Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative)

143rd Annual Sessions
Seventh Month 23-28, 2019
Scattergood Friends School
near West Branch, Iowa

ACCOMPANIMENT AND GIVING VOICE

Third Day/Tuesday
Bill Deutsch (Decorah Meeting) & Deborah Fisch (Paullina Meeting) have served the yearly meeting as IYMC presiding clerks. IYMC Friends have treasured them and their gifts over the years. By "staying present to the Spirit," we accompany the gathered body and support the clerks as we take up the affairs of the yearly meeting. *Holding Meeting for Worship in a Holy Place.*

Fourth Day/Wednesday
Shirley Scritchfield will speak with us about accompanying people of color: *Standing in Solidarity with People of Color.* “Our Quaker faith asks us to act in concert with God’s desire for equity and justice in human relationships. Put differently, we are challenged to walk with People of Color and lend credence to their cries as they struggle in the face of ongoing white superiority in our society.” She is a member of Penn Valley Meeting.

Fifth Day/Thursday
Alice Hampton is a member of Whittier Meeting and lives in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She will speak from her own experiences with Latinx communities, her work with horses, Integrative Breathwork, art, and with the dying process of her mother. *Accompaniment as Holding Sacred Space: How the theme of accompaniment has been present in my life.*

Sixth Day/Friday
Helen Thorpe was born in London to Irish parents and is a member of Mountain View Friends Meeting in Denver. She is the bestselling author of three books, *Just Like Us, Soldier Girls,* and *The Newcomers.* Her books are works of narrative nonfiction that document in a human and intimate way the lives of immigrants, refugees, and veterans of conflicts. Her journalism also has appeared in the New York Times Magazine and elsewhere.

Seventh Day/Saturday - Talent Show

First Day/Sunday
Lorene Ludy is a member of Lincoln Meeting. Lorene has served as a hospice chaplain. She is a Benedictine Oblate and a Stephen Minister. Her article, *Food Choices, Relationships and God* is in the June July online *Friends Journal.* She will be our pre-meeting speaker on First Day. She currently intends to speak on the sessions’ theme, *Accompaniment and Giving Voice.*
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<td>Committees &amp; Interest Groups (Check board in the Main)</td>
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<td>Ministry &amp; Counsel Nominating</td>
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<td>(5:30 on Tues) Supper (Basement of the Main); Quiet Table TBA*</td>
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<td>Bible Study Wed-Sat with Elizabeth O’Sullivan &amp; Marshall Massey (Quiet Table)</td>
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<td>Newcomers Meetings - Tuesday through Friday (Social Room, the Main)</td>
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<td>Refreshments in the Main basement after Collection, followed by singing in the Meetinghouse.</td>
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*Either a new start time or a new item!
TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP
WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS

Fourth Day/Wednesday 10:00 a.m.- Noon
- Appointments of Representatives, Caretakers, and YM Committees
- Midyear Meeting Report
- Interim Meeting Report
- AFSC Corporation Report
- Epistles from Conservative Yearly Meetings
- Selected Readings of Portions of Epistles from Other Yearly Meetings

Fifth Day/Thursday 9:30 a.m.- Noon
- FWCC Report
- Publications Committee Report
- 2018 Entertainment Committee Report
- Archives Committee Report
- Special Needs Committee Report
- Queries and Selected Responses

Sixth Day/Friday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Audit Committee Report
- Yearly Meeting Treasurer's Report
- Pendle Hill Scholarship Committee Report
- Friends Peace Teams Report

Seventh Day/Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Noon
- Junior Yearly Meeting Report and Epistle
- Young Friends Report and Epistle
- Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report
- Ministry and Counsel Committee Report
- State of the Meeting Reports

Seventh Day/Saturday, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Yearly Meeting Recorder’s Report
- Meeting for Remembrance
- Representatives Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Epistles Committee Report
- Special Replies Committee Report
- Exercise Committee Report
- Closing Minute

Find Scattergood Friends School: 1950 Delta Ave., West Branch.

From East, take 1-80 to Exit 259, Go north on X40 about ½ mile. Go west (left) on F44 for 3 miles. Go ½ mile south (left) on Delta Avenue.

From West, take 1-80 Exit 254 into West Branch. At 4-way stop, go east (right) on F44 for 2 miles. Go a mile south (right) on Delta Ave.

Map and more directions at: https://scattergood.org/maps-and-directions/
ADDIONAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: PLEASE REGISTER by JULY 1 if possible. It is important for meal and dorm planning. Fill out Registration Form and/or Sponsor Form if you will bring children. This document & registration forms are also online at: http://www.iymc.org

CHILDREN: Childcare for preschool and younger children will be available Wed. through Sat. during worship and business sessions, and Wed.-Fri. during Evening Collections -- upon request before July 1. There is no guarantee of childcare after that date.
Contact Sonja Sponheim: spon0009@umn.edu preferred; or phone 651-659-9340.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If you have special needs for diet, mobility, vision, or hearing and wish to have assistance at Yearly Meeting, please indicate that on your registration form and let the person at the registration table know. A golf cart will be available for transportation on campus. A separate room air conditioned is set aside for resting during the day. (Location to be announced)

SCENTS: Friends are reminded of our goal to make Yearly Meeting fragrance-free for the health and comfort of all. Please refrain from using colognes, perfumes and aftershave. Friends are encouraged to read the ingredients on personal care products carefully (including soaps, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, hair gels, etc.). Please check the ingredients list as well as the front label.

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING (JYM): JYM provides activities for children entering first through eighth grade during morning, afternoon, and evening adult sessions, beginning Wednesday morning and ending with the talent show Saturday evening. Activities include crafts, games, a service project, swimming, and may include a campout. Children should wear clothes that can get dirty and shoes for walking in rough places (sneakers are fine, sandals may not be). They should bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, flashlight and sleeping bag or bedroll for possible group camping Friday night (or use the bedding you bring for the dorm). They should not bring personal electronic devices. Sonja Sponheim is the coordinator (preferred: spon0009@umn.edu; or phone 651-659-9340).
Parental participation is welcomed!

YOUNG FRIENDS: Young Friends includes those entering 9th grade this fall up to those graduating from high school this year. Activities will include worship, outdoor games, swimming, canoeing, a service project, movie and pizza night, reading epistles from other Young Friends groups, writing the YF epistle, and planning an evening Collection for the Meeting. Comfortable clothing is a must, as well as sunscreen, bathing suits and shoes that can get wet. There is a Parent-Young Friends meeting at 9 p.m. Tuesday. Bill Deutsch is the primary contact for Young Friends (billbdeutsch@gmail.com).

NEWCOMERS: A Newcomers Meeting is offered Tues. through Fri. in the Social Room at 6 p.m. All are welcome!

WHEN YOU ARRIVE: Check in at the registration table in the Main lobby. Sign the spiral notebook and make a nametag. If you are a first-time attender, put a blue dot on it. If you are staying on campus, find out your dorm and room number from the registrar— and welcome!

LIGHTS OUT: Please do not socialize in the lobby after 9:30 p.m. The staff needs time to clean and be home by 10. Dorms are to be quiet from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

MEALS: Meals are served in the dining room in the lower level of the Main. Breakfast 7:15-8:00. Lunch/dinner is 12:15-1:00. Supper 5:15-6:00 except for Tuesday night, when it is 5:30-6:15 p.m. Snacks are served in the dining room after evening collection. Meals include items to satisfy diet choices indicated on registration forms, but we are not able to prepare meals to meet all diet preferences. Those with exceptional needs may want to bring their own food.

NEW: A Quiet Table will be available; limited space.

CHORES: Yearly Meeting relies on volunteers for setting tables, serving, washing dishes and cookware, and supervising the game room. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway leading to the dining room. Everyone who is able is encouraged to sign up at least twice. Thank you!

NAMETAGS: If you use a plastic holder, turn it in at registration as you leave so it can be reused.

DORMITORIES AT SCATTERGOOD: Dorm rooms are basic, with bunk beds and shared baths. Those planning to stay in dorms need to bring their own bedding, pillows and towels. We recommend bringing fans — there is no A/C. You also may want to bring a lamp and flashlight.

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS: Other options include camping on campus (limited electrical hookup) or area motels, including Presidential Motor Inn, West Branch (319-643-2526), Days Inn (800-329-1073), or EconoLodge/Elegant Inn, West Liberty (319-627-2171).

COMPUTERS: Computers will be available for adult use.

PLEASE BRING: If possible ...

• Copy of the 2018 Minute Book
• Water bottle or cup to avoid using disposables
• Songbooks such as “Rise Up Singing,” “Friends Hymnals,” and “Sacred Harp”

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Scattergood Desk: 319-643-7600
Registration Coordinator: 563-202-4072