

Newsletter of the  
**Ithaca Monthly Meeting**  
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

**August 2011**

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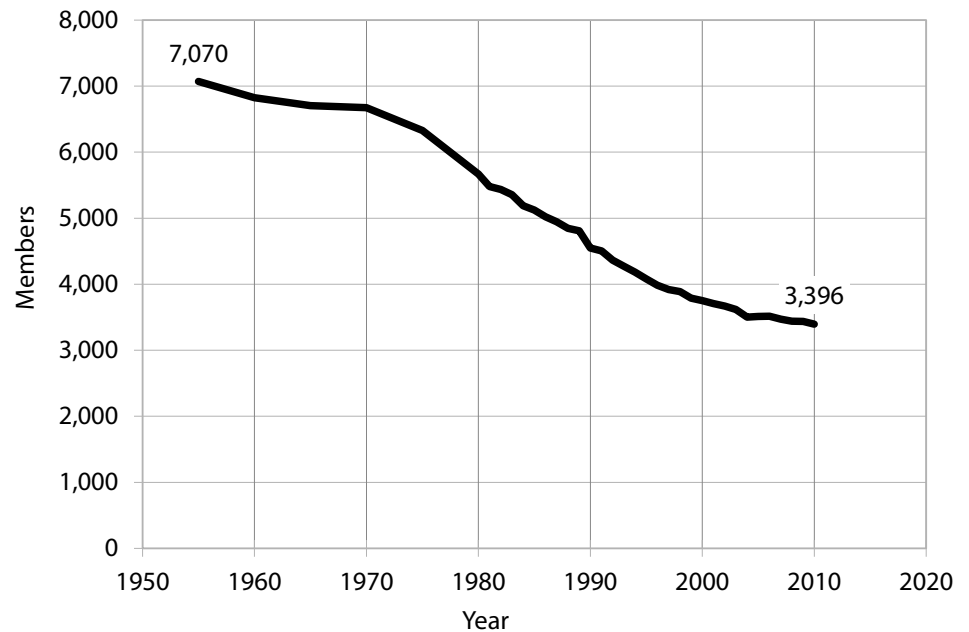
To join our email list for solely for meeting-related announcements, send an email message addressed to:  
IMMRSF-L-request@cornell.edu  
with body of the message as simply:  
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**Scheduling:**

To set up or schedule a program or presentation for the meeting and/or to reserve a room at the meeting-house, please see the instructions on the website.

**Website:** [ithacamonthlymeeting.org](http://ithacamonthlymeeting.org)

Total Membership of Quaker Meetings in NYYM, 1955-2010



Christopher Sammond, the General Secretary of New York Yearly Meeting, shared this figure as part of his annual report at Summer Sessions. Christopher spoke about "agency" and how each of us can create change. For more on the minutes and epistles from Summer Sessions at Silver Bay, please see [http://www.nyym.org/index.php?q=minutes\\_and\\_epistles](http://www.nyym.org/index.php?q=minutes_and_epistles)

**10th Anniversary of Meeting's Annual Retreat, August 27th-30th**

Friends will again gather for a few family-friendly days focused on strengthening our connections to one another and to Quaker values and practices. This event was formerly called "camp."

Our retreat will be at Robert H. Treman State Park, just five miles southwest of Ithaca. We have rented the pavilion near the camping area (and not far from the swimming area) for our time together. We expect to have crafts, singing, discussion, reflection, and probably more than one incredible campfire.

Several Friends have rented cabins and campsites; there is room to accommodate some who were unable to make a reserva-

tion while sites were available. If staying overnight appeals to you and you do not yet have reservations, please see contact information below.

Friends who'd like to participate but sleep at home may be able to arrange for sharing some park entrance permits, as each camping space and cabin is permitted two cars. Additionally, some Friends have annual park passes.

More details will be forthcoming on the listserv. If you do not participate in the listserv or otherwise have questions, please contact Marin Clarkberg, 279-4722 or [clarkberg@cornell.edu](mailto:clarkberg@cornell.edu) or Bronwyn Mohlke, 277-4183 [bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu).

## Preparing for September at IMM

### Quakerism 101

Written by Shirley Dodson and published by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, *Quakerism 101* is designed to familiarize new members and attenders with the faith and practice of Friends and to strengthen the understanding of long-time members. *Quakerism 101* is meant both as an opportunity for spiritual growth and as an intellectually stimulating course in which specific information about Quakerism is shared. The course is structured for six two-hour sessions which will be held on six consecutive weeks. The dates will be announced later. The sessions will focus on the following topics: Seekers and Finders: The Experience of Early Friends; The Light Within; Quaker Universalism; Worship and Ministry; Living in the Light: Quaker Witness; and Getting Down to Business.

Details will be in the September newsletter and on the IMM list serve.

### First Day School

Friends may anticipate the return of First Day School on September 12, the Sunday following Labor Day weekend.

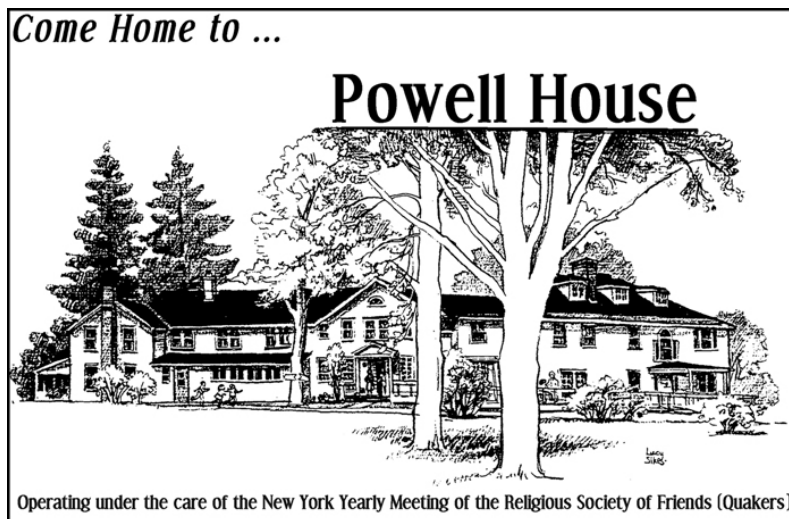
## Quakerism Beyond Ithaca

### PoHo turns 50!

Powell House Committee and Staff invite all Friends to help us celebrate Powell House's 50th Anniversary! Join us for a big bash of fellowship, music and Spirit. Starts on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 6:00pm. Ends Sunday, August 28 at 2:00pm. Powell House has been NYYM's retreat & conference center for 50 years! Let's celebrate.

We're offering this long weekend at 1961, 1981 or 2001 prices, depending on how long you stay, and our tentative schedule will feature one "craft, game and song" of the decade each session: tie dyeing, ultimate Frisbee, swimming in the pond, classic Poho games, and more. Please see the Powell House website ([www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org)) for more details and to register, or call 518-794-8811 x 10. In Friendship,

— *Elsie K. Powell House Committee:*  
*Elizabeth Powers, Clerk,*  
*Carol Holmes, Assistant Clerk; and*  
*Melanie-Claire Mallison, Party Planner!;*  
*MsMellie@gmail.com*



### Power Quakers want to meet you

The high school-aged group of First Day Schoolers would like to call on Friends to share with them this coming year. The sharing could be about their spiritual journeys, about leadings they have had, or about the work they do—volunteer work or professional work or both. If you are interested in meeting with the Power Quakers one First Day, please let Susan Wolf know: [QuakerWolf@gmail.com](mailto:QuakerWolf@gmail.com) or 272-1618.

### Pancakes!

Ministry & Worship is charged to attend to the spiritual health of our meeting. We have observed that the sense of being gathered can be enhanced by spending time with one another in fellowship.

As an experiment, Ministry & Worship would like to host Sunday pancake breakfasts before Meeting for Worship. M&W will supply pancakes (gluten free too!), coffee and tea. Your contributions are welcome, but not necessary. Please consider joining us at 9am on September 11th, 18th, and 25th. More details will be available in the September newsletter.

### YFIR Weekends

Young Friends in Residence, YFIR ('why-fer'), is a group of three or four young adult Quakers living together in intentional community. The YFIR interns run a youth program shaped after the Powell House youth program, and based at the Perry City Meetinghouse, just 15 miles NNW of Ithaca.

YFIR's next retreat is a combined High School and Middle School retreat, August 5th-7th.

During this weekend, we will look at change, in our lives and in the world around us. We'll celebrate the time we had together and the bonds we've built, and look forward to the possibilities that the future holds.

We're also going to visit Silver Queen Farm, splash around in the stream, and play a bunch of games. To register, contact [yfirinterns@gmail.com](mailto:yfirinterns@gmail.com) before Wednesday, August 3rd.

YFIR interns—Franklin, Anna and Helen—are completing their terms. There are no incoming interns as of yet. If you know anyone who might be interested and qualified, please contact Donna Beckwith at [<dmbekwith@yahoo.com>](mailto:dmbekwith@yahoo.com) or Bridget Bower at [<bk-bower@twcny.rr.com>](mailto:bk-bower@twcny.rr.com).

**Minutes of the July 10, 2011 Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

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*Clerk: Steve Mohlke*

*Assistant Clerk: Antonia Saxon*

*Recording Clerks: Nancy Gabriel and Marilyn Ray*

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting. Please note that copies of all reports referred to during this Meeting are on file with and available from the Clerk or Recording Clerks.)

201107.1 Gathering

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met in Worship with Attention to Business on July 10, 2011. At 12:20 PM, 19 Friends settled into open worship. Assistant Clerk Tonia Saxon, serving as Clerk for today's meeting, reviewed the agenda of the day's business, and extended our appreciation to Carolyn Kenyon for holding the Meeting in the Light. She read from John Greenleaf Whittier's poem, The Eternal Goodness, which includes the reflection, "Who fathoms the eternal thought?" After some further silent worship, we turned our attention to today's business.

201107.2 Third Street Meetinghouse Committee (TSMC)

- a) Larry Clarkberg reported on the Committee's process for selecting paint colors for the exterior stucco and trim. There is a tentative plan with a painting contractor to begin work in September. Friends offered input on the color swatches and computer models presented, as well as on the criteria and process used. Some adjustments to the colors were suggested for the committee's continued consideration. Friends affirmed the June 2011-06.03 Minute, which states, "The TSMC is charged with making a decision about color(s) for the exterior of the Meetinghouse and is invited to test their proposal with Ithaca Monthly Meeting in July. For this decision TSMC will obtain input from Friends at the transition meeting on June 19, 2011."

The committee will now prepare and distribute perhaps three choices of color scheme, to be available in print form at the Meetinghouse and in digital form on the listserv. Friends are urged to give their input about color preferences to the committee, if possible before, or at, the next committee meeting, scheduled for July 18 from 7-9AM [Note: that is AM] at the Meetinghouse. At their following meeting, scheduled for August 1, the committee will make its decision based on consideration of input received, so that the painting work can go forward in September. @

- b) Lynn Truame reported on the Phase II projects for which we now are reasonably sure to have sufficient funds in hand. These are: second floor finish and sound abatement, repair parking lot fence, interior paint (materials only), exterior paint, built-in library shelving, and sound-deadening panels on the meeting room ceiling. After some clarifications, Friends APPROVED going ahead with these projects. @

201107.3 Power Quakers

Alma Mohlke read the Power Quakers' proposed Minute on a fragrance-free policy for the Meetinghouse. Friends responded with some recommendations for changes and APPROVED a final version, available from the Recording Clerk.

Friends remain open to revisiting this Minute and the policy after several months' experience with it. @

201107.4 Ministry and Worship (M&W)

Marin Clarkberg reported for the committee on two matters.

- a) At their parents' request Laurel Wolfe Wawrzynek and Reed Wolfe Wawrzynek are now members of Ithaca Monthly Meeting. Friends accepted this report and welcome Laurel and Reed into membership.
- b) Ministry and Worship has responded to requests for a mid-week Meeting for Worship at the Third St. Meetinghouse by setting up a Thursday evening worship from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, starting this month. Friends APPROVED trying out this scheduling for the time being and revisiting it if other suggestions arise. @

201107.5 Trustees

Melody Johnson presented the report on the sale of the Route 79 property, a process set in motion by Meeting's minute of last year, 2010-08.2 instructing Trustees to sell the property. The report details the steps toward the successful sale to the City of Ithaca, completed on June 30, 2011. Meeting received the report. @

201107.6 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report on Meeting finances through the end of June was received. @

201107.7 Other Concerns

- a) A Friend expressed interest in establishing a plan for car-pooling. This concern was referred to Margaret McCasland, convener of Earthcare Committee.
- b) A Friend brought the concern that we need to keep assessing the "zones of responsibility" for various committees to make decisions about areas of the meetinghouse, for example the assumption that CALM is responsible for the second floor spaces. The concern is noted, and no referral was made.
- c) A Friend's worry about longterm commitments of meetinghouse space to outside groups was responded to satisfactorily by a member of the Third St Meetinghouse Committee. @

At 3 PM, 16 Friends settled into worship before adjourning the Meeting. We will gather again for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on September 11, 2011.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Nancy Gabriel, Co-Recording Clerk*

## M&W: "Care of Worship"

Members of our Ministry & Worship committee are taking responsibility for "care of worship." On a rotating basis, one person will be especially attentive to room temperature, lighting requirements, the need to open or close windows, and so on.

M&W will maintain a list of who is responsible for "care of worship" on the writing desk just outside the meetingroom. Friends who have concerns about the conditions of the meetingroom during worship are encouraged to contact this listed individual or another member of M&W (see page 1 side bar).

## Young Friends

The Young Friends group is made up of college and grad-student aged people with Quaker backgrounds or an interest in the Friends community. We meet about once a month during the academic year for meals together, movies, hikes, or service-related projects. Students sometimes give presentations to the group about their area of study or share slide shows of their travels. We look forward to another year together and to welcoming new students (see below)! Check the IMM website for updates: <http://ithacamonthlymeeting.org/committees/young-friends> For more information contact Lenora Schneller, 607-272-3788, [ls258@cornell.edu](mailto:ls258@cornell.edu)

## Half-Day of Mindfulness

The Cedar Cabin Sangha, an Ithaca Buddhist group practicing in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, will host a "Half-day of Mindfulness" event in the Third Street Meeting House on August 20 from 9 am to 1:30 pm. There will be a vegetarian potluck lunch. All are welcome. For more information contact Mary Jo Thurber, 607-351-7835, [mojoha57@hotmail.com](mailto:mojoha57@hotmail.com) or Pamela Goddard, 607-273-8678, [pam@tedcrane.com](mailto:pam@tedcrane.com).

# August 2011 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

Please also see the on-line calendar at <http://ithacamonthlymeeting.org/calendar/>

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

## Peace Vigil Remembrance: Hiroshima, Nagasaki Thursday, August 4, 5p

On Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM, the regular time of the Quaker weekly peace vigil, at the foot of State Street, our posters and peace messages will be in solemn remembrance of Hiroshima Day. Please plan to join us. Add more voices to the message of peace. Bring peace banners, prayer flags, folded cranes to share.

## Silent Remembrance: Hiroshima and Nagasaki Saturday, August 6, 8:15a

Join in 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 66 years ago in Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the instant of the blast, and of those who suffered and died from their injuries.

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

## Every Sunday

- 10:30a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages at *both* the Third Street Meetinghouse and at Hector Meetinghouse
- 10:45a Children in need **childcare** gather outside the meeting room for recreation. Please be mindful of the sounds.

## Peace Witness Committee August 20, 10:30a

All are invited to join at the Burt House, 227 North Willard Way.

## Newsletter submissions due Thursday, August 25th, 5p

Please provide your newsletter contributions to Marin Clarkberg: 150 Giles St., 14850, 607-279-4722, [clarkberg@cornell.edu](mailto:clarkberg@cornell.edu).

## Young Friends' Student Welcome Picnic Saturday, August 27th, 5:30p

Join students at the Burt House Friends Center, 227 N Willard Way and enjoy sandwiches, fresh-squeezed lemonade, and sundaes with homemade hot fudge sauce! Weather permitting, we'll also have our traditional game of croquet on the lawn and a chance to stroll down to the waterfall.

## Meeting Retreat Saturday-Tuesday, August 27-30

See page 1 for more information about this Quaker gathering at Robert Treman State Park.

## On vacation in August:

- Women's Fellowship
- Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

## Other Weekly IMM Events

- Wed 7:30p **Midweek meeting** for worship at the Burt House
- Thurs 5-5:30p **Peace Vigil** at the bottom of East State Street near the Community School for Music and Arts
- Thurs 5:30-6:30p **Meeting for worship** at the Third Street Meetinghouse