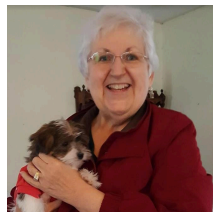


SAVE THE DATE
Annual Sessions of IYMC, 23-28 Seventh Month 2019 (July)
Scattergood Friends School & Farm in West Branch, Iowa
ACCOMPANIMENT AND GIVING VOICE

Our annual sessions are cherished times when we learn how the Spirit has been moving among our meetings over the past year. At sessions, we consider current leadings as discerned by committees and by the gathered body. This year's Entertainment Committee has finalized the presentations for evening Collections and the Friend who will offer the pre-meeting message on First Day, God willing.

Bill Deutsch (Decorah Meeting) & Deborah Fisch (Paullina Meeting) have served the yearly meeting as 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 for Business in a Holy Place.***



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.

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.***



Helen Thorpe was born in London to Irish parents and is a member of Mountain View Friends Meeting in Denver. She is the 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.

Lorene Ludy is a member of Lincoln Meeting and will be our pre-meeting speaker on First Day. She currently intends to speak on the sessions' theme, **Accompaniment and Giving Voice.**



UPDATE:

On Seventh Day evening/Saturday, we are once again scheduling a Talent Show. More details forthcoming....