

Yearly Meeting News



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REMINDERS

The BIPOC Lounge is in Room 331 in the Community Center.

Contribute to our Yearly Meeting's Epistle! The ad-hoc Epistle Committee invites Friends to share brief impressions about your experience of Spirit in the body as manifest in these days. The committee will bring a draft to Monday afternoon meeting for business.

Send your contributions to the email address: SessionsEpistle@neym.org—or write them on a slip of paper and deposit it in the old-fashioned “suggestion box” for the Epistle, located at the Info Desk—no later than Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? E-mail SessionsEpistle@neym.org

Dining: The dining hall staff asks us to sit primarily in the Skinner, Oak, and Club Rooms of the dining hall. The main dining hall space has become tighter. Please note that the front of the Club Room will be used for meetings during some meals. During those times, please enter and exit through the doors near the ice cream so you don't disturb meetings that may be in progress. Thank you!

David Haines, former NEYM Friend, now a member of Durham (NC) Friends Meeting, will talk about his recent books on the origins and evolution of the earliest American books of discipline, including how and why they were written and the processes by which the yearly meetings changed them as the Spirit led and human understandings changed. Books will be available for purchase and signing. *Monday at 12:15–1 p.m., Skinner 216.*

Mealtime Opportunities: Unless otherwise specified, Mealtime Opportunities begin at the following times: Breakfast 7:30 a.m.; Lunch

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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>.

EVENTS ON MONDAY

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| 6:30–7:15 a.m. | Early Morning Worship (See Linktree above)
<u>Programmed:</u> Kristina Keefe-Perry, from Three Rivers Monthly Meeting (<i>New York Room, upstairs from Chapin Auditorium</i>)
<u>Unprogrammed</u> (<i>Outdoor Amphitheater</i>) |
| 7:15–9:00 a.m. | Breakfast (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bible Half-Hour with Adria DiCapua (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 9:30–11:15 a.m. | Meeting for Business (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 11:30–2:00 p.m. | Lunch (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) Dorm residents arriving today must pay at the door |
| 1:15–2:45 p.m. | Choices (<i>listings at the Info Desk and at neym.org/choices</i>) |
| 3:00–5:00 p.m. | Meeting for Business (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 5:00–7:00 p.m. | Dinner (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) |
| 6:00–6:45 p.m. | Vespers All ages welcome for singing meditative songs learned by ear. (<i>Great Room, Community Center</i>) |
| 6:00 p.m. | Quaker 12-step group will be meeting Sat–Mon at 6 p.m. (<i>Abby Interfaith Chapel</i>) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Coffee House (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Choices (<i>listings at the Info Desk and at neym.org/choices</i>) |

EVENTS ON TUESDAY

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| 6:30–7:15 a.m. | Early Morning Worship (See Linktree above)
<u>Programmed:</u> Karla Jay, FUM Latino Ministries in USA; and Rania Maayeh, Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (<i>New York Room, upstairs from Chapin Auditorium</i>)
<u>Unprogrammed</u> (<i>Outdoor Amphitheater</i>) |
| 7:15–9:00 a.m. | Breakfast (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) |
| 8:30 a.m. | Bible Half-Hour with Adria DiCapua (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 9:30–11:15 a.m. | Meeting for Business (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 11:30–2:00 p.m. | Lunch (<i>Dining Hall, Community Center</i>) |
| 1:15 p.m. | Closing Celebration (<i>Chapin Auditorium</i>) |
| 2:00–3:00 p.m. | Return keys, lanyards, and swipe cards (details below) |

When you are ready to leave campus, please be sure to drop your key, lanyard, and/or swipe card at one of the drop boxes—located in the lobbies of the Community Center, Chapin, and each dorm. If you still have your envelope, return them in the envelope. Friends working the return desk need to sort all the keys and cards before we can go home!

Linens should be left in your room. *Please be out of your dorm by 3 p.m.*

This is the last issue of the **2026 YEARLY MEETING News!**

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

See you next year at the **2027 NEYM Sessions**.

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11:45 a.m.; Dinner 5:15 p.m. See the full list at <https://neym.org/choices>

All mealtime opportunities will be in the back left quadrant of the Club Room of the dining hall (the doors are by the ice cream station) unless otherwise noted.

Open discussion about Friends education and Quaker governance at Moses Brown School: Head of School Katie Titus, along with several members of MBS staff, faculty, and board, are eager to connect with Friends across New England, deepen their relationship with NEYM families, share current information about their educational mission and approach, and reach Friends who may be led to take part in school governance. **Join them over lunch at noon on Monday, August 3**, in the Club Room. You can also visit the School's poster display for materials or to learn more.

Learn about Alternatives to Violence Project work in Cuba. Join Kirenia Criado, pastor of Havana Friends Meeting, Monday, August 3 at 1:15 p.m., to learn about AVP in Cuba and the efforts, under her leadership, to train facilitators in nonviolent methods of conflict management in an increasingly fraught Cuban environment. (*New York Room, upstairs from Chapin Auditorium*)

Friends are invited to write notes of support for members of Cuba Yearly Meeting in the face of the dire hardships they are experiencing as a direct result of the tightening US embargo. Paper and pens are available at the Puente display for this purpose. Kirenia will take your notes back with her to Cuba.

If you missed Quaker New Year, you still have an opportunity to thank some of the Friends who were honored: Keith Harvey, for his decades of service with the American Friends Service Committee; Natalie Bornstein for her 9 years as clerk of Camp Committee; Susan Davies, our outgoing Permanent Board clerk; and Sara Hubner, Office Manager for the last 12 years. Supplies to make the cards and baskets to put them in are in the back of the Chapin Auditorium.

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. The charge to replace the key and card is \$15 each.

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 without permission. Please see the full policy for taking photographs at Sessions at <https://neym.org/photography-recording-policies> or email office@neym.org for a copy.

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 to carry trays in the dining hall! Sign up on the Volunteer Board at the Info Desk. This is a great way for those in middle or high school to volunteer—but Friends of all ages are encouraged to sign up!

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.

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>.

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



The NEYM Bookstore has a RIVER of books, crafts, chocolate, and love FLOWING OUT OF IT this week! Drop by and be ... WELL ... delighted!

Please note that sales have been SPRINGY and we are WHOLE-Y out of several significant titles, including Brian Drayton's new book *The Gospel in the Anthropocene*. BUT—have no fear! Barclay Press is offering us an amazing deal: Order a copy of Brian's book on their website through Friday, August 7, and they will refund the shipping costs to you. In the meantime, check out the rest of our inventory and find light to help you shine.

Hours

Monday 8/3 from 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8/4 from 10:00 a.m.–noon