

## Notes about the Registration Program

Dear Friends

We have salvaged the online registration program, and it is working this year thanks to many hours of work by John Gotts, the NPYM webkeeper. Please use this program as it makes our jobs easier, and saves spending extra time with paper and data entry.

We realize that not all Friends are easy with computers and need assistance. Hopefully there are helpful folk in each meeting who can assist them. Please seek help locally, if you can. If you cannot find a willing person to help you register, feel free to call the Registrar (410-914-8245). Leave him a message and he will try to get back to you as quickly as possible. In some cases this may not be for several days. ***There is no paper form this year.***

All relevant information in order to register is online. We will have a PDF with relevant registration information (this file). Printed copies can be made by downloading it from the AS website. We encourage meetings to make a least one copy available in printed form so that it can be read offline.

When completing the registration form online, please follow instructions carefully. Do not rush through the form. You can save it and come back to work on it later. Be sure to remember the email you used to register, and the password. ***Remember once an account is established you get logged in by clicking on Resume.***

Setup may seem a bit tedious, but once you have saved the initial information, going back and making changes is easy. Reading the instructions is helpful, as your registrar found out many times. There are pop-up messages which explain things, but sometimes they are off screen (try scrolling up). If you cannot get exactly what you want entered, feel free to email the Registrar with the info, and give him a chance to mess it up for you.

You will find detailed instructions below. Please take a little time to read them before diving into the form. At the very least scan the documents and note what you need to provide.

I think we are going to have a very exciting Annual Session this summer. We have a great theme and many opportunities to be with other Friends. With our Pay As Led approach to fees we hope that nobody will be excluded for lack of money. Come join us in Tacoma and tell your friends.

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Registrar

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*Please review these guidelines before registering.*

**All registration this year will be online.** There is no paper registration form. If

you cannot complete your registration online, contact someone who has computer access to help you. If necessary you can call the Registrar at 410-914-8245, leave a message, and he will call you back when he is able. This may not be for several days.

You will be asked for contact information and also for emergency contacts(2). Having addresses, phone numbers, additional emails handy will speed up the process.

**You will be asked to make choices:**

- when you will arrive (and when you will leave)
- transportation needs
- children's program
- Jr. Friends (including camp after AS)
- other groups you want to be with
- type of worship group
- interest groups - review the choices below
- work assignments - we need lots of volunteers; check out the list
- housing preferences and needs (if staying on campus)
- food preferences and issues - food is included with all lodging on campus
- what to pay - Pay As Led is new this year

You need to select the “**Submit**” button when you have finished. That will set your registration date.

To complete the registration, we need to receive a **deposit** (unless you are paying \$0). You will find instructions to print your registration page and send it with your check at the end of the online form. Make payment to NPYM, and put your family name where it says 'for' on the front of the check.

**Send your payment to the NPYM Treasurer:**

Donal Sullivan  
NPYM Treasurer  
4001 9th Avenue NE  
Seattle, WA 98105

*Note: PayPal is offered as a convenience to you, but it costs NPYM \$0.30 plus 2.9% of the amount you send, each time you use it. Therefore, you may want to consider mailing a check instead, even when you register online. Please add the PayPal fee to your registration, if you use this service. Make sure we know who it is for.*

## **Registration Deadline**

### **June 15, 2016 Registration Ends**

**Late registrants** may NOT be able to get lodging on campus or register children.

To register children after 6/15/2018, you need to contact Children’s Program Coordinator Mim Lilly Coleman for permission before completing your

registration. The Children's Program must have enough staff to provide for all the children registered by the normal deadline, but can't recruit additional staff after that. The yearly meeting's Youth Safety Policy includes adult to child ratios for each age group. Late registrants can be included if doing so doesn't exceed these ratios. Mim may be reached at (253)888-1995 or chilprogram@npym.org.

Lodging availability after the deadline will depend on whether we have suitable beds available. Late cancellations may make beds available, however, we cannot anticipate cancellations.

**We want everyone to come who can**, even if the way opens only at the very last minute. However, we need to have information in advance about your intentions so NPYM and University of Puget Sound can make accommodations for you. Therefore, we have set the Registration Deadline listed above. We encourage early registration.

**Once you have registered**, check out the program, schedule and activities, so you can come prepared to have a great time. Review what you need to bring (and what to leave home).

And finally, **DO NOT FORGET TO SEND THE REST YOUR FEE or BRING MONEY TO REGISTRATION AT UPS.**

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## **Worship Groups**

Worship Groups meet daily to help us know one another on a deeper level, as we reflect on the theme for the Annual Session. This year we anticipate having enough Junior Friends and Young Adult Friends in attendance for all our groups to be "Intergenerational."

The following types of Worship Groups are offered this year:

### **WS – Worship Sharing**

Worship centered on a theme or a set of queries. The patterns of unprogrammed worship apply: each person who wishes may respond to the query but does not respond specifically to someone else's contribution; each participant speaks only once to any query; the group returns to silent worship between contributions .

### **WD – Worship Discussion**

Worship discussion is similar to worship-sharing, but with more speaking. Participants may respond directly to what someone else has said, and may speak more than once to a topic, with space for everyone to contribute and to return to silence between contributions.

### **WW – Worship Walking**

Walking together in worship with periodic stops to respond to the queries from one's experience, in the manner of Worship Sharing.

### **WM – Worship Ministry through Song**

This is worship with ministry primarily through singing, returning to silence between contributions. Participants are encouraged to bring songs that will

contribute to a sense of deep worship. Friends' hymnals will be available. Instruments (non-amplified, please) are welcome but not required.

**UW** – Unprogrammed Worship

Traditional unprogrammed worship in the manner of Friends.

If you would like to lead a Worship Group, check the box in the Worship Group section of the online registration, or add a note to your paper registration.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Putting on a yearly Meeting requires a large amount of work. Our tradition is that as much as possible of this work is done by the attenders themselves, both to reduce the cost of AS and to strengthen the bonds among attenders. **We ask all who are able to choose two jobs from the list below.**

When choosing your TWO choices for volunteer positions at AS, please give first consideration to helping with the Children's Program. In the next section you will find all the job tasks with their assigned job codes.

You can see these JOB codes by using the pull-down menu on the online registration form. They are actually labelled as 'Work' , but many of us think these opportunities can be 'Fun'. If you want to add a note about your choice or your time availability, select CNote and a box will open where you can add this note.

Also, some jobs require you to be on campus early or stay late. Please be sure you are going to be here to do the job. At the moment we have no virtual or telecommuting choices.

**BH** = Bookstore helper

**MR** = Mike runner during Plenary

**MED** = Doctor, nurse, paramedic, etc.

What Work Do You Want To Do Codes:

*Jobs Before Annual Session, Wednesday:*

**ER** = At the registration table

**EO** = Set up the NPYM Office

**AA** = Already assigned

**AH** = Access Help

**U** = Unable to contribute

*Jobs at close of Annual Session, Sunday :*

**EB** = Set up the Bookstore SC = Clean up after YM

**EGC** = Golf cart driver (2-3 hour shifts) SO = Clean and Pack up NPYM Office

Jobs During the Annual Session

Children's Program (our greatest need)

**SGC** = Golf cart driver (2-3 hour shifts)

**DC** = Drive Jr or Central Friends to Camp

**CPA** = Any age group

**CPI** = Infants and Toddlers

When Do You Want To Work codes:

**CPP** = Preschool

**CPE** = Early Elementary

Before & After Annual session:

**CPU** = Upper Elementary **E** = Early arrival on Wednesday

**CPC** = Central Friends **S** = Sunday during / after lunch

**CA** = Children's Activities (evenings) **T** = Transport to camps after Annual Session

**FT** = Friday Field Trip(counts as 2 jobs)

During Annual Session:

Other positions **AT** = Any time I'm needed

**AW** = Anywhere I am needed **PS** = During a Plenary session

**G** = Greeter **WG** = During a Worship Group

**GC** = Golf cart driver (2-3 hour shifts) **IG** = During an Interest Group

**O** = Staff NPYM Office

**F** = During unscheduled time

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## Interest Groups

### *2018 NPYM Annual Session*

Time is set aside in our program for opportunities to share and learn, to go deeper with a smaller group than plenaries may allow, or to meet with those who share a special concern, or who need an alternative to the more general program. We encourage Friends to propose and to attend these Interest Groups as a chance for spiritual growth and building friendships. A list of scheduled Interest Groups with brief descriptions follows. This list is updated as new groups are proposed. We will announce new interest groups at regular intervals until 3 weeks prior to Annual Session.

*PLEASE NOTE: where there are limits to participants, places will be assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Later registrants may not be able to attend a limited participant Interest Group. You can indicate your preference upon registration (which can be updated at any time by returning to the registration site), or upon arrival at the University to check in (space permitting). We ask you to sign up as soon as possible so that appropriate spaces may be reserved. If no one signs up, leaders may choose to cancel their groups.*

**You should signify your desire to attend specific interest groups during registration by selecting from the list of available groups in the registration form.** You may later log into your registration and change your selections, but noting the above-mentioned caveats.

## Thursday

### **IG-11.** Friend-in-Residence: Brave Space

Vanessa Julye

In this space We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world, We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere, We call each other to more truth and love.

Limit: 50 persons

### **IG-12.** Legislative Advocacy as a tool for Uprooting Racism

Noah Martin with Sam Merrill, Leni Skarin

Quaker Voice on Washington Public Policy will lead a discussion about the effectiveness of legislative advocacy on changing laws in the areas of criminal justice, economic justice, and environmental stewardship. All of these working group focus areas have a component of working for racial justice since people of color are disproportionately affected by public policies that marginalize and disadvantage them. Strategies to be discussed include persistent volunteer lobbying efforts, building coalitions with other advocacy groups, and building relationships with legislators and staff. All strategies have resulted in significant success during the 2018 legislative session.

### **IG-13.** Registration System Requirements

John Gotts with Kim Williams, Clint Weimeister, Nora Percival

This group will discuss the registration system needs for Annual Session and the pros and cons of replacing the current system.

Limit: 50 persons

### **IG-14.** Feeling Isolated?

Sakre Edson

We will discuss how the book Being Quaker...A Journey Among Isolated Friends in the Northwest came to be, exploring one of the interviews in depth and exchanging ideas of how we in NPYM might better reach out and support our Isolated Friends. A limited amount of books will be available for purchase (\$20). Isolated Friends are welcome to come and share their own experiences.

**IG-15. Deepening with the Songs: Reflections on a Music Ministry**

Anna Fritz

Anna Fritz is a Released Friend traveling with a music ministry under the care of Multnomah Monthly Meeting in Portland, Oregon. In the silence of worship, Anna offers some of her songs for cello and voice and some queries arising from them. The intention is to deepen with and reflect on what Spirit is awakening in us with these songs. We will worship, hear music ministry, sing together, share what arises, and have some time for discussion and questions.

Limit: 25 persons

**IG-16. A Quaker Way of Living With Dying**

Kate Jaramillo

Is there a uniquely Quaker approach to declining health, dying and death? How do Quaker beliefs, testimonies, and values inform our approach to the end of life? How does our faith help us face this ultimate reality of life? How can we prepare for death -- our own, in our families, in our meetings and worship groups? We will have the opportunity to address these questions individually, in small groups, and in large group with the goal of increasing our understanding about how our faith and practice affords us a way of living with dying. Bring something to write with and on.

**Friday**

**IG-21. Seasoning and question time for Minute on renewed action against North Korea**

Cimmeron Gillespie

This is a threshing session and discussion space to consider the Minute Regarding Consideration of US Renewed Military Action Against North Korea. This is a space for any questions and reflection

**IG-22. Becoming Allies on Immigration & immigrant detention**

Caroline Wildflower with Pedro Sosa, the Director of AFSC's Project Voice program in Oregon

Pedro will talk about his work on offering /Know Your Rights/ workshops and setting up Rapid Response Teams in a number of small towns and rural communities in Oregon and Washington. We will learn about places where allies work is important and needed, including the regional ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) detention center in Tacoma.

Limit: 50 persons

**IG-23. Affinity Group for Friends of Color**

Vanessa Julye

This is an opportunity for People of Color to come together to share our Quaker experience and create a supportive community through worship, sharing and identifying ways to support each other.

Limit: 20 persons

**IG-24. Affinity Group for European-American Friends Addressing Racism**

Chuck Esser

This is an opportunity for Euro-Americans to come together to share our experience with addressing racism. We will create a supportive community through worship, talking and identifying ways to support each other.

Limit: 25 persons

**IG-25. Electronic Communications in NPYM**

Mary Klein with Nora J. Percival, NPYM Secretary

The agenda of this interest group will be: 1) Show-and-tell about electronic communications tools provided by Western Friend and the NPYM office. 2) Sharing of updates by participants about the uses of electronic communications in their monthly meetings. 3) General discussion about needs and best practices.

**IG-26. Spiritual Unification**

eric maya joy

First, presentation of what Spiritual Unification means, where it comes from, and the process involved. This will include the very special gifts Friends (Quakers) have to offer the process, followed by questions and discussion (nurture sharing) with the entire group. Spiritual Unification is the process that sees humanity through these very challenging times we are now experiencing.

Limit: 30 persons

**IG-27. Water, Global Development, and Effective Altruism**

David Albert with David Albert, chair of Friendly Water for the World, & Drissia Ras, Administration and Operations Director, Friendly Water for the World. Drissia is a Muslim woman scientist from Morocco, who oversees Friendly Water projects around the world

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**IG-28. Helping Heal Invisible Wounds of War - Quaker House (NC)**

Kindra Bradley

Quaker House, in Fayetteville, NC, (home of Ft. Bragg) has been helping to heal the invisible wounds of war and working for greater peace since 1969. Come learn about moral injury, our programs, and those we serve.

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Limit: 40 persons

**IG-31. Breaking Barriers Along the Border: How to be an ally for Latin@ immigrants and residents of the U.S.**

Kaeli Frank with Berenice Fuentes, Claudia Cedeño-Fornos, Alondra Jaramillo, Devon Peterka

How to be an ally for Latin@ immigrants and residents of the U.S. A panel of three Latina young women from across the West Coast, speaking their truths of growing up combatting language and culture barriers in the U.S. Discussion will be centered around current governmental policy surrounding immigration and how individuals as well as religious groups can support and uplift the Latinx populations in our communities.

**IG-32. Institutional Cultural Assessment, What is That?**

Vanessa Julye with Chuck Esser

In 2017, Friends General Conference agreed to undergo an Internal Institutional Cultural Assessment. Come join us to hear what is involved in this assessment.

Limit: 30 persons

**IG-33. Training Quaker Health Workers in Kenya**

Nora Percival

I will report on my time in May and June in Chwele, a largely Quaker rural community in western Kenya, training health workers. After the presentation, there will be time for a discussion of community health issues in Kenya and possibilities for contributing to improving the lives of Quakers in that part of the world.

**IG-34. Recognizing Ministries**

Pablo Stanfield

We are all ministers, but we don't know what others are led to do. How can we support one another in our leadings and callings? Who needs special recognition? How do we recognize a ministry under the care of the MM? This is an important part of Appreciative Eldership, a job for the Monthly Meeting led by its elders.

**IG-35. Care and Nurture of Worship Groups**

Eugene Norcross-Renner with Eugene Norcross-Renner organized Lower Columbia Worship Group on the Long Beach Peninsula in 2008.

This will be an opportunity to raise questions, learn from one another's experiences and equip ourselves to minister in a worship group setting. We can address how to begin a worship group, what maintains it as a intended to be a group conversation rather than a formal presentation.living presence, and when a group may need to be laid down. This is

Limit: 15 persons

**IG-36. Why is the Society of Friends (Quakers) as a whole not growing in numbers, participation, and influence; at this time?**

eric maya joy with Maia Wolff Ostrom

We will collectively explore this question. we are seeking continuing revelations on gifts Friends have to offer humanity today, and how to most effectively nurture and contribute those gifts?

Limit: 30 persons

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**What does Annual Session Cost?**

There are two basic kinds of costs for Annual Session (AS): 1)passthru costs and 2) program costs. Passthru costs are what the site charges yearly meeting. Program costs are the costs to run our program; including children's program, fee waivers, printing, registration, golf carts, signs and many other things. The Annual Session Planning Committee establishes a budget, weighing expenses and income

with the intent of coming out even.

Costs do not always follow what you see on the registration form. For example, there are several different charges for lodging; one for single rooms, one for multiple rooms, and another for single rooms in suites. Single rooms are priced higher, but we assign housing based on other factors. So, someone might end up in a single room, but may not have asked for it. We will honor all single room requests. Program fees are calculated for a fixed number of adults. Anything over that number will reduce the program cost per person. Below is a list outlining the basic costs NPYM pays to the university and the program costs. These figures may vary slightly from the online program calculations.

**Room Fees** (applies to age 6 and older)

**These fees are for rooms WITHOUT linens. There is no linen option this year!**

Single room	\$33 per night x 4 nights (for full-time) =	\$132
Multiple room	\$24 per night x 4 nights (for full-time) =	\$96
Room in Thomas	\$50 per night x 4 nights (for full-time) =	\$200
Facilities fee	\$7.75 per day x 5 (calendar) days =	\$38.75

**Meal Costs** (for those staying on campus)\*

Board (meals) 13 and older	\$34.52 x 4 days =	\$138.12
Board (meals) 6 - 12	\$17.75 x 4 days =	\$71.00
Board (meals) 0-5	\$0	\$0
Commuters	pay a la carte	

\* All who stay on campus overnight have a meal plan included.

A la carte (without a meal plan, at the door) Breakfast is \$9.25, Lunch is \$11.25 and Dinner is \$12.95.

**Facilities Fee**

This fee is charged by the university for meeting spaces. It is applied for each calendar day we are on campus.

The Facility Fee is \$7.75 per day x 5 days = \$38.75 for full-time participants. This applies to those who stay on campus and commuters, except for age 5 and under.

**Program Fees**

Program fees are costs that NPYM has in addition to the Lodging, Board and Facilities Fees listed above, which are passed through from the university.

The program fees include the following: bulletin printing, office supplies, registrars' costs, packet printing, contingency, fee waivers for officers, pay pal fees, contra dance, bookstore, advertising, general & physical arrangements, signs, FIR printing, FIR travel, fee waivers for FIR, children's program, snacks & supplies, fee waivers for staff and other volunteer positions, fee waivers for

visitors from NW Yearly Meeting, Junior Friends, extra costs from the university (tech support, lost keys, photocopying, lemonade ...)

Our estimated program costs total is about \$23,000; \$10,000 for fee waivers and \$13,000 for other costs

Based on an estimated 200 paying adults, program costs are \$115., which is approximately \$29 per day.

Program Fee \$29 per day x 4 days = \$116.

### **Children's Costs**

The cost for all children is estimated at about \$10,000.00 (room, meals and facility cost; no program fees). In the past NPYM has covered these costs for all children up to age 12, and half of these costs for Junior Friends (age 13-17). Several meetings and individuals contribute to bringing children to Annual Session. We expect that these costs will be covered by donations, and do not include them in the estimated fees.

We have programmed the online registration to calculate costs for each individual family member based on the fees listed above, taking into account that many children will come for free and some at reduced rates. These costs are then totaled to give a Traditional Cost for attending. If our estimates are correct, we would meet our budget if everyone paid this amount.

Most of the income for AS comes from registration fees, but some comes directly from monthly meetings and yearly meeting funds. Registration fees this year are open to whatever someone is led to pay. While we expect most to pay something close to the average cost (our **Traditional Fee**). The **Sustaining Fee** is designed for all Friends to make a specific donation above their costs, which may be tax-deductable. The **Limited Income Fee** is a suggested lower fee that may be chosen. These fees are presented for making easy choices, however, you may enter any fee As You are Led. We think that in the end it will all work out.

Pay As Led is an experiment that we are trying for the first time. It will be evaluated after Annual Session, and a decision will be made as to what our next steps are.