

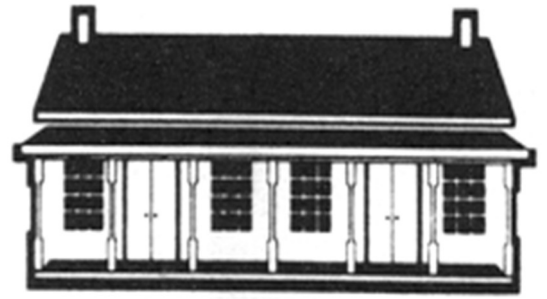
Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative) Full Program for

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.

Revised Registration deadline is June 6th - *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:

Jim Cottingham

1996 Delta Avenue

West Branch, IA 52358

On Memo Line: Entertainment Committee

2026 Yearly Meeting Schedule - Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative

Strengthening and Sustaining a Community of Hope

JULY	22 WED 4th day	23 THUR 5th day	24 FRI 6th day	25 SAT 7th day	26 SUN 1st day
BREAKFAST 7:00 - 9:00	NOTE EXTENDED TIME	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
7:00 - 7:30		Early Worship	Early Worship	Early Worship	Early Worship
7:45 - 8:30	NOTE EARLIER START	Bible Study <i>Angelika Shafer</i>	Bible Study <i>Angelika Shafer</i>	Bible Study <i>Angelika Shafer</i>	
8:45 - 9:30		Caretakers P&SC M&C	Caretakers P&SC M&C	Caretakers P&SC M&C	9:00 Pre-Meeting Mary Klein
9:30 - 12:00		Business Meeting	Business Meeting	Business Meeting	10:30 Meeting for Worship
LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	NO LUNCH
1:00 - 2:00 Interest Groups		SAGE-Scattergood and IYMC business structure update from student law project	FCNL-update on their work (30 minutes) Megan McKinley Thomas AFSC-update on their work (30 minutes) Jon Krieg, Nancy Jordan, Billie Wade	Billie Wade's Quaker Speak "Are Quaker Meetings Safe for for Black People" video followed by Q&A Billie Wade	Departure - clean up and travel home
2:00 - 5:00	Arrival	Business Meeting	Business Meeting	Business Meeting	
SUPPER 5:00 - 6:30	Supper NOTE EXTENDED TIME	Supper	Supper	Supper	
6:00 - 6:30	Newcomers Meeting <i>Nancy Jordan</i>	Newcomers Meeting <i>Nancy Jordan</i>	Newcomers Meeting <i>Nancy Jordan</i>		
7:00 - 8:30	Evening Collection Grinnell's Liberal Arts in Prison program. Panel presentation. <i>Moderator/Leader</i> <i>Emily Guenther and others</i>	Evening Collection Community, obligation and love in the Jewish community. <i>Rabbi Sarah Brammer-Shlay</i>	Evening Collection Presentation on inspiring hope. <i>Mary Klein</i>	Evening Collection Multi-generational fun and games.	
8:30- 10:00	Singing	Singing	Singing	Singing	

Items in **bold** are available for online participants.

Tentative Agenda for 2026 Annual Sessions of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative)

5th Day, Thursday, July 23, 9:30 AM

Entertainment Committee Reports (2025)
Publication Committee Report
Midyear Meeting Reports (2026)
Interim Meeting Minutes (2026)
SAGE Report (Scattergood/YM legal entities)
Ohio & North Carolina Epistles

5th Day, Thursday, July 23, 2:00 PM

M&C Report with religious education
State of the Meeting
Query responses

6th Day, Friday, July 24, 9:30 AM

Yearly Meeting Trustees Report
SS&F Foundation Trustees
School Farm, Head, Financial
School Committee and SAGE minute

6th Day, Friday, July 24, 2:00 PM

P&SC Report
Pendle Hill Scholarship Committee
IYMC Rep to FWCC
IYMC Rep to FCNL
IYMC Rep to AFSC
IYMC Rep to Friends Peace Teams Council
IYMC Rep to Iowa Peace Network
IYMC Rep to Quaker Earthcare Witness

7th Day, Saturday, July 25, 9:30 AM

Reports from JYM & Young Friends
Report from Young Adult Friends
Auditors' & Treasurer's Reports
Representatives Report
Decision on location for 2026 Annual Sessions
Book Table Committee Report
Special Needs Committee Report
Virtual Access Committee Report
Website/Technology Committee Report
Archives Committee Report

7th Day, Saturday, July 25, 2:00 PM

Recorder's Report
Meeting for Remembrance
Nominating Committee Report
Our Epistles and Special Replies
Closing Minute

Reports not read in the session will include

- The Exercise Committee Report
- Other reports not available during sessions or that we don't have time to read (as approved by the body)
- Reports to Yearly Meetings from Quaker organizations (posted at www.iymc.org)