

**Canadian Yearly Meeting — Final Agendas for  
Meetings for Worship for Business to be held online via Zoom  
on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9, 11, and 13 August 2022**

<b>Time Zone</b>	<b>Tuesday 9 August</b>	<b>Thursday 11 August</b>	<b>Saturday 13 August</b>
<b>Newfoundland DST</b>	5:45–7:45 PM	5:45–7:45 PM	4:00–5:00 PM
<b>Atlantic DST</b>	5:15–7:15 PM	5:15–7:15 PM	3:30–4:30 PM
<b>Eastern DST</b>	4:15–6:15 PM	4:15–6:15 PM	2:30–3:30 PM
<b>Central DST</b>	3:15–5:15 PM	3:35–5:15 PM	1:30–2:30 PM
<b>Central Standard</b>	2:15–4:15 PM	2:15–4:15 PM	12:30–1:30 PM
<b>Mountain DST</b>	2:15–4:15 PM	2:15–4:15 PM	12:30–1:30 PM
<b>Pacific DST</b>	1:15–3:15 PM	1:15–3:15 PM	11:30 AM –12:30 PM

DST = Daylight Saving Time

**A Message from the Yearly Meeting Clerks**

**Documents Circulated with the Agenda**

The seven documents attached to this agenda are listed on page 4. We ask Friends to read these documents prior to the meeting.

**Consent Agenda** [Items 1 to 3]

The purpose of a “Consent Agenda” is to approve routine items that do not require discussion, leaving more time on the floor of the meeting for discernment of important issues. The Agenda for Tuesday 9 August includes the three Consent Minutes printed in a frame on page 2. We ask Friends to read these minutes beforehand and to contact the Clerks about any concerns. The Clerks suggest that the three Consent Minutes be approved as written.

**List of Births/Adoptions, Marriages, New Members, and Deaths since August 2021** (Item 1] and **List of Delegates to CYM 2022** [Item 2]

The two lists attached to the agenda reflect information received to date. Please notify the Clerks ([cym-clerk@quaker.ca](mailto:cym-clerk@quaker.ca)) of any errors or omissions. We will not deal with corrections to these lists on the floor of Yearly Meeting.

**Gentle Reminders about Gathering for a Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

The session is grounded in silence, in a spirit of Worship. Friends may, when ready, raise their hands to speak, and wait until they are recognized by the Clerk. Speak from the place of spirit, while others in the meeting focus on listening – letting go of a desire to react and respond. Uphold both the speaker and those serving as Clerks.

The Clerks will leave silence after each person’s ministry, so that the gathered group can remain centred. Not everyone will be recognized to speak. Friends should not speak more than once on a topic. Please remember that the Clerks do not have to hear from everyone to develop a sense of the Spirit of the Meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA For Canadian Yearly Meeting Tuesday 9 August 2021**

*The Clerks suggest that the following minutes be approved as written. If there is a request for discussion of a specific item, that item will be moved to the active agenda.*

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### **2022.8.1 Births/Adoptions, Marriages, New Members, and Deaths since August 2021**

We record the following births, marriages, and deaths among Friends in Canada during the preceding year. *[The list will be inserted in the minutes]*

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### **2022.8.2 Delegates to CYM 2022**

The delegates to CYM 2022 are as follows. *[The list will be inserted in the minutes.]*

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### **2022.8.3 CYM 2022 Minutes and Reports** *[re Minute 2021.8.10: "Naming of CYM Reports"]*

In former years, when Canadian Yearly Meeting Sessions were held only in August and Representative Meeting met once or twice a year, the **Reports for Yearly Meeting** received from CYM Committees and Representatives in May were circulated before Yearly Meeting as "**Documents in Advance.**" Any reports received afterward were appended to the Yearly Meeting Minutes in a group labelled "**Late Reports.**"

In 2020, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we began to schedule shorter sessions of Canadian Yearly Meeting and Representative Meeting on Saturday afternoons throughout the year. Documents distributed for these meetings include Reporting and Clearness reports, CYM budgets, and audited financial reports. Now the CYM Clerks request annual reports in May. All reports received by June 30 will be distributed before Yearly Meeting. With CYM's current year-round schedule, the labels "in advance" and "late" are not helpful.

During the winter of 2022 the CYM Clerks prepared compilations for 2020 and 2021 containing the minutes for Representative Meeting and Yearly Meeting sessions (in chronological order) plus all reports received from CYM committees, other CYM bodies, and CYM representatives to other organizations (Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends General Conference, Canadian Council of Churches, etc.) during the calendar year.

The **Canadian Yearly Meeting Minutes and Reports** for **2020** and **2021** are posted on quaker.ca. A similar compilation is in progress for 2022. This practice will continue.

The files for the annual **CYM Minutes and Reports** are formatted for printing. It is hoped that these documents will replace the bound copies of Yearly Meeting Minutes and Reports circulated until about ten years ago. Copies will be printed for the Canadian Quaker Library and Archives. Monthly Meetings and individual Friends who would like to have paper copies of the annual *CYM Minutes and Reports* for easy consultation are encouraged to print their own or make local arrangements for multiple copies.

## CYM Meeting for Worship for Business – Agenda for Tuesday 9 August

### Opening Worship and Clerk's Reading

### Introduction of Clerks and Friends Providing Technical Support

### Regrets

### CYM Land Acknowledgment

We, members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Canada, live, worship, and work on the territories of Indigenous Peoples who have lived in relationship with these lands since time immemorial. We acknowledge that colonization inflicted and continues to inflict grave spiritual, cultural and human injustices upon First Peoples. As Friends, we commit ourselves to uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples, to redress the injustices, to honour the treaties and sacred agreements made between Indigenous Peoples and our governments, and to work together in peace toward justice and reconciliation.

*This Land Acknowledgement was approved by Canadian Yearly Meeting on 11 June 2022 for use at the national level. "We are reminded that rote readings are worse than having nothing at all. We commit to re-evaluating this acknowledgement regularly. Those using this land acknowledgement are encouraged to personalize it by acknowledging the host community and its people by name." [CYM Minute 2022.6.2]*

### Agenda Review

#### Approval of Consent Agenda *[see page 2 above]*

- 1 Births/Adoptions, Marriages, New Members, and Deaths since August 2021
- 2 Delegates to CYM 2022
- 3 CYM 2022 Minutes and Reports

#### 4 Presiding Clerk's Opening Minute

#### 5 Welcome from an Indigenous Elder *[The minutes will note this welcome scheduled to take place earlier in the week.]*

#### 6 Introduction of Program Committee for CYM 2022

#### 7 Nominating Committee Report

#### 8 CYM 2003 Minute of Record on Marriage

In August 2021 CYM considered a concern that the 2003 CYM Minute of Record on Same-sex Marriage be revisited. **CYM Minute 2021.8.18** asked Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel to consult broadly and to prepare a draft minute to be considered by the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel and then forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for Worship for Business. *[The draft minute will be available after the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel scheduled for Sunday 7 August.]*

#### 9 Epistle Summarizing Committee

- 2021 Report from the Epistle Summarizing Committee
- Request that the committee be laid down

### Closing Worship

## **CYM Meeting for Worship for Business —Agenda for Thursday 11 August**

### **Opening Worship and Clerk's Reading**

- 10 Change and Sustainable Transformation (CAST) Working Group**  
Report on CYM Priorities and Recommendations from CAST. Friends are encouraged to read the report, which is attached to the agenda
- 11 CYM Epistle for 2022 – First Reading**
- 12 Canadian Friends Service Committee Reporting and Clearness**  
The report from the Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) is attached to this agenda. Friends are encouraged to read it and to consider the queries at the end.

### **Closing Worship**

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## **CYM Meeting for Worship for Business —Agenda for Saturday 13 August**

### **Opening Worship and Clerk's Reading**

- 13 Report from the Children's Program**
- 14 Canadian Yearly Meeting Epistle – Final Reading**
- 15 Canadian Yearly Meeting State of Society Report for 2021**
- 16 Closing Minute from the CYM Incoming Clerk**

### **Closing Worship**

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### **Documents Distributed with this Agenda**

#### **For Tuesday 9 August 2021**

- Item 1 – List of Births/Adoptions, Marriages, New Members, and Deaths since August 2021
- Item 2 – List of Delegates to CYM 2022
- Item 7 – CYM Minute 2021.8.18 (“2003 Minute of Record on Marriage”) and Appendix D
- Item 8 – 2021 Report of the Epistle Summarizing Committee

#### **For Thursday 11 August 2021**

- Item 10 – Report on Priorities for CYM with Recommendations from the CAST Working Group
- Item 12 – CFSC Reporting and Clearness Report, 2022
- Item 12 – CFSC Accountability Report for 2021

### **Upcoming CYM Meetings**

**Online CYM Meeting for Worship for Business:** Saturday 17 September, 1:30–4:30 PM Eastern  
*The agenda for this meeting will include Reporting and Clearness Sessions for the CYM Representatives on the Kairos Steering and Program Committees, and on Quaker Earthcare Witness*

**Online Representative Meeting** – Saturday 15 October, 1:30–4:30 PM Eastern

**Online Representative Meeting** – Saturday 19 November, 1:30–4:30 PM Eastern

**Online Representative Meeting** – Saturday 3 December, 1:30–4:30 PM Eastern