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New York Yearly Meeting

Summer Sessions at Silver Bay

by *Melanie-Claire Mallison*

Dear friends:

This year was the forty-seventh time I've attended the NYYM Summer Sessions. My week at Silver Bay now is much different from when I was young – back then the week was all about making friends and playing games and swimming a lot. Now I'm on committees, facilitating interest groups, and actually love attending meeting for business every day. I didn't get near that beautiful lake till the day we left! But Summer Sessions is still about making friends, and there were 708 other Quakers there to get to know this year. And I was really pleased to see so many other members of Ithaca Monthly Meeting there to experience the friendships and community too (I just hope they had better luck getting in the water!). It was great seeing friends at this Quaker gathering that has always been so central in my life. Just so you know, this was the largest annual meeting we've ever had, with 528 adults, 73 young adults in the Circle of Young Friends, and 181 youth in the Junior Yearly Meeting. There was an amazing 126 first time attenders! And we had the best weather too – even the Emps (Silver Bay employees) commented on the wonderful sunny weather we brought with us. Normally we have several rip-snortin' thunder and lightening storms, some including hail, so seven days of sunshine was actually a little confusing! The only dark spot was a young man getting a serious head injury in a swimming accident, but just today I got the message that Franklin is home already, walking, talking, and expecting a 100% recovery. Welcome news.

It's hard for me to see Summer Sessions clearly, I love it all so, but I believe it was a caring, energetic, and faithful gathering. Our theme was "Stewardship; Our

Earth, Our Mind, Our Heart," and we had invited speakers from Quaker Earthcare Witness, Right Sharing of the World's Resources, and the Center for Theater of the Oppressed. We were challenged to live radically simple lives like John Woolman, consider diving into the Sabbath Aqueduct, and dance out our anger and fear. I wish I had the epistle already, because it does a wonderful job of summarizing our week, but one of the many pluses of being a recording clerk for NYYM is the fact that I have the minutes immediately at the end of the sessions, and I'd like to share a few snippets of them with you.

2007-07-22. The Clerk introduced Christopher Sammond (Bulls Head-Oswego), General Secretary of NYYM. [who] gave a message to the body about renewal, noting that the first renewal report was prepared 40 years ago. He affirmed that this renewal is present here in our annual session as well as working in the body of our yearly meeting, pointing as an example to the presence of 126 new attenders and many more young adults at Yearly Meeting this year. He cautioned against complacency and against the sense we are responsible for the renewal that we have sought so long and of which we are now seeing some signs. Rather we have responded to the Spirit, which is with us in our deep ache and hunger. As Goethe said, "What kind of a God would it be that only sought us from without?"

2007-07-48. Shirley Way (Central Finger Lakes) described her recent service in Colombia. ... In December 2006, Shirley traveled to Colombia with Christian Peacemaker Teams, and in June 2007, she spent six weeks in Colombia, facilitating eight Alternatives to Violence (AVP) work-

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Announcements

Do you have something for the September newsletter?

Please get all information you'd like to have included in the July newsletter either to Bronwyn Mohlke, by the method of your choice no later than Tuesday, August 21(277-4183 / bjm9@cornell.edu / 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850)

Kitchen Cupboard / Tuesday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 1

Friends, it's true! We have the opportunity to help at Kitchen Cupboard two days in row. Not only do Friends help out the first Wednesday of every month, but also on fifth Tuesdays, when they occur. We won't be helping on July 4, which is the first Wednesday in July, but they do need our help on Tuesday, July 31 and the following day, as it's the first Wednesday in August. Have you thought about lending a hand, but haven't yet taken the opportunity? Here's the perfect time to get involved. For more information, please call Ginny Gartlein (272-3471).

Midweek Meeting for Worship at the Burt House / Wednesdays 7:15

Midweek meeting for Worship takes place at the Burt House on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 pm with half an hour or worship followed by discussion. All are welcome to attend.

Peace Potluck at Perry City Meetinghouse / Saturday, August 4

The Perry City Friends (Quakers) invite you to a "peace potluck" on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to share thoughts, feelings, and actions in a safe haven as we explore paths to peace together.

Please join us on Saturday, August 4 at the Perry City Meeting House on Route 227 in Perry City. Dish to pass at 5:30; discussion 7:00 - 9:00. Come to either or both.

In Remembrance: Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 1945

On August 6, 1945 at 8:15 AM, in Hiroshima, Japan, the first nuclear bomb was dropped.

On August 9, 1945 at 11:02 AM, in Nagasaki, Japan, the second nuclear bomb was dropped.

On Monday, August 6, 2007 at 8:15 am, there will be a one-hour silent vigil (rain or shine) at the Peace Pole in front of the Ithaca Friends Center/Burt House, 227 North Willard Way. This is a vigil of mindfulness and remembrance of the thousands of persons who were killed 62 years ago in Hiroshima at the instant of the blast, and of those who suffered and died from their injuries.

On Thursday, August 9 at 4:30 pm, the regular time of our weekly peace vigil, at the foot of State Street, our posters and peace messages will be in solemn remembrance of Nagasaki Day. Please plan to join us and add more voices to the message of peace.

We will not be overwhelmed. We hope that in remembering we will continue to seek global peace and justice.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business / not until September 9

Friends, there will be no Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in August. The next one will be on September 9.

Second Sunday Celebration Circle / Sunday, August 12

Second Sunday Celebration Circle: An engaging and uplifting Interfaith celebration that weaves together prayer, meditation, singing, and simple participatory ritual from many traditions. A program of the Common Heart Interfaith Fellowship, led by Rev. Jody Kessler at 7:00 on the second Sunday of every month. Adults and teens welcome.

Our celebrations take place at the Henry St. John Building, 301 S. Geneva St., Ithaca, suite 103. Enter the building through the playground side ramp entrance. We are downstairs, first door on the left. The building is wheelchair accessible, and there is plenty of free parking.

A program of the Common Heart Interfaith Fellowship
www.commonheart.org

From the Peace Witness Committee / Tuesday, August 14

Peace Witness Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Burt House, 7:30 PM. All are welcome to join us on August 14. Help us find ways to live and share Friends' Peace Testimony.

Fond Farewell To Corinne Everhart / Sunday, August 19

We hope that many Friends will be able to come to Meeting on Sunday, August 19, as we will be bidding a fond farewell to Corinne Everhart. Many of the kids in our Meeting don't remember a time before Corinne, she has been taking care of our kids for so long now. She leaves us to pursue her dream of working with glass, for which she will take classes at Salem Community College in Carney's Point, New Jersey. We are very grateful for the care she has provided, and hope that she will come back to visit before long. Please bring finger foods to share on Sunday, August 19.

Meeting for Healing / Tuesday, August 28

A Meeting for Healing is held at 7:15 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Melody Johnson and Dick Crepeau's house (112 Mount Pleasant Road, Ithaca). This month it will be on August 28. All are welcome to attend. If you have a concern but cannot attend, let Melody know, and you will be held in the Light. For directions, or more information, please call Melody at 272-8755.

Quaker Writers' Group / August 23

Our next meeting will be on Aug 23, 7-9 pm, at 112 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Dick has a great lead-in, but of course you can always do your own thing. If you'd like to swim, come early.

Last time Melanie Claire had a bag, we all reached in and pulled out an object. The writing was, as usual, varied and imaginative. We're looking forward to seeing all of you in August!

—Warmly, Melody

Program Committee says to Save the Date of September 30

Save the Date! Our Meeting's Annual Fall Picnic will be on Sunday September 30, 2007 at the rise of Meeting until 4:00 pm. The picnic will once again be at Taughannock Falls State Park in the Central Pavillion. Stay tuned for more details!

CALM / looking for Friends who will be with kids on Sunday mornings

CALM is seeking adults who would be willing to supervise the children from 10:45 when they leave worship until the end of worship. Corinne will be there to keep the littlest ones occupied, and often parents stay outside with the children, but we need to have one adult each week who will be in charge of supervising the children. There is a list circulating at Meeting for Worship, but you can also get in touch with Marilyn Ray. Someone from CALM will call you during the week before your volunteer day to remind you. There are still a number of Sundays not yet spoken for in August and September.

CALM Members: Marilyn Ray <MLR17@cornell.edu>, Clerk, "Kathy Beissner" <beissner@ithaca.edu>, "Marcie Finlay" <marciefinlay@hotmail.com>, "Melanie-Claire Mallison" <mallison@cnf.cornell.edu>, "Ellie Rosenberg" <erosenbe@icsd.k12.ny.us>, "Michael Trotti" <mtrotti@ithaca.edu>

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR FRIENDS IN OUR MEETING AND A GOOD CAUSE:

Women Swimmin' / fundraiser for Hospicare of Ithaca / Saturday, August 11

Yep, it's that time of the year again: could this really be the FOURTH year I will have jumped in Cayuga Lake with scores of women aged 18 to 80 to raise money for Hospicare, the hospice facility here in Ithaca?

Last year, 6 y.o. Thea got so swept away in my experience fundraising for Women Swimmin', she started her own fundraising effort: Shiny Clean, a cleaning service that gives all proceeds to charity. Her first check (\$100+) went to Hospicare, and they lauded her with a VIP tour and a lovely set of Hospicare notecards. Since then, she and her Shiny pals have raised over \$500 for various other causes: <http://clarkberg.org/wordpress/index.php?cat=6>

Hospicare is not a large facility -- I think they have fewer than ten beds. Last year, through this event they raised over \$152,000. That's got to make a significant impact in their ability to provide services to anyone with life threatening disease, regardless of their ability to pay.

This is just a groovy, wonderful event and I am so blessed to be a strong enough swimmer to be able to be a part of it. (The swim is about 1.2 miles in deep, open water. But note: It's not a race! It's a community event!)

If you feel moved to support this event with your donation, I invite you to be my sponsor. (Are there other Friends swimming? Please let us know!) You can make a tax deductible donation online:

<https://secure.pageplanet.com/womenswimmin/donation.mgi?s=ws>

(Note: I registered as MARIN CLARKBERG, not Rini..., that's M-A-R-I-N. ;-)

Or, you can write a check (payable to Hospicare) and mail it to me (150 Giles Street, Ithaca NY 14850) or directly to Hospicare (172 East King Road, Ithaca, NY 14850). If you do send it directly to Hospicare in the mail, you should annotate the name of the swimmer you are sponsoring.

If you would like to learn more about Hospicare and this event, please visit www.womenswimmin.org or www.hospicare.org. Or, ask me about it.

I appreciate your support.

Much love,

—Rini

Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride / August 11-12

A message from Mike Simkin: I need your support.

Every hour of every day, someone is diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. That, in part, is why I registered for the MS Bike Ride, and why I'm asking you to support my fund raising efforts with a tax-deductible donation.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS but they can't do it without our help. It's faster and easier than ever to support this cause that's so important to me. You can either donate online (see the Website listed below) or, if you prefer, you can send a check made out to National MS Society to my address listed below.

Any amount, great or small, helps to make a difference in the lives of people with MS. I appreciate your support and look forward to letting you know how I do.

If you would like more information about the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, how proceeds from the MS Bike Ride are used, or the other ways you can get involved in the fight against MS, please visit nationalmssociety.org.

Thank You.

—Mike Simkin

Fair Trade Coffee

The Social Justice Committee will have Fair Trade coffee, tea and cocoa available for sale at brunch after Meeting for Worship.

Arrangements can be made directly with Carol Mohler (cmkmohler@frontiernet.net or 5396454) to get items at a future Meeting, or to make other arrangements.

Items will be available at the following prices:

COFFEE	12 ounce bags	\$6.25 per bag
Breakfast Blend	Drip	
Breakfast Blend	Whole bean	
French Roast	Drip	
French Roast	Whole bean	
DECAF COFFEE	12 ounce bags	\$7.25 per bag
Full City Roast	Drip	
BULK WHOLE BEANS	2 pound bags	\$13.70 per bag
French Roast		
COCOA		
Hot Cocoa Mix	12 ounce can	\$4.80 per can

Wedding of Carolyn Byerly and Kay McGraw in Bethesda MD

Ithaca Friends are warmly invited to be present at our (Carolyn Byerly & Kay McGraw's) wedding, 2 pm, Saturday, October 13, at Bethesda Friends Meeting House, on the Sidwell Friends Lower School Campus in Bethesda, and at the wedding reception immediately afterward, 4-6 pm, at Cesco Trattoria, 4871 Cordell Ave., Bethesda. The ceremony will solemnize our 23 years together. There is a possibility that our marriage could be legal, should a favorable ruling from a Maryland Court of Appeals come down on the plaintiff's side before October 13 (a legal challenge from conservatives would be expected to follow). Ithaca Friends planning to come are asked to please RSVP by Sept. 20, to cbyerly@earthlink.net; or call 301-434-4689.

I was happy to learn in mid July that I have been granted tenure at Howard University, at the associate professor rank. I have been a member of the Department of Journalism at Howard since Fall 2004. I also serve on the Women's Studies Program Advisory Committee. Howard University, in downtown Washington, DC, is a historically Black university whose mission is to educate and advance the status of persons of African descent, and other under-represented groups. I plan to apply for full professor status this Fall. Thanks to all who have been supportive of my academic

progress these last years.

—Carolyn Byerly, cbyerly@earthlink.net

IMM Website Update

Friends:

I've updated the Meeting's website at:

<http://www.ithacamonthlymeeting.org/>

Changes include:

--I've added current and past newsletters.

--I've put our "Internal Documents" page in the menu (since people often tell me they can't remember where it is). Since the documents aren't of interest to the general public I've password-protected the page. The password is "ifm".

--The revised website uses software that makes it possible for you to edit web pages from your web browser. Rini used this software for the Spring Gathering 2007 website. Basically you can go to an "administrator" web page, login, and select from the pages you are allowed to edit. I can think of a number of applications. The First Day School can post teachers and room numbers. Committees can maintain their own pages, both public and password-protected. Someone might even want to maintain an events calendar. Send me your ideas.

—Larry Clarkberg

Louis Edgerton Memorial Service

Friends, Louis Edgerton passed away peacefully early in the morning on Thursday, July 26, surrounded by his children. A memorial service is planned for September 2, to held at Kendall at 2:00 pm.

Floating Meeting at the Burt House / Saturday, August 4

The Burt House residents invite you to Floating Meeting, Saturday, August 4, at 5:30 pm at the Burt House, 227 North Willard Way. All are welcome: the young and the young at heart. We will share a dish-to-pass dinner at 6 pm. We will have hands-on activities related to the upcoming Hiroshima/Nagasaki anniversary remembrances. Floating meeting is always such a nice opportunity for fellowship for all ages. Please bring a dish-to-pass. RSVPs are helpful. RSVP to Mary at 273-5421, 342-6657 (my cell) or mbalfour123@gmail.com.

Second Sunday Celebration Circle

Second Sunday of every month, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Adults and teens welcome.

Sunday, August 12th 7 PM: Our Life is More than Our Work (and Our Work is More than Our Jobs)

Work can be the drudgery we endure in order to pay the bills, a vehicle for spiritual awakening, or a deep calling that allows us to live from the heart and share our gifts with the world. Through song, poetry, meditation, and a creative activity, we will examine our relationship to our work, and how it fits into the bigger picture of our lives. Local musician Will Fudeman will join with Jody to help lead us in singing.

New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions at Silver Bay

Seventeen Friends from Ithaca Meeting attended New York Yearly Meeting's Summer Sessions at Silver Bay this year (see cover article). They are listed below, and you are welcome to get in touch with them for more information on the week. It would be great to see even more Ithaca Friends there next year! There were more than 700 Quakers there, 125 of whom were attending for

the first time. 160 were highschool age or younger. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, and a great chance to learn more of the many activities in which New York Yearly Meeting Friends are involved.

Melanie-Claire Mallison, Nathan Mallison, Carol Mallison, Jody Enck, Mary Beth Tierney, Aidan Tierney, Sawyer Tierney, Steve Mohlke, Bronwyn Mohlke, Alma Mohlke, Elsa Mohlke, Elspeth Rhodin, Ollie O, Nancy Gabriel, Marion daGrossa, Margaret McCasland, Mac Larsen

Minutes of the July 2007 Meeting for Business of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Tom Brown, Clerk

Nancy Gabriel, Assistant Clerk

Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk

Steve Mohlke, Treasurer

(@ signifies that the minute has been read and approved.)

200707.1 Gathering:

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting (IMM) met on July 8, 2007, in Hector Meetinghouse for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. At 12:20 p.m., fifteen F/friends settled into worship. Our Clerk read the first eight queries from NYYM's Faith and Practice.

1. Are meetings for worship and business held in expectant waiting for divine guidance? Are we regular and punctual in attendance? Are we willing and faithful in the service of our meeting and in financial support of its activities?

2. Do we make opportunity in our daily lives for communion with God and the opening of our hearts to an awareness of the Christ Within? Are we thankful for each day as an opportunity for a new adventure of life with God?

3. Are we careful that our ministry is under the leading of the Holy Spirit? Are we concerned to take time for the study of Scripture and other writings of spiritual value? Are we concerned for the spiritual growth of one another?

4. Are love and unity fostered among us? If differences arise, do we endeavor to reconcile them in a spirit of love and truth? Are we careful not to manipulate and exploit one another? Do we avoid tale bearing, and are we careful of the reputation of others?

5. Do we keep to moderation and simplicity in our daily lives? Have we allowed the acquisition of possessions to interfere with God's purpose for us? Are our homes places where the presence of God is felt by those who live there and those who visit there? Do we choose such recreations as are wholesome and consistent with Christian character? Are we careful in our choice of ways to use our time and energy?

6. Do our children receive the loving care of the meeting? Does the influence of the meeting promote their religious life and give them an understanding of the principles and practices of Friends? Do we offer our young people opportunities for fellowship, for service, for religious instruction, and for participation in the life of the meeting?

7. Do our vocations provide constructive and beneficial service? Do we observe integrity in our business transactions? Do we avoid involving ourselves beyond our ability to manage? Are we careful to conduct our affairs punctually, justly, and honorably? Do we avoid participation in lotteries, betting, and gambling?

8. Have we confronted our own decisions about our use of

alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, and do we encourage others to do likewise? Have we considered the cost in human suffering that might result from such use?

There was no meeting for business in June, so the May minutes were read. Clerk reviewed the agenda for the day, noting that meeting for business is not only a time to making decisions, but a time to deepen our communication with one another. @

200707.2 Spring Gathering Report:

Marilyn Ray reported that the Regional Treasurer made a specific request that Spring Gathering make as little profit as possible, and she noted the difficulties of honoring such a request. And in fact, we made a profit of approximately \$2000. This money will seed the next Spring Gathering and our Planning Committee will have suggestions for the next Planning Committee to help them avoid a profit. @

200707.3 Children & the Life of the Meeting:

Marilyn reported that it turned out that it was not necessary for the committee to purchase a table for the new enclosure because Chuck Mohler kindly built and donated a table, which is working out well. @

200707.4 Social Justice Committee:

Margaret McCasland reported on recent work of the committee, including volunteering at Kitchen Cupboard and providing transportation for family members to visit incarcerated relatives. Relating to earthcare, for instance, the committee wonders if the Meeting might consider creating a committee to address this spe-

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shops for 103 participants....She described displacement from war and from unemployment, the drug trade, and governmental corruption. She said firmly, "We are funding this war." She expressed gratitude for the support of her faith community—Central Finger Lakes, Farmington-Scipio Region, the faithfulness group. "Without my faith community I cannot hear, I cannot follow."

Along with such moving reports, our Yearly Meeting approved creating a Committee on Conscientious Objection to Paying for War, and the related call to action; "New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends invites all of our members to consider our minute of last year acknowledging that paying for war violates our conviction in the Power of the Living Spirit to give life, joy, peace and prosperity through love, integrity and compassionate justice among people. Friends now wishing to explore how conscience moves them with regard to the payment of war taxes are asked to prepare a Statement of Conscience...." We also approved continuing the General Secretary position with Christopher Sammond continuing in that position. The Earthcare Working Group brought forward, and the Meeting approved, an "Eco-Spirituality & Action Minute." The minute and action, too long to quote here, will come to each Monthly Meeting, and I hope IMM will take time to consider the minute and respond to the working group. Finally, we heard Frank Pineo's memorial minute and Ann's wonderful poem to her father. It was heart-warming to be there as Friends shared their memories of Frank and Thor.

I'll get the epistle and complete minutes to you as soon as I can. Till then, think good thoughts for Franklin, and good thoughts about attending the 2008 NYYM Summer Sessions!

cific concern, since there is much to learn and many actions which could be taken. The committee also asks, "In what ways can the Social Justice Committee be of service to the Meeting?" Friends offered their thoughts on these matters. Our clerk invited us to continue to share our thoughts with committee members. @

200707.5 Report on IMM Summer Youth Camp:

Rini Clarkberg reported on the most recent camp. She noted first that the camp is not pulled together by a committee or officially recognize group, it is created by a resourceful and dedicated gathering of Friends. The camp is meant to be a four-day spiritual retreat for our youth—the goal being to create a loving community. Rini spoke to her personal experience of camp being affected partly by her being busy on Spring Gathering Planning Committee, but also by the Meeting's changing attitudes towards the land. She has lost some of her joy, as her optimism towards building a meeting-house on the land has waned. She asks, "What can the Meeting do to support this camp?" One suggestion is to bring the Annual Picnic back to the land, along with other activities. Another is a request for some investigation into gaining access to the land, even if only to update and distribute information which has already been gathered. @

200707.6 Route 79 Property & Access:

Our Clerk noted that there would be little problem with looking into the question of access to the land, with no need for the approval of any expenses. The only questions are who should do the research and what work has already been done? The Meeting asks the Route 79 Property Committee to work on this question of options for access. The Meeting asks that the Property Committee review the work already done by the Design Committee and the Trustees, and continue that work with a specific eye towards facilitating the camp experience. We ask that the Route 79 Property Committee report back to Monthly Meeting at the next Meeting for Business. The committee will send out an email announcing its meeting time, so that interested persons may join the work. @

200707.7 Treasurer's Report:

Steve Mohlke reported on May and June income and expenses. He noted especially that we will be sending \$440 for tornado relief to Kansas. Friends received the report.

Steve also distributed a letter summarizing his request to change the IMM scholarship process. Budget Committee has considered and approved this request. To summarize, presently all scholarship requests go directly to the treasurer, who approves them. There are various problems with this simple process, most especially the fact that one person should not have the sole responsibility for something so important. Steve suggests that Ministry and Oversight could have the responsibility instead, naming three persons from M&O to consider all such requests. This would be a small enough group that reticent people would not feel discouraged, and yet with the three named from three different years, there would be a continuing knowledge base in the committee and there would be more opportunity for the scholarship sub-committee to actually suggest scholarships to Quaker events, rather than just wait for requests. Our Clerk suggests that this proposal be referred to Ministry and Oversight for consideration. The Meeting APPROVED. @

200707.8 Clerk's Report:

Our Clerk reported that we have received a request from NYYM for information for the upcoming Yearbook. He has been

in touch with people regarding the information needed, and in the process of filling it out, he has gotten a new look at all that the Meeting does. He also reported on our direction in the meeting-house discussion. He feels that the Clerk needs to be responsive to the needs of the Meeting, moving forward on topics which may be difficult and even divisive, but he also understands that the discussions cannot be driven by the Clerk alone. We need to find a way forward, together, for which Friends have enthusiasm and a willingness to actively participate. Tom is open to input and suggestions from everyone in Meeting. @

200707.9 Next Meeting for Business:

Our Clerk noted that we typically do not have a meeting for business in August, but that if Friends feel there is business to bring forward, such a meeting can of course, take place. Friends agreed that a meeting was not needed, so the next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held on First Day, September 9th. @

At 2:40 PM, thirteen F/friends gathered into worship before adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,
—Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk

(Please note that if you would like a copy of any report mentioned above, you can receive one from the reporting committee or the Recording Clerk.)

Advice & Query

This month's advice and query from NYYM Faith & Practice for your contemplation:

Advice 1. *From the beginnings of our Society, we have considered it necessary to assemble frequently for the purpose of public worship held in expectant waiting for divine guidance, thereby manifesting our belief in and dependence upon our creator. Meeting for worship is fundamental for us, and we should be diligent and punctual in our attendance. We seek, through communion with God, the strengthening influence of the Holy Spirit to enable us to discharge with fidelity the services we owe to God, to each other, and to all people.*

Query 1. *Are meetings for worship and business held in expectant waiting for divine guidance? Are we regular and punctual in attendance? Are we willing and faithful in the service of our meeting and in financial support of its activities?*

August 2007 Calendar

Weekly Events:

Every Tuesday 9-9:20pm Worship in your own home

Every Wednesday 7:15 pm Midweek Meeting for worship at the Burt House ***

Every Thursday 4:30 pm Peace vigil from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the bottom of East State Street

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Aug 1 Wed 1:15 – 3pm Kitchen Cupboard. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-3471). Please remember - Kitchen Cupboard desperately needs brown paper bags.

Aug 4 Sat 5:30 pm Peace potluck at the Perry City Meetinghouse, followed by a discussion. ***

Aug 5 Sun 10:00 am Singing at the Hector meetinghouse

10:30 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Hector meetinghouse

10:45 am Children are welcome to go out back for kids' activities

Aug 6 Mon 8:15 am On Monday, August 6, 2007 at 8:15 am, there will be a one-hour silent vigil (rain or shine) at the Peace Pole in front of the Ithaca Friends Center/Burt House, 227 North Willard Way. This is a vigil of mindfulness and remembrance of the thousands of persons who were killed 62 years ago in Hiroshima at the instant of the blast, and of those who suffered and died from their injuries.

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10:30 am Meeting for Worship for all ages, Hector meetinghouse

10:45 am Children are welcome to go out back for kids' activities

7:00 pm Celebration Circle / An interfaith worship service led by Jody Kessler. ***

Aug 14 Tues 7:30 pm Peace Witness committee meeting at the Burt House. All interested are very welcome to attend

Aug 19 Sun 10:00 am Singing at the Hector meetinghouse

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Rise of Mtg Brunch and farewell to Corinne Everhart ***

Aug 23 Thurs 7:00 pm Quaker Writers' Group at the home of Dick and Melody ***

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10:45 am Children are welcome to go out back for kids' activities

Aug 28 Tues 7:15 pm Meeting for Healing at the home of Melody and Dick ***

*** = more details will be found in the announcement section of the newsletter