

# ***BYM Daily Minute – Wednesday, August 2***

## **Today's Plenary Speakers**

### **Bette Hoover and Marcy Baker Seitel: Nonviolence and Social Action for All Ages**

This interactive plenary for ages 5 to 90 will focus on our faith-based thirst for justice based on principles of nonviolence. Seeing that of God in everyone calls us to live our lives in ways that reflect that profound truth. "Seek peace & pursue it." "War is still not the answer." "Black lives matter." These statements of faith expect action. Together we will practice nonviolent actions, make posters for protests, and find other ways to move us towards social justice.

Bette Hoover is a member of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting and past clerk. She worked as the director of the AFSC/DC program, led AVP workshops in prison and facilitates Circles for Restorative Justice.

Marcy Baker Seitel is a member of Adelphi Friends Meeting, and has worked for a long time in creative conflict resolution, as a workshop facilitator and classroom teacher, and as a teacher in the JYM program. Marcy enjoys working with Friends of all ages on issues of conflict resolution and peace making.

## **Campus Shuttle Update**

Look for the GREEN golf carts circling campus for rides between dormitories and activities. Remember to accommodate those with mobility issues before hopping on! Sign up at the registration desk to take a shift to drive. If you need a ride and don't see a golf cart, call Martha Gay: 301-526-7052.

## **Bookstore Hours**

The BYM Bookstore, on the main level at the Whitaker Center, will be open today from Noon-10:00pm except during Plenary Sessions.

**Volunteers** may stop in at any time to sign up to help staff the Bookstore. The need for volunteers is most urgent on Saturday evening from 6:30 pm onward for packing up books and crafts.

## **Sweet Treats at Break Time**

Enjoy an egg-free and dairy-free treat during the break at today's Meeting for Business. Recipes included!  
Brought to you by the Working Group on Right Relationship with Animals

## **Where is Your Worship Sharing Group?**

Sign-up sheets for 8:15 am worship sharing and Bible study are in the Whitaker Campus Center. The leaders and room locations are below. Please sign up for your choice!

1. Rosenstock (Ros) 123 – Nancy Moore
2. Ros 212 – Meg Meyer
3. Ros 215 – Rebecca "Rep" Pickard (begins Thursday)
4. Marx Center – Family-friendly – Joanna Fitzick
5. Healing Ctr., Smith Lower Level Lounge – Worship Sharing for Healing – Bette Hoover
6. Outside Rosenstock (if rainy, Ros 120), Worship Sharing, Unity with Nature – Eli Fishpaw
7. Ros 223 – Worship Sharing with Music and Chant – Ruth Fitz
8. Ros 218 – Worship Sharing, Experiment with Light – Susan Russell Walters and Sarah Bur
9. Ros 101 – Bible Study – David Etheridge and Sabrina McCarty

## **Dining Hall Information**

**Food Concerns:** Deborah Legowski is the Food Coordinator. She will be in the dining hall during all meals. Please see her with food questions or complaints. If Friends have special dietary needs, and have not already done so, they need to contact Deborah. With an accurate count, Deborah will be able to let staff know how many people are likely to request such options. The Program Committee requests that Friends *not* approach the dining hall staff with food complaints or suggestions.

## **Important Campus Information**

**On behalf of Hood College, welcome Friends!** Our Security desk is open 24 hours a day in Whitaker Center to serve BYM guests.

**Internet Access:** Search for Summer2017@Hood (unsecured) in the Wi-Fi list on your internet device. There is no password. Or select Secure@Hood, log in  
**Internet Access:** Search for AnnualSession@Hood in the Wi-Fi list on your internet device. There is no password.

**If you have locked yourself** out of your room, go to the 24-hour desk at Whitaker Center.

**Fragrance:** There are Friends present on campus who have sensitivities to chemicals in fragrances that can result in health problems. Fragrance-free shampoo and soaps are available at some nearby stores.

## **Today's Registration Hours**

8:45-9:15am  
1:15-1:45 pm  
4:30-7:00 pm

### **Interest Groups and Committee Meetings**

Friends are reminded that Request for Space Forms are available on the BYM Information Table on the main floor of Whitaker Center. You must complete and return a Request for Space form to have a space assigned for your Interest Group or Committee Meeting. Space assignments will be listed in the *Daily Minute* and posted on the Information Table.

Anyone sponsoring an Interest Group is requested to provide a one-sentence description to include with the room assignments in the next day's *Daily Minute*. These are due by 5:00pm Wednesday for Thursday Groups or 5:00pm Friday for Saturday groups.

### **Committee Meetings (7:00 – 9:00 pm)**

Marx Center – Camping Program  
Rosenstock 215 – Ministry and Pastoral Care  
Rosenstock 306 – Nominating  
Rosenstock 123– Religious Education  
Rosenstock 305 – Search  
Rosenstock 212 – Stewardship & Finance  
Rosenstock 223 – Trustees  
Rosenstock 101 – Unity with Nature  
Rosenstock 218 – Working Group on Racism

### **Displays! Displays!**

Annual Session is a great time to get caught up on what our Quaker Organizations are up to. Lots of info on the tables on the main floor of the Whitaker Center. Check them out.

### **Intervisitation Lounge**

Tonight and every night through Friday, starting at around 9:15 pm. If you are visiting from outside of BYM, or if you are from BYM and would like to welcome our visitors – in other words, ALL OF YOU – are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshment in the basement lounge of Shriner. Arrive and leave any time. Come with questions, comments, or simply a wish to be present with us. This year we even have chairs!!

### **Announcements**

**Orientation** to Annual Session is available Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitaker Center.

**Hymn Singing** is at 6:15 – 7:00 pm every evening in the Whitaker Center. All are welcome.

**Threshold Choir?** Linda Williams is looking for any other members of Threshold Choir at BYM to connect and share songs. Call 814-450-5673

### **Healing Center**

The Healing Center in the basement of Coblenz dining hall offers Reiki on Wednesday. Sign up on the schedule on the Healing Center door for one of the 1:15 pm time slots or one of the 1:45 time slots. This evening both Reiki and massage are offered from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

### **Junior Yearly Meeting Information**

**JYM Program locations:** Nursery meets in Smith 001; Afternoon & Evening Programs meet in the Smith Ground Floor Lounge, JYFs meet in Coblenz Game Room, Ground Floor Dining Room. Morning classes for grades K-5 meet in Smith 002, 003 and 005.

A parent-staffed, co-op aftercare (rising K to rising 5<sup>th</sup>) will be offered immediately after the JYM afternoon program (in the Smith Lounge) from 4–5pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This will help parents attend interest groups and committee meetings, but... Parents who want their children to participate *must work one shift*. If you are interested, please attend the organizing “Interest Group” on Wednesday afternoon from 4-5pm in the Smith Lounge to sign up your kid and choose your work shift.

We're happy to welcome back Jennifer Domenick as the photographer this year. We look forward to great photos of our children as they play and learn together.

**There will be NO JYM Program** on Wednesday afternoon. There will be nursery care for the youngest children, but there will be no JYM program, so everyone can join the intergenerational plenary event. There will be no JYM Program during the All-Age Celebration Thursday evening, or during the Saturday evening Coffee House, so that families have their time together.

During Wednesday evening program hours, JYF and YF join the K-5 to play the ever-popular Capture the Flag! Be sure to come.

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

### **Unity with Nature Plastic Facts**

As of July 2014, 20 states and 132 cities and/or counties had plastic bag bans in place in the US. Want to explore implementing a plastic bag ban in your area? See [plasticbaglaws.org](http://plasticbaglaws.org) as a resource.

### **Camps Discernment**

Feedback/Listening sessions about the document “Camping Program Seeks Discernment” will be held Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:15-7:15 pm in the Dining Hall. Please look for the sign.

### **Indian Affairs Quiz Fun**

**Q.** How many state-recognized tribes are there in Virginia? How many can you name?

A. 11; Mattaponi, Pamunkey, Chickahominy, Eastern Division of Chickahominy, Rappahannock, Upper Mattaponi, Nansemond, Monacan, Cheroenhaka (Nottoway), Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, and Patawomeck.

**Interest Group on Standing Rock Tomorrow**

Standing Rock Reservation, the sixth largest with land in two states, was the site of a massive protest galvanizing hundreds of tribes and uniting Native and non-Native people who saw the link between protecting water and the defense of human and cultural rights, especially after police brutality occurred. Learn more about the Sioux tribe's current legal situation regarding the pipeline. Jessica Dickerson (Lumbee) will tell about her visit.

Interesting Fact: The February issue of *Friends Journal* had an article "Respect is the Heartbeat of Standing Rock" by the general secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness who went to the camp.

**Celebration for a 60-Year-Old**

Catoctin Quaker Camp's 60<sup>th</sup> year reunion is September 29-October 1 at the camp. See [BYM camps.org](http://BYM.camps.org) for more information.

**Annual Session Evaluations**

Your feedback is valuable!

Make sure to complete and return your Evaluation Form or use the online form [www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/evaluation](http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/evaluation)