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# Quaking Post—*Special Edition*

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## BYM RE Committee-Sponsored Programs & Calendar Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Session Summer 2004

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### *Busy, Exciting RE Plans In Place for YM Sessions – Workshops, Visitors, Scholarships, a Big Fat RE Cake & More!*

This special issue of the Quaking Post is intended to bring together conveniently all the planned events and services which will be made available to Friends during the 2004 BYM annual sessions.

Take this issue with you in Harrisonburg. Share it with other Friends.

There's a wide variety, and all are offered in pursuit of the RE Committee's mission to support religious education and First Day School (FDS) work for all ages in our meetings.

Here are the **Highlights**. A more detailed schedule is on the inside pages.

➤ ***Back Again!*** Scholarships for Friends teaching in RE & FDS. See inside for details and how to apply, even at sessions.

➤ An exciting RE Visitor-Consultant, who will meet with JYM classes, consult with Friends individually, and lead interest groups.

➤ Another teacher recruitment drive for local First Day school work.

➤ Another fabulous RE Cake for the All-Age Celebration. Come help decorate (and eat) it!

➤ Workshops for rethinking Adult RE and FDS, with a concern for relating them to long-term Quaker Peace witness.

➤ Interest groups on RE concerns.

➤ Quaker videos for free time viewing.

➤ RE Committee Meetings (New Friends welcome!)

➤ Stimulating BYM-produced RE curriculum booklets for adults and younger Friends.

**Baltimore Yearly Meeting Session July 27- August 1, 2004**  
**James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia**

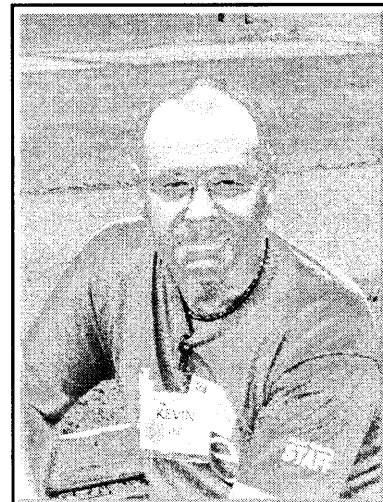
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## RE-sponsored Activities at Yearly Meeting: A Calendar

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Our RE Consultant/Visitor Kevin Lee will bring very special gifts to Friends and our children during the 2004 sessions.

Kevin is from New England Yearly Meeting, where he conducts frequent retreats for younger Friends. In his professional life, he is the Youth Advocate for the Dartmouth Youth Commission, Town of Dartmouth, Mass. Kevin works with children, pre-teens and teens in individual, group, and family counseling settings. His work takes him into schools, homes, and occasionally the courts, where he supports young people and their families coping with such diverse issues as divorce, substance abuse, survival from physical and sexual trauma, self-esteem, peer relationships, domestic violence and grief/loss issues.



Kevin Lee – RE Visitor

### → R.E. CALENDAR – BYM 2004 ←

#### THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

- Visits to JYM Classes by our RE Consultant Kevin Lee.
- Individual RE consultations with Kevin.
- In the Bookstore: Look over the two BYM RE Committee's two Curriculum booklets, one for adults on "Speaking Peace, Living Peace," and the other, "A Quaker Response to Christian Fundamentalism," By Sallie B. King of Valley Meeting. This resource is for middle and high school youth, and could even be used by adult study groups.

(NOTE: Room locations for sessions below will be finalized at YM sessions; check the **Daily Minute** for specifics.)

**MONDAY & TUESDAY (JULY 26-27):** RE Visitor Kevin Lee will be part of the Pre-YM Retreat.

#### WEDNESDAY (JULY 28):

- 4:30-5:30 PM- Interest Group with Kevin Lee, our RE Visitor (Location TBA). FDS teachers, parents, interested Friends all welcome!
- 7:30-9:00 PM-RE Committee Meeting (Location TBA). Special welcome to interested Friends not yet on the RE Committee.

#### THURSDAY (July 29):

- 2:00-4:00 PM Workshop (Adult RE): A Quaker Declaration of War–Developing Long-Term

Quaker Peace Strategies, and applying them to RE --  
Chuck Fager

- 4:30-5:30 PM- Interest Group with Kevin Lee, our RE Visitor (Location TBA). FDS teachers, parents, interested Friends all welcome!

- 7:00-9:00 PM RE Cake Decorating, All-Age Celebration

#### FRIDAY (JULY 30):

- 2:00-4:00 PM Workshop (Adult RE): A Quaker Declaration of War–Developing Long-Term Quaker Peace Strategies, and applying them to RE Chuck Fager

- 4:30-5:30 PM RE Committee Meeting

#### SATURDAY (JULY 31):

- 2:00-4:00 PM Workshop (Adult RE): A Quaker Declaration of War–Developing Long-Term Quaker Peace Strategies, and applying them to RE Chuck Fager

- 4:30-5:30 PM- Interest Group with Kevin Lee, our RE Visitor (Location TBA). FDS teachers, parents, interested Friends all welcome!

- 4:30 PM Friendly Videos

- 9:15-? Coffeehouse (Watch for a surprise!)

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## Back for Yearly Meeting 2004: First Day School Teacher Scholarships

In its efforts to support and recognize the important work of First Day School teachers in monthly meetings, the BYM RE Committee has decided to devote half of its budget to scholarships of \$100 toward BYM fees this summer.

The scholarships will be offered to Friends who have taught First Day School (for adults or children) for at least six sessions during the past school year. Up to ten scholarships will be available, while they last.

**(NOTE: Because the Committee was late getting this information out to meetings – our apologies! – , scholarships maybe awarded as refunds on fees for YM sessions.)**

**TO APPLY:** complete the form below and return it to the BYM Registration Desk at JMU by Saturday July 31.

The Committee has long been under the weight of the expense of attending BYM sessions, especially for families. These scholarships, drawn from our own Committee budget, is a way of putting our money where our mouth is.

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### *Baltimore Yearly Meeting Religious Education Committee First Day School Teachers Yearly Meeting Scholarship-REFUND Application*

Each person applying for a scholarship must submit a separate form.

Scholarships will be awarded on a first received, first served basis.

Because we're late getting this information out (Sorry – we goofed!), scholarships will be awarded in the form of a \$100 refund on BYM fees, mailed after the sessions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Age group(s) you have taught in the past year (all qualify) \_\_\_\_\_

How many times have you taught or co-taught FDS in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you taught FDS? \_\_\_\_\_

Are your children in the FDS program at your Monthly Meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending BYM for the first time this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you expect to attend BYM part time? \_\_\_\_\_ or, full time? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you teach FDS? \_\_\_\_\_

**TURN IN THIS APPLICATION FORM AT THE REGISTRATION DESK BY SATURDAY JULY 31.**

**All applicants will be notified by mail** of the RE Committee's action on their applications.

**Thank you for being involved with Quaker Religious Education!**

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# *The Quaking Post*

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***INSIDE:*** Important, Timely  
Information! Please  
Share With RE Committee  
and FDS Promptly!

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## **New Messages From Two Old Friends**

To watch the spirit of children, to nurture them in Gospel Love, and labour to help them against that which would mar the beauty of their minds, is a debt we owe them; and a faithful performance of our duty not only tends to their lasting benefit and our own peace, but also to render their company agreeable to us. A care hath lived on my mind, that more time might be employed by parents at home, and by tutors at school, in weightily attending to the spirit and inclinations of children, and that we may so lead, instruct and govern them, in this tender part of life, that nothing may be omitted in our power, to help them on their way to become the children of our Father who is in Heaven.

– John Woolman, 1758

How much the Bible has to teach when taken as a whole, that cannot be done by snippets! There is its range over more than a thousand years giving us the perspective of religion in time, growing, and

changing, and leading from grace to grace. There is its clear evidence of the variety of religious experience, not the kind of strait-jacket that nearly every church, even Friends, have sometimes been tempted to substitute for the diversity in the Bible. . .

Further the Bible is a training school in discrimination among alternatives. One of the most sobering facts is that it is not on the whole a peaceful book — I mean a book of peace of mind. The Bible is the deposit of a long series of controversies between rival views of religion. The sobering thing is that in nearly every case the people shown by the Bible to be wrong had every reason to think they were in the right, and like us they did so. Complacent orthodoxy is the recurrent villain in the story from first to last, and the hero is the challenger, like Job, the prophets, Jesus, and Paul.

– Henry J. Cadbury, 1953

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