

YM Session ~ August 16-24, 2013 ~ Kemptville, Ontario

WELCOME DEAR FRIENDS!

We have much to anticipate at our 2013 Canadian Yearly Meeting! I very much look forward to our time together at the Kemptville, Ontario campus of University of Guelph: August 16-24.

Come for the:

- 50 Youth Challenge and our revised trial schedule - shorter business hours, more time together for spiritual and social sharing and especially a renewed engagement with Young Friends.
- The pre-CYM retreat: 'The Joy of Dyeing: Paper Arts to Soothe the Soul' facilitated by Pelham Executive Meeting's June Etta Chenard.
- Caroline Balderston Parry's (Ottawa Monthly Meeting) Sunderland P. Gardner lecture: 'The "I-don't-know" place: Holy Spirit with me always.'
- Ben Pink Dandelion's (Britain Yearly Meeting) Quaker Study series: 'The End of the World, the Beginning of Quakerism, and what happened next.'

Whether you come from Vancouver Island, Newfoundland, the far north, or somewhere in between I hope that you will plan to join us for this wonderful opportunity to put new energy into all our spiritual journeys!



Carol Dixon
Presiding Clerk

*Engaging in the creative process requires faith, a belief that if I devote time and energy to such practices something compelling, original, or moving might result.... art works emerging from deep wells of human experience might actually engage spiritual energy. –
Paige Kennedy, Halifax Monthly Meeting*

THE YOUTH CHALLENGE AND THE SCHEDULE FOR YM 2013

Canadian Yearly Meeting 2013 is an adventure! We look forward to growing our numbers attending through the intentional work being facilitated by our Quaker Youth Secretary through the Youth Challenge. This opportunity foresees our having at least 50 Young Friends and Young Adults Friends amongst those attending.



Program Committee spoke at the end of last CYM inviting us all to see this as a special opportunity! Opportunities invite us to change, recognizing that change offers further challenge! Change can challenge our comfort zones because things with which we are familiar and comfortable are different!

At our October meeting Program Committee explored ways in which CYM-in-session may be more welcoming of Young Friends, and perhaps of all of us. Rather than adjust what was we decided to centre into worship with eight days of blank sheets. The results are the new schedule that you will find in this insert. Based on the evaluation from CYM 2012 we have continued our experiment of allowing themes to emerge during CYM rather than naming a theme beforehand. We also have tried to be mindful of other insights from Friends, particularly about taking more time between activities. In this we are assisted this year by our site, as Kemptville's renovated dining room will require us to expand our meal times to 90 minutes.

So we invite you into this adventure! We look forward to Friends responses through our evaluation at the end of CYM to enable us to discern whether this change is only for 2013 or whether Friends want this adventure to continue!

Elaine Bishop

Clerk, Program Committee

*"The interaction between adults and youth is very important for understanding each other. But we obviously don't do enough of this, if you look at how intimidated the groups are by one another. The question is how we create situations that older and younger people can be together in....
Get out there and learn about each other!"
Beth Curry, Prairie Monthly Meeting*

PRE-YM RETREAT: 'THE JOY OF DYEING: PAPER ARTS TO SOOTHE THE SOUL'
(LED BY JUNE ETTA CHENARD) FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, BEGINNING AT 7 PM - SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

This year's Retreat will focus on worshipping through artistic creation. You are invited to come to play and create vibrantly-coloured papers sure to delight your heart! Playing with colour, we can become united with Spirit. As we return to the deep experiences of parallel-playing like children, the joys of working in silence are soothing to the spirit. During this mostly silent retreat, we will focus on the simplicity of everyday papers, as we explore a few simple colouring techniques. The resultant dyed papers can be used in collages, calligraphy, card-making, and various other projects, or simply admired for their own beauty. We will use some of these papers to create beautiful and practical books, for our own use and for lovely, simple gifts. We hope to begin our time together at Yearly Meeting with spirits soothed and a readiness to be creative, worshipful and playful within our blessed community. **Retreat fee will be \$40/person to cover the cost of supplies.**

"Painting is a form of meditation. It is an act of surrender and obedience... Step by small step, if I act from a sense of inner calling, using the energy of love, there is an undeniable inner intelligence, seemingly beyond me, that manifests itself."

Steve Fick, Ottawa Monthly Meeting

SUNDERLAND P. GARDNER LECTURE: 'THE "I-DON'T-KNOW" PLACE: HOLY SPIRIT WITH ME ALWAYS' (BY CAROLINE BALDERSTON PARRY, OTTAWA MONTHLY MEETING)

What a struggle it can be to discern our life's path! I have often been besieged by the self-doubts and questions that characterize the "I-don't-know" place. I have also repeatedly come to trust that the Spirit of love and mystery, which some call God or Holy Spirit, is with me always. My challenge is to recognize this truth unceasingly: not just in Meeting for Worship, or as I commune with nature (and especially with great blue herons), but also in daily interaction and during difficulty. I treasure creative, Spirit-centered silence and deep conversations: these may manifest as rich relationships or as poetry, song, even visual art. These, too, may open to learnings about Spirit.

My aim for the 2013 SPG lecture is to offer reflections on different aspects of my spiritual journey in learning to access the spaciousness of Spirit. For me, listening partnerships are an essential part of my daily routine, and so this tool will be integrated into my presentation. I look forward to sharing this special evening with the living Presence, and with Friends, friends and family!

The Lecture will be **Sunday, August 18 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium (Room 106), Parish Hall.**

QUAKER STUDY: 'THE END OF THE WORLD, THE BEGINNING OF QUAKERISM, AND WHAT HAPPENED NEXT' (BY BEN PINK DANDELION, BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING) MONDAY, AUGUST 19-FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Christianity is a religion of waiting but the first Friends felt that traditional forms belonged to an age now passed. They developed a new and radical interpretation of Quakerism, based on their experience of personal transformation. This experience led also to a very distinctive style of worship and a particular lifestyle or testimony, a way of being in the world but not of it. Our sessions will outline the key elements of early Quakerism, and explore how the changes over three-and-a-half centuries came about. We will also ask "What are the challenges today and what are some of the ways we can meet them?"

WORSHIP GROUPS



In 2013 at Kemptville, the Worship Groups will again take place **at 2-3 p.m. from Monday to Friday**. Friends have a choice of the following activities:

- ☞ Sacred Chant: Friends wishing to worship through music are welcome to join voices in simple, repeated chant which grow as we sing together, creating new harmonies and beauty. No musical experience is required.
- ☞ Silent Worship: A place is set aside for those selecting this option.
- ☞ Walking Meditation and Worship: Listening for the Spirit in silence doesn't have to be a sedentary activity. During this one-hour period, Friends who choose this option will walk together in silence for 20 minutes, sit in worship for 20 minutes then walk back to the campus, again in worshipful silence.
- ☞ Worship Fellowship Groups: These groups have no assigned topic and meet for reflective sharing as participants are led. The facilitator will introduce worship sharing for the benefit of those new to it, and will help guide the group in what may be a deeply worshipful experience.
- ☞ Worship Sampler: ***NEW!*** Friends who choose this new offering will be able to participate in different forms of Quaker worship throughout the week. The group(s) will experience silent worship one day, join the chanting group another, do a walking meditation and worship, and have worship sharing and worship study sessions, with the schedule always open to modification by those who sign up.
- ☞ Worship Study Groups: Study groups provide an opportunity for further reflection on the subject of the morning's Quaker Study, with a leader to facilitate worshipful sharing. Groups may either consider suggested questions or take the topic in whatever direction they are led.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS/SPECIAL ACTION GROUPS

This year our well-established practice of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) is expanding in diversity of offerings and in the times available. There will be four weekday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:30. Concurrent sessions offer the opportunity to gather in smaller, fluid communities of mind, heart and action. Their purpose could be education, discernment, sharing, exploration and participation in an activity or community building.

Our practice of Special Interest Groups offers a way for Friends to share concerns in small groups. The topics can span the breadth of individual and corporate Quaker interests. A SIG could be an opportunity for exploration of an emerging concern with a group of Friends who may be similarly led. Or it may be the final stage in discernment of a concern that has already received some threshing at the Monthly or Half-Yearly Meeting level or committee of CYM, before it is brought to Business Meeting. In that case there would already be a Minute from that body supporting the SIG.

Other sessions could be more experiential, some having multigenerational appeal. Special Active Groups (the newly-coined SAGs) might: worship-share around a theme arising from a shared life experience; experience art-, music-making, or storytelling; explore a spiritual practice or a physical practice (do I hear balancing, anyone?); or take part in any other community-building activity you would like to bring and share with others.

Re scheduling and the youth program: the youth program will be offered until 4:15 pm. SIGs/SAGs can be either 1:15 hours long, or 2½ hours. If your session is not likely to be of interest to children you are encouraged to plan for the shorter length and will be scheduled for 3:00-4:15, in order to make it possible for parents to take part. If a longer time is needed for your purpose, maybe two sessions on different days would be an option, or any parents that wish to stay after the close of youth program will need to make alternate arrangements on their own. SIGS and SAGS that are more multigenerational in nature can be either short or long and will be freely scheduled to suit.

We invite offers to facilitate a wide diversity of sessions. If you are led to offer a SIG/SAG session, you are encouraged to consider requesting a clearness committee in your Meeting, if that is available, to season your plans so that participants will have the best opportunity to experience the Spirit in this activity.

Please provide a brief explanation about your SIG/SAG, including:

- a title
- the names of facilitators and/or groups, indicating who is the contact person
- length: 1hr15 or 2hr30 per session. More than one session is also possible, if appropriate.
- is this SIG/SAG potentially multigenerational?
- a paragraph describing your session to be included in the program booklet. Write it to be as engaging and clear as you can! In view of the wide diversity of sessions that we hope to

nurture, Friends will need to know clearly what each session is about in order to find what speaks to their condition.

- an idea of the ideal space for your activity - a classroom with A/V equipment? a lounge? indoor? outdoor? a space offering some privacy? a place you can make a lot of noise without bothering anyone? a place you can make a mess and then clean up easily? The site at Kemptville offers many resources. Let us know what will serve your needs and we will do our best to match you up.
- any equipment you might need.
- preferred day(s) for session. If one or more of the facilitators are involved in more than one SIG, please indicate this so that scheduling conflicts can be avoided.
- the Minute recommending this SIG, if there is one.

Friends interested in presenting or facilitating a session should contact Nathalie Brunet, 111 Indian Meal Line, Torbay, NL A1K 1B4 / Tel: 709-437-1017, mdnatbrunet@gmail.com . Please submit offers **by June 30** to allow time for discernment, scheduling, and room allocation.

SPECIAL WEEKDAY EVENTS

(See Daily Schedule)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 17

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME! Join us in the 'settling in' space (watch for signs) Saturday Afternoon, from 2-5:30 pm. Make Friendly connections and reconnections. First-timers are especially encouraged to hang out here and get acquainted. Some seasoned Friends will be present to answer questions, or just chat. We'll have plenty of activities to pass the time...or you can settle in a corner with a book and a cup of tea.

- Games, Active and Quiet
- Arts Activities
- Reading Corner
- Colouring books
- Puzzles
- Refreshments

SATURDAY EVENING, AUG 17

Community Celebration: See who is here from which Monthly Meeting in a Yearly Meeting Parade of Monthly Meetings. 'First-timers' will receive a special welcome. Group activities will help Friends of all ages connect or reconnect with people in their own Meetings and from across the country. Then we can dance!



SUNDAY MORNING, AUG 18, 10 am

Meeting for worship. All who attend CYM are welcome, including children, for whom some worshipful (but fun!) activities will be provided. Worship will be preceded by a time for singing.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 18, 2-3 pm

Celebration of the Grace of God in the Life of Friends (Memorial Meeting) is a time for reflecting on and rejoicing in the Grace of God in the lives of Friends who have died in the past year. We gather in silence, the names of those Friends are read, and we remember them as we worship together. The Celebration will take place Sunday, August 18, from 2-3 p.m. We urge Monthly Meetings to ensure that the names of Friends who have died since CYM 2012 are sent to the CYM office so that all may be included.

SUNDAY, AUG 18, 3-5:30 pm: **SHARING OUR STORIES - COLOUR, WORD AND MOVEMENT**
A MULTI-GENERATIONAL GATHERING

Choose an activity that speaks to your condition:

- Storytelling – The oral tradition
- Story-sharing – What story do you have to tell?
- Theatre for Story – A bit of drama
- Theatre games – Playful stories
- Active games – More playful stories
- Music – instrumental or vocal improv – Tuneful stories
- Art projects – Show us your story...
- Quiet Story Games – for those who prefer a calmer pace
- Quakerobics - Story and Movement

All are truly welcome!!!

SUNDAY EVENING, AUG 18

Sunderland P. Gardner Lecture. Caroline Balderston-Parry will give her lectur, “The ‘I-Don’t-Know’ Place: Holy Spirit With Me Always”. Parish Hall Auditorium, 7 pm.

MONDAY - FRIDAY, AUG 19-23

Meeting for Healing this year will take place from 12:00-1:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Those Friends who feel a need for healing for themselves or know of others who may be troubled or ill and whom they would like to hold in the Light, are welcome to join us for this time of prayerful community.

MONDAY EVENING, AUG 19

LGBTQ Hosted Event: Sorry, details of this event were not available at press time. Information will be available in the May edition of *The Canadian Friend*.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUG 20

During the time for concurrent threshing sessions there will be a threshing session on the structure, function, and status of Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel (CMM&C), in response to last year's CYM minute #25, to examine CMM&C as recommended by the Consultation and Renewal Committee.

TUESDAY-FRIDAY MORNING YFs/YAFs WORKSHOPS:

Sorry, details were not available at press time. Look for information in the May issue of *The Canadian Friend*.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUG 20

Party Games, Board Games and more! Did you know that playing games with others build relationships faster than any other form of human interaction? Come out and get to know each other and have fun doing it! There will be party games, such as Apples to Apples and Wits and Wagers, there will be board games such as Settlers of Catan and Dixit and many more! If you have a favourite of your own, bring it along! There will be games of all styles for our people of all style. Come check it out! If you wish to help out as a "Game Guru" please contact Kelly Ackerman (kellytarantula@gmail.com).



WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG 21, 7-9 pm

Meeting of Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. All members of Monthly Meetings of Ministry and Counsel, or their designates and the designates of Monthly Meetings without M&C, should attend. We will share our concerns and joys, determine where special attention may be needed, and consider names for nomination to CMM&C.

THURSDAY, AUG 22, 7-9 pm

INTERNATIONAL QUAKER EVENING. How many regions are there around the world in Friends World Committee for Consultation? How have Australian Friends been supporting Friends in Japan after the tsunami? What are Friends in the Africa Great Lakes region doing to support peace? Friends in Canada are part of a world movement. Yet often our knowledge of Friends around the world is limited. We invite Friends to learn more through song, word and activity about the world community of Friends at the Thursday evening *International Quaker Evening*.

FRIDAY EVENING FAMILY NIGHT, AUG 23



Don't miss this opportunity to share your talent! An evening of song, stories, laughs and the ever-popular reading of Gleanings! Entertainment starts at 7:00 pm. Young and young-at-heart are welcome to attend and/or participate!

YOUTH PROGRAM

There is something for everyone aged 0 to 17 years at the CYM youth program. And there are many opportunities for Friends over the age of 17 to play a part as well. Sharing your gifts and talents with our young folk is a vital service to Friends, and it's a lot of fun!



Program overview:

Sunday, August 18

For all age groups: A multi-generational gathering in the afternoon, with stories, movement, and more.

Monday to Friday, August 19 to 23

For children 0-6: Crafts, play-time, music, stories, daily worship and sharing circle, games, multi-generational activities and age appropriate field trips. *Schedule: 8:15- noon & 2:00-4:15 p.m.*

For children 7-11: Creating Quaker trading cards/game, 'soup & stories' with older Friends, daily worship and sharing circle, games like 4 square and soccer, balancing, arts & crafts, drama, and music. Field trips and multi-generational activities, including community building and workshops. *Schedule: 8:15- noon & 2:00- 4:15 p.m.*

Youth 12-17: The youth will have many integrated sessions with the Youth Challenge as well as activities geared for teens specifically. There will be a choice of activities, depending on interest and age. This will include Quaker trading cards/games, drama and improv, song writing and activism, balancing, a chance to experience Quaker worship in many different forms, Special Interest Groups and Special Action Groups, service, arts & crafts, field trips. *Schedule: 10:00 am – noon, 2:00-4:15 and every evening. Evening sessions will be integrated with Youth Challenge/YF-CYM.*

Childcare for SPG (Sunday evening): If you require child care, please indicate on your registration form.

Are you called to volunteer?

Last year, at the last minute, I stepped into volunteering with the 7-11 year olds. It wasn't something that had occurred to me to do but I had a blast. I got to know a lot of the kids, and the parents of the kids, and it deepened my CYM experience. Please consider whether this is something you want to get involved in this year. It is also a way to have some of your CYM expenses covered.

We are looking for Coordinators for the following age groups:

Birth to 6 years

7 to 11 years

12 years and older

These positions will involve planning ahead, along with Youth Program Coordinator, Cate Friesen, for the week of programming. During CYM, it will involve daily time with the children's program. Note: You will not be responsible for all the programming, nor are you expected to spend all your time with the children's program.

Financial Support: Each coordinator will be supported with travel, room and food funds.

Vulnerable person's police check/child abuse registry check will be required, as well as references. All programs will be run in accordance with our "Policy for Safe Nurture of Children in our Care".

Additional volunteers needed: Leading a workshop, organizing arts, crafts or games, being an adult friendly presence.

To volunteer, or if you are a parent wanting more information about the program, please contact Cate Friesen, catefriesen@gmail.com , [204-774-9214](tel:204-774-9214).

In our meetings it is the responsibility of all members and attenders to help build a community in which all children feel happy and safe, and feel nurtured spiritually, intellectually and emotionally. –
Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, The Nurturing of Children in Our Care

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS/INFO FROM LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

For those driving:

From Highway 401 (Montreal or Toronto)

- Exit at Highway 416 (Exit # 721A) and veer North
- Travel on Highway 416 North for 28 km
- Take first exit to Kemptville - Exit #28 (County Road 44), go to the stop sign
- Turn left on County Road 44 and drive 4 km til you see the Campus on your left
- Turn left into Kemptville Campus



From Highway 417 (Ottawa)

- Take Highway 416 South, off Highway 417
- Travel on Highway 416 for 45 km to Kemptville
- Take first exit to Kemptville - Exit #34 - Highway 43 and veer to the right
- Go through 2 roundabouts and stay straight on Hwy 43
- Turn left at Rideau Street, and drive to the stop sign at the end
- Turn left at Clothier Street East
- Then take an immediate right on Prescott Street
- Go 2 km and you will see the campus on your right
- Turn right into Kemptville Campus

Local Arrangements Committee Contact Number (for inquiries): Manuela Popovici 613-600-9854 or Kris Wilson-Yang at 613-327-4499.

For those travelling by bus and train, your destination is Ottawa. On your arrival, please make your way to the Ottawa Meetinghouse at 91A Fourth Ave., Ottawa.

Public transit information:

From the Bus Terminal, take OC Transpo bus number 1 or 7 to Fourth Ave.

From the Train Station, take OC Transpo bus number 101 in the direction of Bayshore, get out at Catherine St and Bank and transfer to a 1 or 7 bus. Get out at Fourth Ave. Check www.octranspo.com for times.

For those travelling by air, please stay at the airport. Someone will meet you there to help with the next phase of the voyage. There is public transit from the airport to the Ottawa Meetinghouse, but you will be back-tracking!

Pick-up Schedule

On Friday, 16 August, there will be departures from the Meetinghouse to Kemptville College at 4:00 pm and from the airport at 4:30 pm.

On Saturday, 17 August departures will be at 11:00 am and 3:00 pm from the Meetinghouse, with pick up at the Airport at 11:30 am and 3:30 am.

Please **check on your registration form if you will need transportation to Kemptville College:**

Friday 16 August at 4:00 pm from the Meetinghouse or 4:30 pm from the Airport

Saturday 17 August at 11:00 am from the Meetinghouse or 11:30 am from the Airport

Saturday 17 August at 3:00 pm from the Meetinghouse or 3:30 from the Airport

We will provide cars and drivers. **Please bring \$20 payable to your driver. Let us know if you are bringing camping gear and we will match you up with appropriate vehicles.**

If you arrive outside of those times, or need to be picked up at the bus terminal or train station, call Manuela Popovici 613-600-9854 or Kris Wilson-Yang at 613-327-4499. There is no direct public transportation to Kemptville from Ottawa or Toronto.

Travel to and from Airport and Kemptville will be arranged through Kemptville Transit Service. The cost is \$20/per person.

It is also possible to hire a car from the McDonald-Cartier International Airport. The maximum number of persons that can be accommodated is 4 per car and the cost is currently \$125 for the car, including tip. This can be booked on-line at <http://www.limos.com>. The College address is 830 Prescott Avenue, Kemptville and if not camping, you will be staying at the Bell Hall residence.

Other useful websites:

<http://www.northgrenville.on.ca/events.cfm> for events in Kemptville and area

<http://pinicola.ca/mudpup1.htm> for information on the home of the Mudpuppy Salamanders!

<http://www.uppercanadavillage.com/index.cfm/en/home/> for information on Upper Canada Village in Morrisberg

<http://www.rideau-info.com> for information on the Rideau Canal and locks.

PROGRAMME FEE

A Programme Fee is charged to help cover expenses such as refreshments, the Youth Program, this registration insert, audio/visual and IT and computer usage on site, photocopies, *Documents in Advance*, *Late Reports* and the *Directory*, site charges for meeting rooms, recreation areas and other common spaces. The fee is charged to adults 18 years and older. Charging a Programme Fee helps cover these general costs and spread them equitably among camping and 'rooming' Friends. Weekly and daily fees are shown on the registration form.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

“Equality” and “Community” are two of our Testimonies that we do our best to incorporate in our daily lives. We realize that all Friends are differently able and we seek to provide an environment where each can participate equally in building the sacred community. Ghandi says, “We must be the change we wish to see in the world.”

We are asking Friends to volunteer to be a personal companion to someone with special needs for a period of two hours during the week of CYM. This may mean helping Friends to Meeting, carrying trays of food, providing a hearing system or written minutes, etc. If you feel called to strengthen our community and build a bond with one person who needs your help during the week, please sign up for this service on your registration form. If you wish to contribute more than two hours during the week, please let us know! If you can, give us an idea of the skills you have to share. We are trying to match Friends who have the needed skills and compatibility with others whose gifts need this support to bloom, so that we can succeed in becoming a vital community. Volunteer Coordinator: Ruth Urban Shipley, ushipley@magma.ca.

NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

In order to encourage all to attend Yearly Meeting sessions, a modest financial grant can be provided to assist with expenses. A form is included in this insert. Friends with adequate financial resources are encouraged to pay their own way. Friends with funds to spare are encouraged to donate to the YM Travel Fund.



All Friends seeking a grant must:

- 1) First approach their Monthly Meeting for financial support. If the Monthly Meeting cannot provide enough supplementary funds, then;
- 2) Friends may request a grant up to \$480 for an individual and up to \$720 for a family from the YM Travel Fund. The request must be accompanied by a minute of support from your Monthly Meeting.

We will try to meet the needs of all Friends who apply, but we are especially mindful of the needs of members of CYM committees, delegates and first-time attenders.

Applications for grants must be received in the YM office **no later than June 30, 2013**. The Treasurer of CYM or the Clerk of Representative Meeting, in consultation with the Bookkeeper, will make decisions as applications are received. Late applications will be considered up to July 30, 2013, if there is money left.

LODGING

DORMITORY Friends have the option of requesting single or double rooms. **Single rooms are \$56 per person per night; double rooms are \$43 per person per night.** Children ages 0-3 are free; 4-10 are half-price/night and Friends ages 11 and over pay adult rate. There is no cost for kids who sleep on the floor in their parent's room in a sleeping bag (which you must provide). The school will provide 1 pillow, sheets, blanket and a towel for each bed reserved. Bring your own soap and toiletries.

TENTING There are areas on the site reserved for tents. Please check at the registration desk before setting up camp to make sure you are in the right location. The cost for camping is **\$10 per person per night.**

“...in Meeting for Worship we use our mind to image and to listen while we worship. In a simple way, that pretty well describes the creative process... to live is to be creating... every act we do is a form of creation.” Alfred Muma, 1.33 Faith and Practice, Canadian Yearly Meeting

MEALS

Please book your meals in advance, and plan ahead for any meals you may miss. There may be limited opportunity to add or cancel meals on-site for exceptional circumstances. Ages 0-2 eat free; ages 3-10 are at a reduced rate and ages 11 and older pay adult rate. Friends will have the option of paying a per-meal rate or opting for a less expensive meal plan. See registration form for pricing. Meal cards will be issued as you register on-site. Sorry, no Food Coop this year.

Those with food allergies or *medically-necessary* diets (not just food preferences) are asked to register early to ensure that their needs are met. Refreshments will be served for all registrants in the morning, afternoon and evening. **Please bring your own mug and napkin.**

New this year! Due to limited seating capacity at the Campus' newly-renovated dining hall, we will have two lunch and supper sittings. Your cooperation and patience would be appreciated!

LISTENERS

"Listeners" will be appointed by Ministry and Counsel, and their names announced and posted. They are available to anyone in need of a receptive ear, not, as has sometimes been assumed, only to those who feel they have been subject to sexual harassment.

SITE INFO, RULES AND ITEMS TO NOTE:



Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel reminds Friends that we are guests at the Kemptville Campus. Everyone who attends, regardless of age, is by their participation at CYM, agreeing to respect the Campus rules while we are on-site during our time together. Thank you in advance for your care.

- Alcohol, drugs and smoking are NOT permitted anywhere on the site.
- The school will provide 1 pillow, pillowcase, sheets, blanket and a towel for inside lodgers (with the exception of Friends/YFs sleeping on the floor in their own sleeping bags). Bring your own toiletries and soap.
- Pets are NOT allowed on-site.
- Laundry facilities are available ~ pre-paid laundry cards will be available on-site.
- Check-out time is 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 24th. Friends are asked to have all their belongings packed and leave all linens (stripped from the bed) behind in the room.
- **CYM on-site contact number is 613-258-8336 ext. 61247.**
- Site contact info: University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus, 830 Prescott Street, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0 / Admin Office Tel: 613-258-8336 / Fax: 613-258-8384.

Craft Sale: There will be time set aside during the week to display and sell crafts. Please check off on the registration form if you are planning on bringing crafts (so that we can ensure enough tables are available).

Quaker Book Service: QBS will have a full display of books for sale throughout the week of Yearly Meeting.

Displays: If you plan on having a display and cannot bring it with you, please ensure your material **is sent directly to the site** with "Please Hold for Canadian Yearly Meeting" clearly marked. **You are responsible for transporting your display material to and from the site and for its set-up and take-down.** The school's address is above. Remember to check off on the registration form letting us know you require a table reserved for you.

HARASSMENT

Desiring that the Society of Friends be both a loving community and an instrument of peace and healing in a violent and broken world, we expect that Canadian Yearly Meeting will be a place where everyone feels safe from any kind of harassment and abuse, including physical aggression and threatening language.

Friends must take care not to make jokes that are demeaning or sexually suggestive, and need also to be aware that while many enjoy being touched or hugged, others do not. All kinds of touching should be avoided where they are not welcome, in particular where the other person may feel inferior or overpowered.

Anyone who feels he or she has been subjected to harassment of any kind is urged to discuss the matter with one of the "listeners" appointed by Ministry and Counsel.

MESSAGE FROM CONTINUING MEETING OF MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

We hope to begin our time together at Yearly Meeting with spirits soothed and a readiness to be creative, worshipful and playful within our blessed community.

This year is the year of the Youth Challenge, and we hope to have many more children and young adults with us than usual: what a blessing that will be! You will note from the schedule that there are many opportunities throughout the week for the generations to do things together, and for all of us to deepen our spirituality and cherish our community. With an artistic start to the week and an abundance of youthful energy, Yearly Meeting 2013 promises to be an experience of the spirit in our lives that we will treasure throughout the year to come and beyond.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Should you need to cancel your registration after the close of the final deadline (July 31st), CYM will reserve 25% of meal and lodging costs to pay the host facility. Programme fees will be 100% refunded. **Notice of cancellations must be made ASAP. No refund if you simply don't show up!**

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS

Adult Friend Volunteer Ministry: Miscellaneous jobs up to a maximum of a 2-hour time period.

Bell Hop: Helping Friends with luggage both to and from their rooms (beginning and end of the week).

Clean Up Volunteer: Able-bodied Friends willing to help put chairs and tables back, remove signage, go through rooms to ensure they have been emptied, etc.

Committee of Care – CMMC: Serve on a short-term Committee of Care on behalf of Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel (only during the week of YM session).

Computer Support: Help people navigate the internet or with word processing. Please advise Programme Committee (cym-office@quaker.ca) if you plan to bring any A/V equipment you would be willing to share.

Doorkeeper(s): Hold late-comers at door of Meeting, and shepherd in at an appropriate break, on rota to be set up by those volunteering.

Evening Babysitter: Between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Monday to Thursday, is available to parents of very young children so that they may attend evening events.

Family Night Helper: Enlists and organizes acts for Family Night, may help as emcee.

Medic: Deals with minor issues such as stomach upsets, insect bites, etc., which need attention. First-Aid is a requirement.

Meetingroom Set-up: Makes sure the major meeting room(s) are set up in appropriate form (rota to be set up); may be asked to help set up for other events.

Refreshments: Set-up/take-down drinks and snacks for afternoon and evening breaks, on rota.

Silent Worship Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3 pm; lead a small group in Silent Worship.

Threshing Session Clerk: Clerking a Tuesday morning threshing session.

Walking Meditation Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3 pm; lead Friends on a silent walk around campus grounds followed by worship.

Worship Fellowship Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3 pm; leads Worship Fellowship group.

Worship Study Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3 pm; leads Worship Study group.

Youth Program Helper: Works with specific age group(s) under direction of YP Coordinator.

YOUTH CHALLENGE!

Under 35? Get yourself to CYM this summer and be part of the 2013 Youth Challenge!

Last summer, Canadian Young Friends Yearly Meeting received \$25,000 to bring together at least 50 Young Friends and Young Adult Friends at CYM 2013. We know that funding can be a major barrier to attending and we're incredibly excited to be able to help YFs and YAFs come together from across the country in Kemptville, ON this August 16th-24th.

What can we expect to experience as part of the Youth Challenge?

We're excited to bring a critical mass of Young Friends and Young Adult Friends together to energize and strengthen our community and rejoice in our time together in worship, play, and good conversation. We hope to rejuvenate Canadian Young Friends Yearly Meeting and discern our collective path forward, asking what we want to be doing and what makes sense for us as a Yearly Meeting. Planning is well under way for exciting and enriching programming for both YFs and YAFs!

How does the funding work? Who's eligible?

Funds will be allocated by a working group of Canadian Young Friends Yearly Meeting, and will take into account financial need, desire to attend CYM, and home region. Anyone under 35 with a connection to the Religious Society of Friends is eligible--first time CYM attenders are encouraged!

How do I apply?

An online application form is available at <http://yf.quaker.ca/>. There will be two rounds of funding, with deadlines on March 15th and June 1st. The hope is that we can help people plan well in advance or pull their plans together after summer employment plans are confirmed--please apply for the March deadline if you already know what your summer looks like!

We hope that Friends will also seek support from their Monthly Meetings, as the grant is insufficient to cover all costs for 50+ people! A Minute from your Monthly Meeting in support of your attendance at CYM is encouraged but not required, as we understand that not all Young Friends have a strong connection to a Monthly Meeting.

Still on the fence?

If we don't manage to bring 50 YFs and YAFs together at CYM 2013, we've promised to give the \$25,000 back. Wouldn't that be a sad waste of an amazing opportunity for our community?

Questions?

Please email the CYFYM clerks:

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