

October 2018

Welcome to the October edition of **InfoShare**, the email newsletter for NYYM. We have many opportunities to gather and to grow together, including several occurring THIS WEEKEND! It's also NOT TOO LATE to [register for Fall Sessions](#)—late registration ends Oct. 30. Scroll down for news, events, job openings, and staff calendars for NYYM. Check out the grants available to support your good works!

Please **share your meeting's news** and **submit articles to *Spark***, NYYM's printed newsletter, by emailing me at [communications@nyym.org](mailto:communications@nyym.org). The deadline for articles for the November issue has passed but I'm still accepting news items. Email them ASAP.

The theme for the January issue of *Spark* is **Learning from Quaker History**. What can we learn from different facets of Quaker history—from George Fox to the Hicksite/Orthodox split to conscientious objection to war? Why were the yearly meetings in the US formed and how have they evolved? How do modern Friends relate themselves to Quakers of the past? How did we get to where we are now, and are there lessons from the past that may help us move forward? Please write and submit articles by **December 3, 2018**. And feel free to email me with any questions.

As usual, you can keep in touch with New York Yearly Meeting on our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram account](#). Manage your email subscriptions at [NYYM Connect!](#) I hope to see many of you in Rochester for Fall Sessions Nov. 9-11.

—Sarah Way, Editor

## Notes and Announcements

### Scholarships Available for Anti-Racism Online Workshop

An online webinar, happening on two Saturdays, **October 27 & November 3**  
4:00-6:30 PM Eastern

The Black Concerns Committee and European American Quakers Working to End Racism are offering full scholarships for NYYM Friends who would like to participate in the interactive webinar [What White People Can Do About Racism, Fundamentals 1](#). You can email [office@nyym.org](mailto:office@nyym.org) to request a scholarship.

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## Quaker Earthcare Witness Mini-Grants

[QEW has grants](#) available for Friends' organizations who want to enhance their physical/spiritual relationship with the Earth. We offer matching grants of up to \$500 each to support projects consistent with QEW values. You can apply throughout the year. **We are now accepting applications for Friends projects which:**



- Improve your immediate environment
- Involve, inform, and educate members young, old and in between
- Create opportunities to improve and learn about your own local ecosystems
- Provide spirit-led, meaningful work and create fun for all participants

Past grant recipients have used QEW Mini-Grant funds by creating an edible garden for their meeting; adding a composter for a Friends' school; and completing a meeting solar energy project. We welcome your project ideas and energies!

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## The Newest Edition of NYYM's *Faith and Practice* is Available

If you'd like to order a copy of *Faith and Practice*, the book of discipline for New York Yearly Meeting Friends, please contact the NYYM office at [office@nyym.org](mailto:office@nyym.org) or 212-673-5750. Copies are a suggested donation of \$7 if picked up, \$10 if mailed.

*Faith and Practice* is also available [online](#).

We are publishing a large print edition of *Faith and Practice*. Each meeting will receive a complimentary copy. If you are interested in additional copies please contact the NYYM office.

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## Invitation to apply to the Friends World Committee for Consultation's Young Adult Friends Development Fund

Friends World Committee for Consultation is happy to announce the availability of the new [Young Adult Friends Development Fund](#). The Fund has been created from Quaker Youth Pilgrimage monies, and we hope it will generate similarly powerful experiences of deep spiritual connection and encouragement for Young Adult Friends.

Please consider applying for events and projects that benefit and strengthen the network of Young Adult Friends around the world according to the objectives and requirements. This could include anything from running a Quaker leadership training course to planning a World Gathering of Young Friends (maybe connected to the next World Plenary Meeting in South Africa in 2023!). We have a preference for engaging in partnerships and for working across theological and cultural differences and across Sections.

Visit [fwcc.world/fwcc-news/yaffund](http://fwcc.world/fwcc-news/yaffund) for more information. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through December 2019.

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## Earthcare for Children

A curriculum for First Day schools, Sunday schools, and after school programs developed by Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Quaker Earthcare Witness has updated our [Earthcare for Children](#) curriculum to help our children ages 5-12 walk gently over God's Earth through interactive and fun activities. In the lessons, we will experience the

Earth as our home, see how we share our home with God's creatures, and learn how we can behave in caring ways for our world.

Download and share the resources [here](#).

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## Connect with Quaker Organizations

The October edition of [Quaker Works](#), a semiannual feature that connects *Friends Journal* readers to the good works of Quaker organizations, is now available. You can jump straight to the following categories:

- [Advocacy](#)
  - [Consultation, Support, and Resources](#)
  - [Development](#)
  - [Education](#)
  - [Environmental and Ecojustice](#)
  - [Investment Management](#)
  - [Retreat, Conference, and Study Centers](#)
  - [Service and Peace Work](#)
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## Introducing Friends Around the World

FWCC is pleased to announce the launch of the new [Friends Around the World website](#). Friends Around the World helps us stay in touch with each other, promoting intervisitation and communication. It is a directory of yearly meetings and unaffiliated monthly meetings. For details of local meetings, visit the relevant yearly meeting's website.

We are making the content fully available online, and plan to update this site whenever [we are informed of changes](#). This allows for continuous updates.

The family of Friends is beautifully diverse. It is indeed our strength. We need each other—for sustenance and companionship, to broaden our perspective of what it means to be a Quaker, and to give us hope in a world of great challenge. —*Gretchen Castle, FWCC General Secretary*

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**New Edition of Faith & Play Now Available**

Faith & Play™



Quaker Stories for Friends  
Trained in the Godly Play® Method  
SECOND EDITION

## New Edition of Faith & Play: 16 Stories for Sharing Quaker Faith, Practice, and Historical Witness

It is with pleasure and a deep sense of collaboration that Quaker Press of FGC and the Faith & Play Group offer to Friends, and friends of Friends, this revised and expanded edition of *Faith & Play™: Quaker Stories for Friends Trained in the Godly Play® Method*.

These carefully crafted stories employ an experiential method based on the work of Maria Montessori and later refined by The Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman as part of the Godly Play® approach to telling Bible stories. Like Godly Play, Faith & Play™ stories involve use of simple, engaging materials around which a storytelling circle gathers to explore experiences and concepts at their own pace and development level. The stories are open to continuing revelation and encourage understanding and participating more fully in our Quaker faith and practice.

## Upcoming Events

### An Invitation to Listen, Talk and Imagine a **Vision for the Future of our Quaker Region**

*Facilitated by Angela Hopkins*

Near Dundee, NY (specific sites depend on size of group)

**Friday October 26** (4pm on) to **Saturday October 27** (4pm)

Overnight accommodation available; option to attend on Saturday only.

**Where there is no vision, the people perish. Prov. 29:18**

We seek to intentionally bring people together to talk about our hopes and aspirations and to prepare for the challenges and opportunities facing our Meetings and Worship Groups right now and into the near future (the next five years). If we come together in worship and respectful dialogue, disciplined by active listening to one another, we can begin to put our energy into a vision guiding us forward, rather than expending energy on maintaining an unsustainable status quo.

This is an invitation to step outside the realm of problem-solving around issues of aging and shrinking meetings to spaciousness and openness; to where Spirit is leading. Affirming that we are a people of hope, let's look to where we see life, and growing edges, and build on our strengths. And let's also be mindful of who our personal vision might be overlooking. Who shall we invite to our table?

YOU!!!

Please register with Donna Beckwith at [dmbekwith@yahoo.com](mailto:dmbekwith@yahoo.com).

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### **Solo Cello Concert in NYC**

**Steve Ballou**, the clerk of Croton Valley Monthly Meeting, will perform a free concert on Sunday, **October 28**, 2018 at Christ & St. Stephen's Church, 120 West 69th Street, New York, NY. Croton Valley wants to extend a special invitation to Friends and friends of Friends to attend.

Cellist Stephen Ballou has been working with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra since 1987. In October 2018, he will bring a performance to the Upper West Side – [Solo Cello Concert: 1689-1966](#) – a program ranging from the first known music for solo cello, by Domenico Gabrielli, to the twelve tone sonorities of Roger Sessions, alongside landmark masterpieces by J.S. Bach and Zoltan Kodaly. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

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### **[Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence](#)**

A workshop led by **Arthur Larrabee** and **NYYM General Secretary Steve Mohlke**

**November 16-18, 2018**, at [Pendle Hill](#)

This is an opportunity for both new and experienced clerks of Friends' meetings and committees to meet and think together about the role of presiding clerk. It is expected that each person will leave the weekend with new energy and enthusiasm for being a clerk, feeling well grounded in both the theoretical and the practical. There will be handouts, exercises, and opportunities to share experiences, with most work being done in a whole group setting.

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# Friends Committee

## ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION

**FCNL Annual Meeting, Nov. 28-Dec. 2, 2018**

Prophetic. Persistent. Powerful. As FCNL celebrates our 75th year, join Quakers and friends for four days of community, celebration, and advocacy.

**Your voice. Our power.**

Be a part of the 75-year legacy of prophetic, persistent, and powerful Quaker advocacy. Join FCNL November 28-December 2, 2018 for [Annual Meeting and the Quaker Public Policy Institute](#).

Just weeks after voters elect a new Congress, join us to

- Lobby to advance peace and justice.
- Establish FCNL's lobbying priorities for the upcoming congressional session.
- Celebrate FCNL's 75-year history and look forward to the next decades of our work together.
- Hear from exciting and inspiring speakers—policy experts, faith leaders, and more—about how you can engage your community for policy change in the coming year.
- Worship together and make new connections with committed people from across the country.

Quaker advocacy has never been more important. We hope you'll join us.

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[Young Adult Spiritual Nurture](#)

[Series](#) **part 2:**

### **The Intersection of Faith and Everything Else**

**A one-day retreat for young adults  
December 1 at 15th Street  
Meeting, New York**

This workshop will be an opportunity for Friends at various points in their journeys to think about about our existence in the world (career, studies, job, side projects, hobbies...)



and how it intersects, complements, juxtaposes, and/or deviates from our Faith and spiritual lives. How do we or can we take care of both our spiritual and professional selves, even when they're interwoven? How do we reconcile work in the world that stands in contrast or works against what we know as Truth? We will reflect, share concerns, listen, and dream as we explore where we are and where we would like to be. [Register here](#)

## Job Openings and Opportunities

### NYYM Policies and Procedures Consultant

*Can you help New York Yearly Meeting find a consultant to help with developing and documenting policies and procedures?* We're looking for a professional with prior experience with this type of work, preferably with a Friends organization, and who has excellent listening and writing skills and facility with Google Drive or other cloud storage service.

Interested candidates should review the [full Scope of Work](#) and submit their CV, a letter of application, and indication of their hourly consulting rate to [tpolicies-consulting-application@nyym.org](mailto:tpolicies-consulting-application@nyym.org) by **Friday, November 2, 2018**.



### Resident Staff Positions Now Open

William Penn House, the Quaker Center on Capitol Hill, has residential openings for staff and volunteers interested in supporting Friends' values through radical hospitality, experiential education and activism. Private room and shared groceries included. Details [here](#).



# Staff Calendars

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## October

**October 25-28:** *FGC Central Committee, Reisterstown, MD:* Chad Gilmartin (Digital Communications Director)

**Oct. 27:** *Budget Saturday, Purchase Meeting, NY:* Callie Janoff (ARCH Director), Steve Mohlke (General Secretary)

**Oct. 28:** *NY Quarterly Meeting, Flushing, NY:* Steve Mohlke

## November

**Nov. 9:** *Visit to Attica Prison Worship Group:* Helen Garay Toppins (Associate Secretary)

**Nov. 9-11:** *NYYM Fall Sessions, Rochester, NY:* Chad Gilmartin, Callie Janoff, Steve Mohlke, Helen Garay Toppins, Sarah Way (Communications Director)

**Nov. 15:** *Friends Foundation for the Aging Board Meeting, Newtown, PA:* Callie Janoff

**Nov. 16-18:** *Clerking with Joy and Confidence, Pendle Hill, PA:* Steve Mohlke

**Nov. 16:** *Friends Services for the Aging CEO Peer Group Meeting, West Chester, PA:* Callie Janoff

**Nov. 17:** *Visit to Concord Quarter, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, West Chester, PA:* Callie Janoff



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