

February 2018

Welcome to February InfoShare, the email newsletter from New York Yearly Meeting. Read on for announcements, events, opportunities – including several job openings – and staff calendars.

You can **announce your meeting's news** and **submit articles to Spark** by emailing me at communications@nyym.org. The theme for March issue of *Spark* is **Earthcare** – please send news for that issue ASAP. In May, the theme will be **Learning from First Day School**. Start thinking about writing your article now!

NYYM Spring Sessions is happening in Brooklyn, NY, on April 6-8, 2018. Registration opens soon! And it's not too late to register for Meeting for Discernment next Saturday, Feb. 17; see below for details.

Don't forget to keep in touch with your yearly meeting through our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram account](#).

– Sarah Way, Editor

Notes and Announcements

Grants available for Outreach!

There is growing energy throughout NYYM for doing **Quaker outreach** – whether it be in the form of **Inreach** (Growing Our Spirits), **Publicity and Invitation** (Growing our Presence), or **Welcoming** (integrating newcomers into the life of the meeting). If your meeting is engaged in or planning to do outreach, you may be interested in the Outreach Initiatives Support Fund, established to encourage and support outreach activities. To learn how **your meeting can apply for a grant**, [click here](#).

WAGING PEACE

100 YEARS OF ACTION

The exhibit in honor of American Friends Service Committee's centennial, [Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action](#), is now in Queens, NY!

January 27 through March 17

[Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College](#)

65-30 Kissena Blvd., 405 Klapper Hall, Flushing, NY 11367

The Waging Peace exhibit demonstrates how nonviolent social change can promote justice, overcome oppression, and build communities with the resilience to surmount and prevent violence. Told through the powerful stories of courageous people like you, the exhibit highlights AFSC's past century of success in confronting injustice and waging peace.

Waging Peace features examples of social change work from AFSC's 100-year history – from World War I to the Movement for Black Lives – and offers valuable lessons to us today.

Upcoming Events

Meeting for Discernment

February 17, 2018, at 15th Street Meeting, NYC

It is not too late to register for the next Meeting for Discernment which will take place at Fifteenth Street meetinghouse, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003, on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 9:30am to 5:30pm, hosted by Fifteenth Street Friends. (Rain Date is March 3, 2018.) If you have not registered and you will like to attend please request a registration form ASAP from Helen Garay Toppins at office@nyym.org. The following queries will be lifted up:

- *How do I prepare myself to be receptive to the Light, in worship and in the world? How does this experience affect my life?*
- *How does my meeting support me and other Friends to test and support the leadings that arise in the Light?*

NYYM Spring Sessions

April 7-9, 2018, at Brooklyn Friends School, Brooklyn, NY

New York Quarterly Meeting welcomes everyone to NYYM's Spring Sessions, April 6-8, where we will discern the yearly meeting's business and expand the life and witness of our Society. We encourage Friends to come and share the worship and fellowship of the gathered yearly meeting, to bring your meeting's concerns to the yearly meeting's attention, and report back the decisions of the sessions. Programs will be available for our all our children, including a youth program for our teens. We will begin on Friday with coffee & community starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Friends School, 375 Pearl St, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The Saturday and Sunday events will also be held at Brooklyn Friends School. Spring Sessions registration will open very soon—please look online at nnym.org for details and advance materials, and watch for the *March Spark* which will include all registration info.

And **SAVE THE DATE** for **Summer Sessions: July 22-28, 2018**. View the [Summer Sessions page](#) for links to the week-at-a-glance schedule, registration fees, and room rates.

This Evil Thing a play about conscientious objectors in WWI

**March 18, 2018, at Old Chatham Meeting,
NY**

(12:45pm potluck, 1:45pm play with discussion
afterward)

**March 24, 2018, at 15th Street
Meetinghouse, NYC**

(7:00 pm play, panel discussion afterward with the actor (Michael Mears), Bill Galvin, and Dan Seeger, a member of Morningside Meeting who was the subject of a Supreme Court case about conscientious objection.)



[Click here](#) for flyer.

Currently we are in the midst of observing the 100th anniversary of the US entry into World War I. During WWI, conscientious objectors (COs) in many countries were rejected by family and friends, disrespected by their governments, beaten, imprisoned, tortured, faced firing squads, and some even died from the abuse they suffered simply because they refused to fight and kill in war.

In honor of the important anniversary of this witness of conscience, Center on Conscience & War (CCW) is helping to bring actor and playwright [Michael Mears](#) to the U.S. from England for a tour. Mears is the writer, producer, and actor in the one-person play titled "This Evil Thing." It is about the experiences of COs in the U.K. during WWI, but its themes and messages poignantly reflect the experiences of COs in this country, as well.

At each stop of the tour, we hope to be able to have discussions about issues of conscientious objection – then and now – with the playwright, members of the local community, and members of CCW.

–Bill Galvin, Counseling Coordinator, [Center on Conscience & War](#)

Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling Annual Conference

April 5-8, 2018

Quaker Hill Retreat Center in Richmond, IN.

Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling (QPCC) members are Quaker (mostly) chaplains, counseling professionals and pastors. Quaker life and counseling practice has always included elements of mindfulness, and we find there is always more to learn.

With this in mind, we invite you to come to [the next QPCC conference](#): *Awakening Together: Exploring Mindfulness, Healing Ourselves, Healing the World*

Registration is open now. Check the [QPCC website](#) for more details.

Peacemaking Circles Trainings

Little Book of Circle Processes author to offer trainings on Restorative Justice Practice of Peacemaking Circles

The Conflict Transformation Committee of New York Yearly Meeting is sponsoring two three-day trainings in the Restorative Justice Practice of Peacemaking Circles.

April 20-22 in Rochester

April 24-26 in the New York City region

This training will increase participants' understanding of Restorative Justice and prepare them to keep/facilitate a peacemaking circle for a variety of circumstances.

The Committee on Conflict Transformation envisions circle processes becoming part of the culture of New York Yearly Meeting. They are another resource to help meetings and committees envision conflict as an opportunity for spiritual growth rather than perceiving conflict as a problem to be avoided.

To receive a registration form, please send an email to kreixach@gmail.com with the subject line "Circle Processes Training Rochester" or "Circle Processes Training NYC region." Registration form for Rochester is also available [here](#). Participants are limited to 20 per workshop, with no more than 2 from any single meeting or NYYM Committee. Please consider if you feel led to this work and committed to engage in it after the workshop. Cost of this workshop is typically at least \$300. The Committee invites Friends to pay what they discern is suitable for their condition.

Upcoming Anti-Racism Workshops from CSWAC

([Center for the Study of White American Culture](#))

We're opening the new year with [What White People Can Do About Racism, Fundamentals 2](#) in Titusville, NJ on **Saturday, Feb. 17**. You DO NOT have to have completed *Fundamentals 1*. \$90 tuition covers lunch and the program, 9:30am to 3:30pm. Please see [flyer](#) for details and [register here](#).

Registration is open for [Raising Anti-racist White Children](#) on **Saturday, March 24**, 9am - 3:30pm, again in Titusville, NJ. \$95 includes lunch. Details are in the [flyer](#). You can [register here](#).

We'll also offer [Raising Anti-racist White Children](#) in Manhattan on **Saturday, April 7**, 9am - 3:30pm. \$95 includes lunch. See the [flyer](#) for details. Please [register here](#).

Watch for an announcement that registration is open for [Decentering Whiteness](#) in Westchester County, NY in April!

All of our workshops are appropriate for white people who are learning what to do about racism, and for people of color who support white people in taking action against racism.

Radical Faithfulness in Action Program

Residencies at Pendle Hill, June 28-July 1, Aug. 16-19, Oct. 25-28, 2018

[Click here](#) for flyer.

[Radical Faithfulness in Action](#) is an on-campus and online program designed for people already engaged in organizing for social justice, but seeking tools for grounding, connection and resilience. If you value the importance of interconnection, community, and spiritual practices to sustain you in your work, then Radical Faithfulness in Action may be for you. Its goal is to support change makers in finding the tools they need to be powerful in their work ahead.

The three on-campus residencies, **Jun 28-Jul 1, Aug 16-19, Oct 25-28, 2018** will be the foundation for the program, with some webinars and online connection in-between.

The experiential curriculum will help participants:

- Gain knowledge and skills in effective social action organizing;
- Give and receive support in ongoing social justice work outside the course; and
- Deepen spiritual practices that will build resilience in carrying on the work.

If this program sounds exciting to you I encourage you to [apply now!](#) More information can be found on [Pendle Hill's website](#). Financial assistance may be available. Questions or other thoughts can be directed to Lina Blount, at lblount@pendlehill.org

FGC Gathering: The Power of Truth

Save the date: July 1-7, 2018 at the University of Toledo, OH

Early registration opens April 2.

Taste the vibrancy and the variety that is available by immersing yourself in this community of Friends for a week. We eagerly look forward to welcoming you – in person – to the 2018 FGC Gathering! Visit the Gathering [web page](#) for more!

Jobs and Opportunities

Opportunity for Young Adults:

[Quaker United Nations Summer School](#) in Geneva, July 8-20, 2018

For all 20- to 26-year-olds who have a keen interest in international affairs and the United Nations: find out more about Quaker work at the international level and witness the United Nations in action.

Summer School provides an introduction to the work of the United Nations, as seen through the programs of the Quaker United Nations Office. Emphasis is given to formal and informal discussion sessions so that the 25 Summer School participants can gain in-depth understanding of the issues at stake and the dynamics that shape work on these issues. A variety of learning techniques are employed, including lectures, small group discussions, role plays and workshops.

There is a small amount of funding for financial aid available –please contact Helen Bradford for details. To apply for the summer school please download and fill out the application and reference forms, and return these to helenb@quaker.org.uk by **March 12, 2018**.

Full information, application, and flyer available [HERE](#).

Job Available: Welcoming Friend Project Assistant

FGC is hiring a [Welcoming Friend Project Assistant](#), to help newcomers interested in Quaker faith and practice to gain a good foundation in our spiritual tradition quickly and to create a climate in more meetings where People of Color are embraced as part of the worshipping community. This is a paid, part time, one year position, working from anywhere in the U.S., or on-site at the FGC Office in Philadelphia.

Help transform
Quaker welcoming



Apply for the Welcoming Friend
Project Assistant role at FGC!



If you or someone you know would be interested in helping FGC with this important work, please [apply now](#).

Job Available: Executive Director **Friends Foundation for the Aging**

Friends Foundation for the Aging, a Quaker private foundation, seeks applicants for the half-time **Executive Director** to work with the Board to identify, cultivate and fund special programs and projects that benefit older adults. Candidates should possess a Master's degree and ten years of experience in the field of aging or foundation work. Skills in finance, new project development, non-profit governance and familiarity with Friends values are helpful. Self-motivation, mission focus and creative thinking are essential. To apply, contact rhm316@aol.com. For more on Friends Foundation for the Aging, visit their [website](#).



Job Available: Operations Manager **Friends World Committee for Consultation - Section of the Americas**

[FWCC Section of the Americas](#) offers programs that unite Friends across the hemisphere through Spirit-led fellowship. The Operations Manager is primarily responsible for the smooth running of our international headquarters, including office administration, finance, communications and data management, and is involved in many aspects of our work, including audience engagement, volunteer coordination, maintaining our directory of Quaker meetings in the Americas, and fundraising. This position interacts via telephone and email with vendors, volunteers, donors, individual Quakers, and meeting representatives. This position is full-time, non-exempt with benefits, and is directly responsible to the Executive Secretary. The position is located in the Friends Center office building in Philadelphia's Center City, near transit and parking.

[Click here](#) for full job description and requirements.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to americas@fwccamericas.org by **March 15, 2018**. Expected start date will be May 15, 2018.

Job Available: Digital Engagement Coordinator **Earthworks**

Are you passionate about social and environmental justice? Do you care about climate change? Do you love telling stories and inspiring people to take action? Do you enjoy the technical details of digital communications as much as the creative aspects? Are you a data nerd?

Join [Earthworks](#)' growing team of committed advocates. This brand-new full-time position is an exciting opportunity to expand our engagement program to connect supporters with the frontlines of mining and energy extraction. Responsibilities include creating a digital communications strategy and writing blog posts, emails, and social media content. Applicants should have experience in digital advocacy, communications, and/or fundraising, with strong writing, speaking, and interpersonal skills and an aptitude for digital technology.

Please [click here for full details](#). Earthworks is based in Washington DC but remote candidates are welcome to apply.

To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and three writing samples – a sample social media post, a short piece (such as a blog) of no more than five paragraphs, and a sample of one to no more than five pages – to hire@earthworksaction.org. Please include links to blogs, social media handles, or any other online presence that highlights your experience.

Staff Travel Calendar

February

Feb. 13: *Visiting Westbury Meeting:* Steve Mohlke (General Secretary)

Feb. 17: *Meeting for Discernment, 15th Street Meeting:* Chad Gilmartin (Digital Communications Director), Callie Janoff (ARCH Director), Steve Mohlke, and Helen Garay Toppins (Associate Secretary)

March

March 4: *Visiting Fredonia Meeting:* Steve Mohlke

March 18: *Visiting Bulls Head meeting:* Callie Janoff

April

April 6-8: *Spring Sessions, Brooklyn Friends School, NY:* Chad Gilmartin, Callie Janoff, Steve Mohlke, Helen Garay Toppins, and Sarah Way (Communications Director)

April 26-29: *Pastors and Elders “Tending the Flock” conference at Powell House:* Steve Mohlke



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