b>Early Morning Programmed Worship</b> (See Linktree) Kelly Kellum, Gen. Secretary of FUM, from Richmond, Indiana <b>Unprogrammed</b> (See Linktree)
7:00–8:45 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b> (Worcester Commons)
8:30 a.m.	<b>Bible Half-Hour</b> with Kirenía Criado Pérez (Ballroom)

<b>GOLF CART SCHEDULE:</b>	6:30–7:45	From dorms to breakfast
	7:45–8:45	From breakfast to Student Union
	11:30–12:30	From Student Union to lunch
	12:30–1:30	From lunch to Student Union
	5–6	From Student Union to dinner
	6–7	From dinner to Student Union
	8–9	From Student Union to dorms
	Golf Cart Emergencies call 978-971-6810	

The *Yearly Meeting News* is available Monday-Tuesday morning at the Info Desk and on the web at [neym.org/sessions-2025-yearly-meeting-news](https://neym.org/sessions-2025-yearly-meeting-news). Send submissions in email to [ymnews@neym.org](mailto:ymnews@neym.org) or drop off at the Info Desk (*outside the Ballroom*) Monday by **1:30 p.m.** Announcements not specifically related to Sessions will not be included in the *Yearly Meeting News*.

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whether an item is safe for you, please feel free to ask Worcester Commons staff or Jana Noyes, NEYM Access Coordinator, [access@neym.org](mailto:access@neym.org).

**There are now trays in the dining hall** for people who need them, in a stack on a counter just past where you swipe your card. If you put your tray with your dirty dishes at the end of the meal the dining hall staff will compost them. *Please leave trays for those with young children and mobility challenges.*

**There are many opportunities to care for Friends during Sessions**, holding a door, helping someone move in, carrying a tray in the dining hall. We invite you to offer help to a Friend who might want a helping hand.

**Several Friends will be holding us in prayer this week.** At times, Friends wearing buttons saying “pastoral care” will be outside the ballroom for quiet conversation, prayer, or presence. If you have pastoral care concerns at other times, you may call or text Susan Davies, pastoral care coordinator, at 207-660-1323. Leave a message and someone will respond as they are able.

**No Running Zones:** Please do not run in the dining hall and other busy areas! Please be careful not to bump into Friends.

**Draft Minutes from Meeting for Business** can be reviewed via Linktree (<https://linktr.ee/NEYMevents>). Please email [readingclerks@neym.org](mailto:readingclerks@neym.org) with corrections or comments.

**Puente de Amigos** is our Bridge of Love with Cuba Yearly Meeting. At our Tuesday 3:00 business sessions, Cuban Friend Kirenia Criado Pérez will read the Puente de Amigos Epistle. See the Puente display at the back of the Ballroom, where Friends can donate to support Cuban Friends using a QR code (instructions there). Donations by cash or check are also welcome at the Interest Group, Monday 1:15.

**PeaceBirds Project** Make a dove or crane in remembrance of lives lost since Oct 7th at the Ballroom entry way. Meet local Palestinian American artist Mona Shiber and learn more about the project.

**Mealttime Opportunities** Unless otherwise specified, Mealttime 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>

Learning about Everence	Monday Lunch
First Steps Toward Repair—Building Relationships	Monday Lunch
Leading needing support? Explore with Lyman Fund Board	Monday Lunch

**Choices Monday at 1:15–2:45 p.m. For Details: <https://neym.org/choices>**

Does How We Manage Our Money Matter: Navigating Your Financial Journey	Lyle Miller and Craig Foor	ILCS140
Disability Awareness	Whittier Mikkelsen	ILCN211
Doing New Things, learning from different streams in the desert among Friends	Marian Baker, Judy Goldberger	ILCS331
Campus Protests for Peace and Justice in Palestine/Gaza	Steve McKnight	ILCS240
Being Queer Quakers in Challenging Times	Petra Doan, Liz Kamphausen-Doan	ILCN255
Let Their Lives Speak: Reading the Journals of Almost-Forgotten Friends	Martha Mangelsdorf, William (Chuck) diGiacomantonio	ILCS311
Puente de Amigos Interest Group	Carolyn Stone, Richard Lindo	ILCN101
[ZOOM] Holding people who trouble us in our hearts	Bruce Hawkins	Zoom only

**Choices Monday at 7 p.m. For Details: <https://neym.org/choices>**

The Care and Feeding of All Ministry	Windy Cooler	ILCN211
Racial Justice: Universal Voting on the Path to Prison Abolition	K. Melchor Q. Hall	ILCS140
Challenging Israeli Apartheid: Quakers Joining Apartheid-Free Communities	Steve Chase	ILCS211
Power of Enough	Megan Fair	ILCN255
Board of Manager's Information Session	Mike Shade, Erik Philbrook	ILCS331
[Zoom] Reflection Group: Streams in the Desert	Carl Williams	Zoom only
[HYBRID] Budget Listening Session	NEYM Finance Committee	ILCN101



**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:**

Monday 8/4 from 11:30–9 p.m.

Tuesday 8/5 from 11:30–5 p.m.