



Yearly Meeting News

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REMINDERS

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); however, please do
not take photos from the front of the
ballroom or on stage during worship
or business. See the full photography
policy at [https://neym.org/photography-
recording-policies](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.

**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](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.

There are trays in the dining hall for
people who need them, 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.*

**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

(continued on reverse)

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 TUESDAY

6:30–7:00 a.m.	Early Morning Programmed Worship (See Linktree) Kelly Kellum, Gen. Secretary of FUM, from Richmond, Indiana Unprogrammed (See Linktree)
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast (Worcester Commons)
8:30 a.m.	Bible Half-Hour (Ballroom)
9:15–11:15 p.m.	Meeting for Business (Ballroom)
11:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Worcester Commons)
1:15–2:45 p.m.	Choices (topics and locations at https://neym.org/choices).
3:00–5:00 p.m.	Meeting for Business (Ballroom)
4:45–6:45 p.m.	Dinner (Worcester Commons)
6:00–6:45 p.m.	Vespers (See Linktree)
6:00 p.m.	12-Step Online Link: 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 julietann@comcast.net for link.
7:00 p.m.	Coffee House (Ballroom)
7:00 p.m.	Choices (topics and locations at https://neym.org/choices).

EARLY ON WEDNESDAY

6:30–7:00 a.m.	Early Morning Programmed Worship (See Linktree) Gilbert George, FWCC from Sierra Cascades YM Unprogrammed (See Linktree)
7:00–8:45 a.m.	Breakfast (Worcester Commons)
8:30 a.m.	Bible Half Hour with Kirenia Criado Pérez (Ballroom)
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Meeting for Business (Ballroom)
10:15 a.m.	Final Closing/Celebration
11:30–1:30 p.m.	Lunch (Worcester Commons)

Check Out Information: Return your key to the university staff person in the
lobby of your dorm. If there is no one at the desk, call 413-687-1230. Leave your
nametag at the Info Desk or take it home to bring back next year.

GOLF CART SCHEDULE:	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	

This is the last issue of the **2025 YEARLY MEETING News!**

Thank you, thank you, thank you, all who volunteered, for all your help to make
NEYM 2025 Sessions so successful!

See you next year at the **2026 NEYM Sessions**.

(REMINDERS continued)

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.

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

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.

Seeking Reflections of Jan Hoffman: Did you serve on F&P or M&C, or serve in another way with Jan Hoffman? Were you impacted by her ministry? Mary Link is working on Jan's memorial minute and welcomes reflections from her wider service. Find Mary at lunch on Tuesday or email maryclink@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed for pack up at the YM Bookstore after 5 p.m. closing (Campus Center 168-172).

Memorial swim at Jan & Ken Hoffman's Swimming Hole at the rise of Sessions Karen and Benigno Sánchez-Eppler invite you to their backyard and to swim in the Hoffmans' swimming hole at the rise of Sessions (Wednesday 8/6) from after lunch to 2:30. Please set your GPS for 22 Kamins Circle and **NOT** for Jan & Ken's address.

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>

Can Friends grow alternative economies?	Tuesday Lunch
Lunch & Learn with Friends United Meeting with Kelly Kellum and Rania Ma'ayeh, downstairs in Worcester Dining	Tuesday Lunch
Meet the NEYM Pooled Funds/Open discussion	Tuesday Lunch
Are You Active in an Indivisible Group?	Tuesday Lunch
Reparative Actions with Indigenous: How are we called today?	Tuesday Dinner
Quaker Connect - is it for you?	Tuesday Dinner
FCNL Interest Group	Tuesday Dinner

CHOICES TUESDAY AT 1:15–2:45 P.M. For Details: <https://neym.org/choices>

Strengthen Your Meeting with Spiritual Storytelling	Katie Green	ILCN211
The witness of Ramallah Friends School in the time of uncertainty	Rania Ma'ayeh	ILCS240
Imaginative Play around Life's Endings	Patti Muldoon & Mahayana (Yana) Landowne	ILCN155
Bringing Sustainability Home	Ruah Swennerfelt	ILCS110
Reparations Cafe: What's in it for You?	Kim West, Minga Claggett-Borne, Suzanna Schell	ILCN255
Now what? Faith and action in dark times	Maggie Fogarty, Rick Wilson	ILCN101
NEYM Archives Show and Tell	Carol Forsythe, for the committee	Library, RM 2601 (26th flr)
[ZOOM] Power of Enough	Megan Fair	Zoom only
[ZOOM] Does How We Manage Our Money Matter: Navigating Your Financial Journey	Lyle Miller	Zoom only
[HYBRID] Faith and Practice Listening Sessions on Draft Chapter (Testimony)	Phebe McCosker	ILCS140

CHOICES TUESDAY AT 7 P.M. For Details: <https://neym.org/choices>

Holding people who trouble us in our hearts	Bruce Hawkins	ILCS110
Sustaining Peace in Times of Uncertainty: Quaker representation at the United Nations in New York	Chelsea Comas	ILCS140
[ZOOM] Worship Sharing on Israel and Palestine	Leslie Manning	Zoom only
[ZOOM] Quaker Connect: a Laboratory for 21st Century Quakerism	Even Welkin and Philip Maurer	Zoom only



NEYM's Bookstore & Consignment Shop in Campus Center Room 168-172

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: Tuesday 8/5 from 11:30–5 p.m.