

Yearly Meeting News



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Friday/Saturday

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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-2026-sessions>. The Yearly Meeting News will provide the day's schedule, along with special announcements and a few reminders.

Kirenia Criado, pastor of Havana Friends Meeting, will join us Saturday at 7 p.m. for a workshop on *Puente: The Bridge of Love between Cuban and New England Friends*. Here from Kirenia and other Cuban Friends via Zoom about the desperate situation facing Cubans.

Puente de Amigos cordially invites you to share dinner with us on Sunday. Learn about our latest work together with our Cuban Friends and join in our efforts to continue to strengthen our bridge. Look for the Puente sign on one of the tables. Our Cuban visitor Kirenia will be there too!

REMINDER: Your swipe card is your meal ticket and gets you access to all buildings. You will need to return your swipe card and key (if applicable) before you leave campus.

HOLD ON TO YOUR KEY & SWIPE CARD. Replacement for the key is \$15 and the card \$15.00.

LOCKOUTS: during regular business hours, please call or text Elizabeth Hacala, 740-478-2537. After hours, call Campus Safety, 413-538-2304

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

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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

12:30–4:00 p.m.
3:30–5:00 p.m.
5:00–7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00–9:30 p.m.

Extended Worship (Great Room, Community Center)

Registration (Ham/MacGregor dorms)

Dinner (Dining Hall, Community Center)

Song circle and other activities—See neym.org/Friday

Registration (Ham/McGregor)

EVENTS ON SATURDAY

6:30–7:15 a.m.

Early Morning Worship (See Linktree above)

Programmed: Rachel Guaraldi, pastor of a community church in Vermont (New York Room, next to Chapin Auditorium)

Unprogrammed (Outdoor Amphitheater)

7:15–9:00 a.m.

Breakfast (Dining Hall, Community Center)

8:30–noon

Registration (Info desk outside the Dining Hall)

9:00–10:15 a.m.

Opening Celebration/All-Ages Worship (Chapin Auditorium)

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Bible Half-Hour with Adria DiCapua (Chapin Auditorium)

11:30–2:00 p.m.

Lunch (Dining Hall, Community Center) Dorm residents arriving Saturday must pay at the door

1:15–3:15 p.m.

Meeting for Business (Chapin Auditorium)

3:30–5:00 p.m.

Choices (see neym.org/choices)

5:00–7:00 p.m.

Dinner (Dining Hall, Community Center)

6:00–6:45 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.

Quaker 12-step group will be meeting Sat–Mon at 6 p.m. (Abby Interfaith Chapel)

7:00 p.m.

Quaker New Year—come celebrate with Friends (Chapin Auditorium)

Choices (see neym.org/choices)

EARLY ON SUNDAY

6:30–7:15 a.m.

Early Morning Worship (See Linktree above)

Programmed: Chris Jorgenson, former Youthquake leader and FWCC rep from NEYM

Unprogrammed (Outdoor Amphitheater)

7:15–9:00 a.m.

Breakfast (Dining Hall, Community Center)

8:30 a.m.

Bible Half Hour with Adria DiCapua (Chapin Auditorium)

The Yearly Meeting News is available Saturday–Monday mornings at the Info Desk, outside *Chapin Auditorium*, 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 Saturday thru 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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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—find something to do and volunteer through the Info Desk.

Mount Holyoke dining service welcomes us, ready to cater to our special needs. Menus and ingredients are posted at <https://menu.mtholyoke.edu/location.aspx>. If you have allergies and are unsure about whether an item is safe for you, please feel free to ask dining hall 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.

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>

NEYM's Bookstore & Consignment Shop on the ground floor of the Community Center



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! Daily events! A community jigsaw puzzle! A place to hangout, rest, read, journal, or chat! All sales support the yearly meeting and our wonderful independent book suppliers, many of which are Quaker entities.

Hours

Friday 7/31 3:00–9:00 p.m.

Saturday 8/1 from noon–9:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/2 from 11:00 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3:00–9:00 p.m.

Monday 8/3 from 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8/4 from 10:00 a.m.–noon