

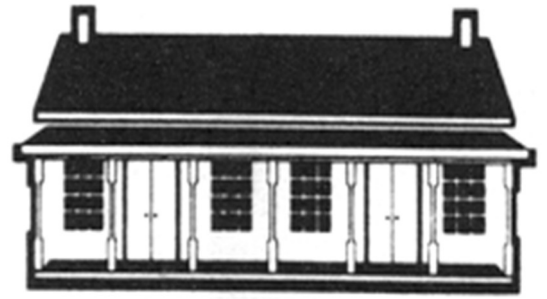
# Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative)

## Advance Program for 149th Annual Sessions

Seventh Month 22-26, 2026

Grinnell, Iowa @ Grinnell College Campus

**TEMPORARY NEW LOCATION!**



## Strengthening and Sustaining A Community of Hope

Fifth Day/Thursday through Seventh Day/Saturday mornings: **Bible Study** with **Angelika Shafer**.

### Evening Collections

Fourth Day/Wednesday: **Emily Guenther**  
Presents a panel of students and teachers from Grinnell's *Liberal Arts in Prison Program* giving a program overview with Q&A about their lived experiences.

Fifth Day/Thursday: **Rabbi Sarah Brammer-Shlay**  
Talks about what community, obligation and love look like in the Jewish Community.

Sixth Day/Friday: **Mary Klein**  
Shares with us a presentation on Inspiring Hope. It will be developed with IYMC influence and include some interactive bits.

Seventh Day/Saturday: **Fun Night**. Open Mic, Trivia and Games. Bring your ideas.

First Day/Sunday: Pre-meeting with **Mary Klein** followed by Meeting for Worship.

Bible Study, Worship, Business and Evening Collections will be shared via Zoom, thanks to the IYMC Virtual Access Committee.

### PRESENTERS AND LEADERS

**Angelika Shafer** is a member of Penn Valley Friends Meeting and serves on AFSC's Midwest Regional Group. She has many years of leadership service in yearly and monthly meetings where she has been a member.

**Emily Guenther** is Director of Grinnell's Liberal Arts in Prison Program which enrolls incarcerated students in college curriculum. This fosters reciprocal learning enriching lives both inside and outside the fences and affirms the power of liberal arts education to support human flourishing.

**Rabbi Sarah Brammer-Shlay** is Dean of Religious Life and Chaplain at Grinnell College. At the core of her identity as a spiritual leader is the desire for people to get out of isolation and into connection.

**Mary Klein** is a member of Palo Alto Monthly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting. She's a retired editor of *Western Friend* and involved with FCNL's Advocacy Teams. Speaking engagements are a relatively new adventure.

Stargazing at Grinnell's observatory with Bob Cadmus. On a clear night.

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Registration deadline is June 1st - *EARLIER THAN USUAL!*

- Although the actual costs at Grinnell will be significantly higher this year, we still ask that everyone attend and contribute only what you can, trusting that our costs will be covered by those who are able.
- For our contract with Grinnell, advance registration is required. Please mark your calendars and look for the registration form in May.
- Dorm - Younker Hall. It is accessible and air conditioned.
- Meals - Joe Rosenfield Center (JRC) Dining Hall. No dishes or clean-up required.
- Main Gathering Place - Humanities and Social Studies Center (HSSC) Multipurpose Room (main floor).
- Golf carts will be available for on-campus transportation.
- Hybrid format for people who are unable to attend in person.
- No lunch provided on First Day/Sunday. We'll pack up and head home after our final meeting for worship.

We welcome advance donations toward the cost of this year's Annual Sessions. Please make your check payable to Iowa Yearly Meeting and send it to the Entertainment Committee Treasurer:

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