

# ***BYM Daily Minute – Saturday, August 3***

**BYM office** is on the upper floor of the Whitaker Campus Center. Office hours are 8:30 to 9:30am; 1:30 to 3:00pm; and 9:00 to 11:00pm.

## **Just Arriving Today?**

A special welcome to all Friends arriving at Annual Session for the first time today. We are delighted you are here! Please check in at the Registration Desk in Whitaker Center to let us know you are here and to get a name tag, schedule, campus map, and other things that will help you join in.

**The swipe cards in the Welcome Packets** should allow Friends to enter all three dorm buildings. If you are unable to use your card in each building. Please see the registrar or the office staff behind the Registration Desk.

## **Carey Lecture: Acting Faithfully** **Eileen Flanagan**

Tonight's Carey Lecture at 7:30pm will be delivered by Eileen Flanagan, who carries a minute of religious service from Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting in Pennsylvania. Her journey has taken her from writing and teaching about spiritual discernment to leadership in Earth Quaker Action Team, where she works to integrate heart, mind, and Spirit into her work for climate justice. In her talk this evening, entitled *Acting Faithfully*, she will share three Quaker practices that she believes are particularly needed during these times.

Eileen Flanagan has copies of her latest book available in the Bookstore on a pay as led basis. After the Bookstore closes, copies of *Renewable*—the story of her leading to climate change civil disobedience—will be available at the back of Brodbeck Hall. She hopes to go home with an empty box.

## **A Fond Farewell to Frederick (for now)**

When you are ready to leave Hood and Annual Session, leave linens in the room—separate damp items to avoid mildew. **Return your key and building card in the small envelope they came in to the Registration Desk.** You may either return your name badge holder or take it with you to use at your Meeting. Thanks and see you next year!

## **Indian Affairs Committee Question**

From 1840 through the 1960s, Quakers helped to protect which Indian Nation from removal from its ancestral lands?

(See end for answer)

## **Annual Session Evaluations**

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## **Today's Registration Hours**

8:45am – 9:15am

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

## **Dining Hall Information**

Barb Platt is the Food Coordinator. She will be in the dining hall during all meals. Please see her with food questions or complaints. The Program Committee asks Friends *not* to approach the dining hall staff with food complaints or suggestions. If Friends have special dietary needs, please contact Barb if you have not already done so. With an accurate count, she will be able to let the dining staff know how many people are likely to request such options.

## **Workshops: Saturday 2:00-4:00**

CLMS: *How to Grow our RE Program* – Whitaker 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Floor Conference Room**

S1—*Energy Choices for a Sustainable Future* –

**Rosenstock 218**

S2—*Run for Democracy* – **Rosenstock 101**

S3—*Inward Truth, Outward Witness* – **Rosenstock 123**

S4—*What is Quaker about Quaker Advocacy?* –

**Rosenstock 215**

S5—*Quakers in Palestine* – **Rosenstock 223**

S6—*Quaker Family Life* – **Rosenstock 30**

S7—*Praying for the World* – **Coblentz Seminar Room**

S8—*Soulful Singing* – **Rosenstock 23**

S9—*Theological Diversity in BYM* – **Hodson Science 208**

S10—*Individual Spiritual Discernment* – **Hodson Science 235**

S11—*A White Historian and a Black Poet Confront*

*Lynching* – **Rosenstock 31**

S12—*The Spiritual Opportunity of Decluttering* – **Hodson Science 236**

For more information about each workshop or to sign up for one, if you haven't already done so, visit the Information Table in Whittaker.

## **Workshop Leaders: Important Notice**

If you requested and expect to use technology in your classroom, please arrive to the classroom by 1:45pm. Someone from Program Committee will stop by before 2 to review the tech setup.

### **Saturday Interest Groups (4:15 – 5:15pm)**

*USFWI Kenyan Tea* – Deborah Haines: **Shriner Lounge**:

Come learn about the United Society of Friends Women International and enjoy tea and fellowship with Kenyan Quakers in our area.

*American Friends Service Committee* – Rachel Bergsieker – **Rosenstock 223**: Learn about the work of AFSC in the BYM area from Rachel Bergsieker, of AFSC's DC Peace and Economic Justice Program.

*Friendly Bible Study* – Sabrina McCarthy – **Hodson Science 236**: The group will choose short Bible texts and use the Bible Study method developed by Joanne and Larry Spears to talk about the passages.

*Two Rivers Documentary* – Sue Marcus and Dellie James – **Rosenstock 218**: This film follows the story of a non-native couple who become curious about the land they were inhabiting in rural Washington state. They start a conversation with an elderly Native couple which eventually expands to encompass the whole town. Presented by Indian Affairs Committee.

*Project Gutenberg for Quakers* – Jim Rose – **Rosenstock 123**: Have you ever had trouble finding early Quaker writings? Do you think they should be freely accessible on the web? Come join a small group of volunteers who are making it so.

*Susan Strasser Discussion* – David Etheridge – **Rosenstock 31**: Learn about an opportunity to have Professor Susan Strasser present her free illustrated presentation on Black History.

*Life or Death: The Impact of Safe Water* – Jean Smith – **Hodson Science 208**: Come learn about the impact that safe water has on African young children and people who are HIV positive.

*Artists Networking* – Martha Hanley – **Coblentz Seminar**: Casual gathering for artists interested in bringing the Arts to BYM and in networking with other artists.

*Pay as Led for Annual Sessions?* – Barb Platt – **Whitaker 220**: Join Program Committee in its discernment about the Pay as Led model for financing Annual Sessions.

*Quaker Earthcare Witness: A Panorama* – Barb Adams and Hayley Hathaway – **Rosenstock 215**: Barb Adams, BYM Rep. to QEW, and Hayley Hathaway, QEW Publications Coordinator will present and discuss the premiere of a film illustrating eco-spirituality and Quakers in the time of climate crisis.

*Spirit Fiction* – John Buck – **Rosenstock 101**: Writing stories about Quakers in the future. As an example, would we support robot rights and recognize that of God in them?

*How to End War in Only Fifty Years (Almost)* – Chuck Fager – **Hodson Science 235**: Quaker House, near Fort Bragg, NC, is still trying. Come see how!

*Calm the Rhetoric* – Stuart Greene – **Rosenstock 23**: Are F/friends being called to lessen the anger in our Nation? Can FCNL help heal the polarized condition of Congress? What gifts might God be asking F/friends to use?

### **Intervisitation Lounge**

Hey! Join the party people who stay up past Quaker midnight (9:00pm) and celebrate the last evening of Annual Session. Wish our travelers and visitors safe journeys 'til next year. See you in the basement of Shriner.

### **And the Winner is...**

The Impossible Burger! Despite the several strong fans of the Beyond Burger. The “sense of the eating” in yesterday’s taste test sponsored by the Working Group on Rights Relationship with Animals was in favor of the Impossible Burger by a margin of around five to one.

### **Campus Shuttle Update**

Look for the golf carts circling campus for rides between dormitories and activities. Remember to accommodate those with mobility issues before hopping on! If you need a ride and don’t see a golf cart, call Martha Gay: 301-526-7052.

### **Name the Meeting!**

Help us identify a framed photo of a gathering circa 1910. If this photo pertains to your Meeting, you may have it for your Meeting’s archives. You can view it in Whitaker Center against the Annual Session easel. Please call Susan Williams if you have information. (814-494-1173)

### **Greetings to Absent Friends**

You are invited to jot a line in friendship to Friends not here this year. Note Cards are on a table in Whitaker Campus Center.

### **Committee and Working Group Clerks Gathering**

Marcy Baker Seitel, the Clerk of Interim Meeting, invites incoming and outgoing clerks of committees and working groups to gather together in the BYM Office at 4:15 to meet, talk about the coming year, and share insights.

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### **Pay As Led Financing Model for Annual Session**

Pay as Led (PAL) financing is an experiment with abundance, and faith. This new method is being used successfully by several other Yearly Meetings. Rather than set fees, with a plethora of financial aid spread across many platforms, the cost of Annual Session is publicized, and individuals pay as led. Scholarship funds may be centrally located, and still used to support the cost of Annual Session. The Program Committee wants to share our leading to explore this model, and hear your thoughts and ideas about it. Please come to the interest groups which we'll hold at 4:15.

### **Bookstore Hours**

The Bookstore will close today promptly at 5:00pm. Vendors are reminded that they need to pack and remove their unsold items by 6:00pm.

### **Care about the Climate Crisis?**

Do you care about the climate crisis? Environmental justice Eco-spirituality? Do you want to see Quakers take more action? Join Quaker Earthcare Witness' Publications Coordinator Hayley Hathaway and BYM's representative to QEW Barb Adams for lunch today. Look for us at a far left table (near women's bathroom).

### **Statements of Pacifism from Young Friends**

BYM's Peace and Social Concerns Committee asks Monthly Meetings to tell us what guidelines you have (if any) to assist young adults in your Meeting to record their personal statements of pacifism. In light of increasing international conflicts, we want to collect this information and share it with other Meetings that may not have guidelines in place. Please send this information to [peace@bym-rsf.org](mailto:peace@bym-rsf.org).

### **Welcome and Worship with Kenyan Friends**

Today we welcome 13 Kenyan Friends to Annual Session who now live in our area. Many of them worship regularly in a programmed meeting at Stony Run. The Intervisitation Working Group invites you to programmed worship at 2:30pm, to tea at 4:00pm, and to a meeting of the United Society of Friends Women International at 6:00pm. All events in the Shriner lounge. Please Come!

### **Junior Yearly Meeting Information**

All programs for infants to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in the basement of Smith residence hall. Classroom locations will be posted as you enter the building. Afternoon and Evening Program will meet in Smith lounge **Junior Young Friends (rising 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders) meet in the basement of Coblentz (please note the change in location).**

**JYM closing worship:** We'll close the JYM morning classes today with an all-JYM Meeting for Worship. If weather permits, we'll be outside in the pergola. Last year we had a lovely Meeting for Worship in that beautiful space. Parents are welcome to join us for worship at 11:30. All children should be picked up at noon from the Meeting for Worship, rather than from their regular classrooms.

**JYM ends after the evening program at 9:00pm.** Thanks for joining us. Come back and bring new friends (with kids)!

Child care will be provided for Sunday morning for those parents wishing to attend Business Meeting. You must register for this ahead of time by signing up near the Afternoon/Evening program sign in.

***Please remember, all children – infant through rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade – should always be with an adult. This is important for their safety.***

### **Indian Affairs Committee Answer**

The Seneca Nation of Indians

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