

YM Session ~ August 8-16, 2014 ~ Winnipeg, Manitoba

WELCOME TO WINNIPEG!

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Canadian Yearly Meeting 2014, which will be held once again on the friendly and accessible campus of Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

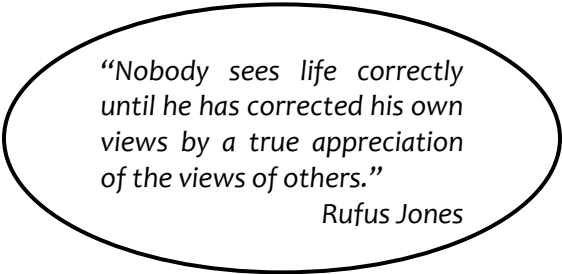
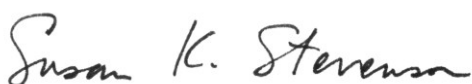
Yearly Meeting is the one opportunity in the year for Quakers from across Canada to come together for fellowship, worship, decision-making, learning and fun. Last summer, as a result of the Youth Challenge, 45 Young and Young Adult Friends attended Yearly Meeting and went away with renewed enthusiasm. Let's do all that we can to support their continued and growing involvement in the Yearly Meeting.

Our program this year promises wonderful opportunities! Programme Committee continues to progressively improve the flow of the week's activities, incorporating the most successful components of last summer's schedule, and modifying others. Food Coop is back this year, offering opportunities to bond over the cutting boards as well as to consider whether and how to continue it in future years.

Consider arriving early to join leader Erika Koenig-Sheridan in a mostly-silent retreat focussed on how we as Friends relate to one another in difficult times. In the Sunderland P. Gardner lecture, entitled *Making the Diagnosis; Changing the Prognosis*, Dale Dewar and Bill Curry of Prairie Monthly Meeting will bring their scientific and philosophical wisdom to bear on the global malaise of people and the environment, exploring what we can do to work toward a more just, balanced and sustainable world. For Quaker Study, Mark Burch of Winnipeg Monthly Meeting will discuss our testimony of simplicity – its biblical origins and its relevance to our care for the Earth and for one another.

Every Yearly Meeting session is a new adventure, with new offerings and new challenges. Please join us in this year's opportunity to be with Friends, to attend to the business of our Yearly Meeting and to grow in Spirit.

Susan Stevenson
Presiding Clerk



"Nobody sees life correctly
until he has corrected his own
views by a true appreciation
of the views of others."

Rufus Jones

PRE-YM RETREAT (Friday, Aug 8, 7 pm – Saturday, Aug 9, 5:30 pm)

Erika Koenig-Sheridan of Ottawa Monthly Meeting will lead a mostly-silent retreat in which participants will consider queries that may address some of the matters with which CYM and Monthly Meetings have struggled in the last few years: How does each of us answer that of God in others - in Meeting for Worship for Business and other times we are together? How do we maintain integrity and truth while being tender with each other? What should be done when a Friend fails in these areas? Can we love each other in spite of our differences - and if so, how do we do that? We hope that this retreat will allow us to consider the ways in which we relate to each other, especially when times are difficult, in a setting apart from those difficult times which make the questions so important. **Retreat fee will be \$40/person.**

"Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand."
Isaac Pennington

SUNDERLAND P. GARDNER LECTURE

Making the Diagnosis: Changing the Prognosis ~ The Elephant In the Living Room ~ Fruits of the Spirit
(By Dale Dewar and Bill Curry, Prairie Monthly Meeting)

Our objective is to leave everyone with hope for the future and directions of ways to get there.

To do this, we will:

- Set the stage for the present - including physical, psychological and spiritual features of the global malaise
- Apply the medical model of "making the diagnosis"
- Explore the prognosis if the current order of things continues...
- Change the prognosis - visioning the future, establishing human needs and designing ways to meet these needs while balancing the sins of the past/present with construction of the things that will make for an ecological, just and balanced, sustainable world.
- Close with three actions that inspire and empower us

The Lecture will be **Sunday, August 10 at 7:00 pm.**

Quaker Study

Come All Ye Who are Heavily Cumbered: Simplicity as the Radical Path to Peace, Justice, Community and Care of the Earth

(By Mark A. Burch, Winnipeg Monthly Meeting)

The testimony to simplicity was one of the foundations of early Quaker praxis. Today, popular culture portrays simple living as quaint, utopian, nostalgic, eccentric, marginal, or naive. Contemporary Friends cannot help but be influenced by these stereotypes. But such portrayals tell us as much about consumer culture's discomfort with radical critiques of its values as it does about simple living itself. The voluntary cultivation of a simple way of life is one of the most powerful skillful means for uprooting all occasions for war. Simplicity invites us back into communities of equality, sharing, humility and love. Our sessions will open the treasures of simplicity, rooted in our biblical heritage, nourished from the inner springs of worship, that blossom in a radical, lived testimony to care for the Earth and care for each other that is very much needed today.

WORSHIP GROUPS



In 2014 in Winnipeg, the Worship Groups will again take place from **2:00-3:15 pm, Monday to Friday**. Friends have a choice of the following activities:

- ☞ Sacred Chant: Friends wishing to worship through music are welcome to join voices in simple, repeated chant which grow as we sing together, creating new harmonies and beauty. No musical experience is required.
- ☞ Silent Worship: A place is set aside for those selecting this option.
- ☞ Walking Meditation and Worship: Listening for the Spirit in silence doesn't have to be a sedentary activity. During the worship group period, Friends who choose this option will walk together in silence for about a third of the time, sit in worship for another third then walk back to the campus, again in worshipful silence.
- ☞ Worship Fellowship Groups: These groups have no assigned topic and meet for reflective sharing as participants are led. The facilitator will introduce worship sharing for the benefit of those new to it, and will help guide the group in what may be a deeply worshipful experience.

☞ Worship Sampler: Again this year, Friends who choose this offering will be able to participate in different forms of Quaker worship throughout the week. The group(s) will experience silent worship one day, join the chanting group another, do a walking meditation and worship, and have worship sharing and worship study sessions, with the schedule always open to modification by those who sign up.

☞ Worship Study Groups: Study groups provide an opportunity for further reflection on the subject of the morning's Quaker Study, with a leader to facilitate worshipful sharing. Groups may either consider suggested questions or take the topic in whatever direction they are led.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS/SPECIAL ACTION GROUPS

This year there will be four weekday afternoons for Special Interest Groups (SIGs): from 3:30 - 5:30 pm (Mon, Tues, Thu and Fri). Concurrent sessions offer the opportunity to gather in smaller, fluid communities of mind, heart and action. Their purpose could be education, discernment, sharing, exploration and participation in an activity or community building.

Our practice of Special Interest Groups offers a way for Friends to share concerns in small groups. The topics can span the breadth of individual and corporate Quaker interests. A SIG could be an opportunity for exploration of an emerging concern with a group of Friends who may be similarly led. Or it may be the final stage in discernment of a concern that has already received some threshing at the Monthly or Half-Yearly Meeting level or committee of CYM, before it is brought to Business Meeting. In that case there would already be a Minute from that body supporting the SIG.

Other sessions could be more experiential, some having multigenerational appeal. Special Active Groups (the newly-coined SAGs) might: worship-share around a theme arising from a shared life experience; experience art-, music-making, or storytelling; explore a spiritual practice or a physical practice (do I hear balancing, anyone?); or take part in any other community-building activity you would like to bring and share with others.

The children's program will be offered until 5:30 pm. in order to make it possible for parents to take part in the SIGs/SAGs. Some SIGs and SAGS will be multigenerational in nature.

We invite offers to facilitate a wide diversity of sessions. If you are led to offer a SIG/SAG session, you are encouraged to consider requesting a clearness committee in your Meeting, if that is available, to season your plans so that participants will have the best opportunity to experience the Spirit in this activity.

Please provide a brief explanation about your SIG/SAG, including:

- a title
- the names of facilitators and/or groups, indicating who is the contact person
- length: More than one session is possible, if appropriate.
- is this SIG/SAG potentially multigenerational?
- a paragraph describing your session to be included in the program booklet. Write it to be as engaging and clear as you can! In view of the wide diversity of sessions that we hope to nurture, Friends will need to know clearly what each session is about in order to find what speaks to their condition.
- an idea of the ideal space for your activity - a classroom with A/V equipment? a lounge? indoor? outdoor? a space offering some privacy? a place you can make a lot of noise without bothering anyone? a place you can make a mess and then clean up easily? The site at Winnipeg offers many resources. Let us know what will serve your needs and we will do our best to match you up.
- any equipment you might need.
- preferred day(s) for session. If one or more of the facilitators are involved in more than one SIG, please indicate this so that scheduling conflicts can be avoided.
- the Minute recommending this SIG, if there is one.

Friends interested in presenting or facilitating a session should contact Thomas Mathieson, 15796 92 Ave, Surrey, BC V4N 2X1, timomithy@hotmail.com 604-700-8947.

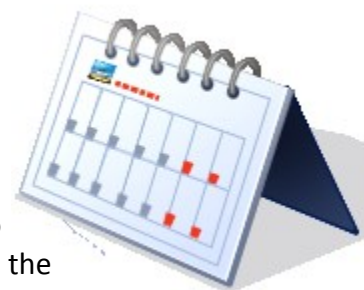
Please submit offers **by June 30** to allow time for discernment, scheduling, and room allocation.

SPECIAL WEEKDAY EVENTS

(Daily Schedule will be posted on-site)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 9

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME! Join us in the 'settling in' space (watch for signs) Saturday Afternoon, from 2-5:30 pm. Make Friendly connections and reconnections. First-timers are especially encouraged to hang out here and get acquainted. We'll have plenty of activities to pass the time...or you can settle in a corner with a book and a cup of tea. We will offer: Games - Arts Activities - Reading Corner - Colouring Books – Puzzles and Refreshments



SATURDAY EVENING, AUG 9

Our CYM **Community Celebration**: Come be welcomed, be seen, and see who is here from where, while we "make a joyful noise" together. We'll watch a Powerpoint showing all our Yearly Meeting Monthly Meetings -- their meeting places plus selected photos of meeting life

all across Canada. 'First-timers' -- young AND old -- will receive a special welcome; Quaker music talents will shine. Group fun will help Friends of all ages connect or reconnect with people in their own Meetings and from across the country. A must-come-sing-move-salute-and-celebrate opening evening --see EVERYone there! Contact me with your photos and ideas, please: carolinebparry@gmail.com or 514-622-2173.

SUNDAY MORNING 10 am

Meeting for Worship. All who attend CYM are welcome, including children, for whom some worshipful AND fun activities will be provided.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 10, 2-3:15 pm

Celebration of the Grace of God in the Life of Friends (Memorial Meeting) is a time for reflecting on and rejoicing in the Grace of God in the lives of Friends who have died in the past year. We gather in silence, the names of those Friends are read, and we remember them as we worship together. We urge Monthly Meetings to ensure that the names of Friends who have died since CYM 2013 are sent to the CYM office so that all may be included.

SUNDAY, AUG 10, 3:30-5:30 pm: A MULTI-GENERATIONAL GATHERING

Choose an activity that speaks to you: Storytelling – The oral tradition, Story-sharing – What story do you have to tell? Theatre for Story – A bit of drama, Theatre games – Playful stories, Active games – More playful stories, Music – instrumental or vocal improv – Tuneful stories, Art projects – Show us your story..., Quiet Story Games – for those who prefer a calmer pace. All are welcome!!!

SUNDAY EVENING, AUG 10, 7 pm

Sunderland P. Gardner Lecture co-presented by Dale Dewar and Bill Curry (both Members of Prairie Monthly Meeting): “Making the Diagnosis: Changing the Prognosis - The Elephant In the Living Room - Fruits of the Spirit”.

MONDAY - FRIDAY, AUG 11-15

Meeting for Healing will take place from 12:30-2:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Friends who feel a need for healing for themselves or know of others who may be troubled or ill and whom they would like to hold in the Light, are welcome to join us for this time of prayerful community.

MONDAY EVENING, AUG 11, 7-9 pm

Experience of the Spirit in My Life: Hosted by Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, this worship-sharing time is an inspiring and energizing way to begin our week together. In a settled silence of worship, Friends share experiences that they feel demonstrate the workings of the Spirit in their own lives. Each contribution is couched in silence before and afterward. All who attend CYM are welcome.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUG 12, 7-9 pm

Meeting of Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. All members of Monthly Meetings of Ministry and Counsel, or their designates and the designates of Monthly Meetings without M&C, should attend. We will share our concerns and joys, determine where special attention may be needed, and consider names for nomination to CMM&C.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUG 12

Party Games, Board Games and more! Did you know that playing games with others build relationships faster than any other form of human interaction? Come out and get to know each other and have fun doing it! If you have a favourite of your own, bring it along! There will be games of all styles for our people of all style. Come check it out! If you wish to help out by leading a game please contact Katharine Carmichael (kat.carmichael@gmail.com).



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 13, 2:00-4:30 pm

Community engagement project: North Point Douglas in Winnipeg's North End is the oldest part of the City. It also has the dubious honour of being amongst the five poorest urban communities in Canada. Yet the people and services of North Point Douglas have worked together over the past years to build community and empower one another to enable our community to change. Those attending CYM are invited to visit North Point Douglas to learn from this community and to contribute in a small way to supporting this change. A community tour including community gardens and a community oven, and a service project will be hosted by the North Point Douglas Women's Centre and community member Elaine Bishop, its retired Executive Director. Learn more about the Women's Centre and its innovative programs at <http://www.northpointdouglaswomenscentre.org>

FRIDAY EVENING FAMILY NIGHT, AUG 15



Don't miss this opportunity to share your talent! An evening of song, stories, laughs and the ever-popular reading of Gleanings! Entertainment starts at 7:00 pm. Young and young-at-heart are welcome to attend and/or participate!

YOUTH PROGRAM

** Please note that some of the following detail and program schedule may change on-site from what is listed below.

There is something for everyone aged 0 to 17 years at the CYM youth program. And there are many opportunities for Friends over the age of 17 to play a part as well. Sharing your gifts and talents with our young folk is a vital service to Friends, and it's a lot of fun!



Program overview:

Sunday, August 10

For all age groups: A multi-generational gathering in the afternoon, with stories, movement, and more.

Monday to Friday, August 11-15

For children 0-6: Crafts, play-time, music, stories, daily worship and sharing circle, games, multi-generational activities and age appropriate field trips. *Schedule: 8:15- noon & 2:00-5:30 p.m.*

For children 7-11: Creating Quaker trading cards/game, 'soup & stories' with older Friends, daily worship and sharing circle, games like 4 square and soccer, balancing, arts and crafts, drama, and music. Field trips and multi-generational activities, including community building and workshops. *Schedule: 8:15- noon & 2:00-5:30 p.m.*

Youth 12-17: The youth will have many activities geared for teens specifically. There will be a choice of activities, depending on interest and age. This will include Quaker trading cards/games, drama and improv, song writing and activism, balancing, a chance to experience Quaker worship in many different forms, Special Interest Groups and Special Action Groups, service, arts & crafts, field trips. *Schedule: 10:00 am – noon, 2:00-5:30 and every evening.*

Are you called to volunteer?

Please consider whether this is something you want to get involved in this year. It is also a way to have some of your CYM expenses covered.

We are looking for Coordinators for the following age groups:

Birth to 6 years; 7 to 11 years and 12 years and older

These positions will involve planning ahead, along with Youth Program Coordinator, Katharine Carmichael, for the week of programming. During CYM, it will involve daily time with the children's program. Note: You will not be responsible for all the programming, nor are you expected to spend all your time with the children's program.

Financial Support: Each coordinator will be supported with travel, room and food funds.

Vulnerable person's police check/child abuse registry check will be required, as well as references. All programs will be run in accordance with our "Policy for Safe Nurture of Children in our Care".

Additional volunteers needed: Leading a workshop, organizing arts, crafts or games, being an adult friendly presence. To volunteer, or if you are a parent wanting more information about the program, please contact Katharine Carmichael at kat.carmichael@gmail.com.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS/TOURISM INFO FROM LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Inner-city bus route from James Armstrong Richardson International Airport to Canadian Mennonite University (CMU): Board the #15 (Sargent) bus immediately in front of the terminal. The stop is located along the median to the right of door 3. Ask for a transfer when paying the fare. The adult cash fare is \$2.55. Exact change is required. Ride downtown and get off at Portage Avenue and Vaughan Street, just beside the Investors Group Building. Walk south on Vaughan St. crossing Portage Ave. beside the Hudson's Bay Company. Proceed one block south to the south side of Graham Avenue. Transfer to a #66 (Grant Unicity) or a #65 (Grant Express) at bus stops #10704 or #10618. These buses will take you right to the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) south campus, situated on the southwest corner of Grant Ave. and Shaftesbury Blvd.



Alternate route from the airport to CMU: Take the #20 (Watt/Academy) bus from the same stop as above and transfer at the bus island at Polo Park Mall at 1485 Portage Ave. Cross the bus loop in the mall parking lot to stop #10880. Transfer to the #95 (Riverview) bus and get off near the corner of Grant Avenue and Shaftesbury Blvd. The CMU south campus is on the southwest corner of this intersection.

Taxi travel from the airport to CMU: Will cost approximately \$20.00 to \$25.00 depending on traffic conditions. The route taken should be south on Route 90 to Grant Avenue and west on Grant Avenue to the south campus of CMU.

Inner-city bus route to CMU from Union Station/Via Rail at 123 Main Street: Take the #66 (Grant Unicity) or #65 (Grant Express) bus from the stop immediately across Main Street from the station (stop #10641). The bus will take you directly to the CMU south campus at Grant Ave. and Shaftesbury Blvd.

Inner-city bus route from the Greyhound bus terminal to the CMU south campus: As the Greyhound terminal is located across the street from the airport terminal, please use the bus routes mentioned earlier. For further bus route information please contact Winnipeg Transit at www.winnipegtransit.com

TOURISM

Depending on individual or family time-schedules, Friends may have the opportunity to take in events or tour the city while in Winnipeg.

For nature lovers there are three parks or nature reserves close by the CMU site. Next door on Grant Ave. is the Assiniboine Forest with very walkable trails and bike paths. It boasts significant wildlife observation opportunities in an urban setting. It has a large population of deer and a well-developed wetland site. Assiniboine Park, an easy walk north on Shaftesbury Blvd., has bike paths, an expanding zoo, playgrounds and restaurants to please the visitor.

The Fort Whyte Alive nature centre/reserve lies just south of CMU. It has educational exhibits, walking trails, and a herd of bison. It presents terrific opportunities for birders.

Rainbow Stage, Winnipeg's outdoor theatre will be offering *The Little Mermaid* August 13-29. Folklorama, the largest and longest-running multicultural festival in the world, will be running August 3-16.

A significant point of interest is The Forks National Historic Site at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers. It has been a meeting place/trading site for millennia. It is located off Main Street immediately behind the Via station and is on the #66 (Grant Unicity) bus route.

For further tourism information, the following websites are suggested:

www.travelmanitoba.com

www.folklorama.ca

www.rainbowstage.ca

www.ftwhyte.org

www.tourismwinnipeg.com

PROGRAMME FEE

A Programme Fee is charged to help cover expenses such as refreshments, the Youth Program, this registration insert, audio/visual and IT and computer usage on site, photocopies, *Documents in Advance*, *Late Reports* and the *Directory*, site charges for meeting rooms, recreation areas and other common spaces. The fee is charged to adults 18 years and older. Charging a Programme Fee helps cover these general costs and spread them equitably among camping and 'rooming' Friends. Weekly and daily fees are shown on the registration form.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

"Equality" and "Community" are two of our Testimonies that we do our best to incorporate in our daily lives. We realize that all Friends are differently able and we seek to provide an environment where each can participate equally in building the sacred community. Ghandi says, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

We are asking Friends to volunteer (under Adult Friend Volunteer Ministry on the registration form) to be a personal companion to someone with special needs for a period of two hours during the week of CYM. This may mean helping Friends to Meeting, carrying trays of food, providing a hearing system or written minutes, etc. If you feel called to strengthen our community and build a bond with one person who needs your help during the week, please sign up for this service on your registration form. If you wish to contribute more than two hours during the week, please let us know! If you can, give us an idea of the skills you have to share. We are trying to match Friends who have the needed skills and compatibility with others whose gifts need this support to bloom, so that we can succeed in becoming a vital community.

NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

In order to encourage all to attend Yearly Meeting sessions, a modest financial grant can be provided to assist with expenses. A form is included in this insert. Friends with adequate financial resources are encouraged to pay their own way. Friends with funds to spare are encouraged to donate to the YM Travel Fund.



All Friends seeking a grant must:

- 1) First approach their Monthly Meeting for financial support. If the Monthly Meeting cannot provide enough supplementary funds, then;
- 2) Friends may request a grant up to \$480 for an individual and up to \$720 for a family from the YM Travel Fund. The request **must be accompanied by a minute of support from your Monthly Meeting.**

We will try to meet the needs of all Friends who apply, but we are especially mindful of the needs of members of CYM committees, delegates and first-time attenders.

Applications for grants must be received in the YM office **no later than June 30, 2014**. The Treasurer of CYM or the Clerk of Representative Meeting, in consultation with the Bookkeeper, will make decisions as applications are received. Late applications will be considered up to July 30, 2014, if there is money left.

LODGING

DORMITORY Friends have the option of 4 types of lodging: a single or double room with access to a common washroom in the hallway (less expensive option); or a single or double room with a shared washroom (between 2 dorm rooms). Rates are located in the registration form. All dormitory rooms are provided with 1 pillow, sheets, blanket and a towel for each bed reserved. Bring your own soap and toiletries.

TENTING There are areas on the site reserved for tenters. Please check at the registration desk before setting up camp to make sure you are in the right location. The cost for camping is **\$18 per tent per night**.

MEALS

DINING ROOM

Please book your meals in advance, and plan ahead for any meals you may miss. There may be limited opportunity to add or cancel meals on-site for exceptional circumstances. Rates are located on the registration form. Meal cards will be issued as you register on-site. Friends also have the option of choosing meals from both the dining room and Food Coop.

We will eat together in the dining room for supper on Wednesday (if you choose to eat on-site). A simple meal will be served and the financial surplus will be donated to the North Point Douglas Women's Centre.

Those with food allergies or *medically-necessary* diets (not just food preferences) are asked to register early to ensure that their needs are met. Refreshments will be served for all registrants in the morning, afternoon and evening. **Please bring your own mug and napkin.**

FOOD COOP

This is an alternative to the Dining Room. Friends must be able and willing to share cooking, cleaning and/or shopping tasks. Preparing and eating food together makes YM more accessible and it invites us to live simply, serve one another, and support local farm communities. The local Food Coop Committee will source food, menus, storage and on-site equipment. The Coordinator oversees purchases and food prep throughout the week and also instructs volunteers in related hygiene. Participants will share in the daily tasks. (Please consider serving on the Continuing Committee of the Food Coop which serves the Coop throughout the year.)

The individual fee for participants age 12 and over is \$90 for Saturday, Aug 9 supper to next Saturday, Aug 16 breakfast inclusive. Children ages 5-11 pay \$45. Ages 4 and under are free. Occasional users and guests pay \$7 per meal to the CYM registration desk. These will only be available if the Coop full registration is less than 75 people. The Food Coop does offer subsidies; if you need a consideration please send a note with your registration. There will be no Food Coop supper on Wednesday, Aug 13 – rather we will all eat a simple meal together in the dining room with surplus proceeds donated to the North Point Douglas Women's Centre.

About 2/3 of the revenue goes to food purchases. The other 1/3 pays for site, refrigerator rentals, other equipment purchases/rentals, coordination, propane, cleaning supplies, etc.

The Coop is friendly to those needing special consideration because of allergies, and will try to handle many food sensitivities. Please list your requirements on your registration form also identify yourself and your special needs to the Coordinator on arrival. However Coop food will be prepared in a facility containing nuts and other allergens, using equipment that may come in contact with nuts or other allergens. Friends with severe or anaphylactic reactions to certain foods, please take this into consideration when registering. Persons with very restrictive diets should plan to bring the basics of their own food needs. Menus will be simple, healthy and hearty. Food comes from local growers wherever possible. When shopping we will be attentive to responsibly grown food including fair trade.

The Food Coop succeeds because of volunteers. If you cannot do a full volunteer schedule, please advise the Coordinator. It may be possible to make special arrangements for you. We do, however, encourage Friends to carry their share of the workload. We suggest that Friends who cannot participate in any of the workload of the Coop register for meals in the Dining Room. **Bring your own plate and/or bowl with cutlery, mug, cloth napkin and dish towel. And bring your cooperative spirit!**

SITE INFO, RULES AND ITEMS TO NOTE:



Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel reminds Friends that we are guests at Canadian Mennonite University. Everyone who attends, regardless of age, is by their participation at CYM, agreeing to respect the Campus rules while we are on-site during our time together. Thank you in advance for your care.

- Alcohol, drugs and smoking are NOT permitted anywhere on the site.
- Pets are NOT allowed on-site.
- Coin-operated laundry facilities are available.
- Check-out time is no later than 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 16th. Friends are asked to have all their belongings packed and leave all linens (stripped from the bed) behind in the room.
- **CYM on-site contact number is (204)228-3962.**
- Site address: Canadian Mennonite University, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, South Campus, Winnipeg, MB R3P 2N2.

Craft Sale: There will be time set aside during the week to display and sell crafts. Please check off on the registration form if you are planning on bringing crafts (so that we can ensure enough tables are available).

Quaker Book Service: QBS will have a full display of books for sale throughout the week of Yearly Meeting.

Displays: If you plan on having a display and cannot bring it with you, please ensure your material **is sent directly to the site** with "Please Hold for Canadian Yearly Meeting" clearly marked. **You are responsible for transporting your display material to and from the site and for its set-up and take-down.** The school's address is above. Remember to check off on the registration form letting us know you require a table reserved for you.

LISTENERS

"Listeners" will be appointed by Ministry and Counsel, and their names announced and posted. They are available to anyone in need of a receptive ear, not, as has sometimes been assumed, only to those who feel they have been subject to sexual harassment.

HARASSMENT

Desiring that the Society of Friends be both a loving community and an instrument of peace and healing in a violent and broken world, we expect that Canadian Yearly Meeting will be a place where everyone feels safe from any kind of harassment and abuse, including physical aggression and threatening language.

Friends must take care not to make jokes that are demeaning or sexually suggestive, and need also to be aware that while many enjoy being touched or hugged, others do not. All kinds of touching should be avoided where they are not welcome, in particular where the other person may feel inferior or overpowered.

Anyone who feels he or she has been subjected to harassment of any kind is urged to discuss the matter with one of the "listeners" appointed by Ministry and Counsel.

MESSAGE FROM CONTINUING MEETING OF MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

After last year's successful Youth Challenge, we hope to start our yearly time together in 2014 refreshed and renewed by the positive energy we felt in 2013. After the expressions of pain and hurt we heard in Meeting for Business and a specially-arranged worship sharing time last year, we hope to bring that positive spirit into our responses to those difficult issues. Let us all hold in the Light of the Spirit our relationships with each other and our search for ways to be in a community that we are working to make safe, supportive, and loving.

We invite you to take part and take advantage of all that Yearly Meeting offers: the pre-CYM retreat, with its theme of relating to that of God in each other; the many opportunities to be together in a worshipful time and space; and the results of the efforts of the countless Friends – our Clerks, the Programme Committee, volunteers, listeners, Ministry and Counsel, and others – who work to make Yearly Meeting a happily-memorable and uplifting experience for all who attend.

<p><u>CANCELLATION POLICY:</u> Should you need to cancel your registration after the close of the final deadline (July 31st), CYM will reserve 25% of meal and lodging costs to pay the host facility. Programme fees will be 100% refunded. Notice of cancellations must be made ASAP. No refund if you simply don't show up!</p>

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS

Adult Friend Volunteer Ministry: Miscellaneous jobs up to a maximum of a 2-hour time period.

Bell Hop: Helping Friends with luggage both to and from their rooms (beginning and end of the week).

Clean Up Volunteer: Able-bodied Friends willing to help put chairs and tables back, remove signage, go through rooms to ensure they have been emptied, etc.

Committee of Care – CMMC: Serve on a short-term Committee of Care on behalf of Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel (only during the week of YM session).

Computer Support: Help people navigate the internet or with word processing. Please advise Programme Committee (cym-office@quaker.ca) if you plan to bring any A/V equipment you would be willing to share.

Doorkeeper(s): Hold late-comers at door of Meeting, and shepherd in at an appropriate break, on rota to be set up by those volunteering.

Evening Babysitter: Between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, Monday to Thursday, is available to parents of very young children so that they may attend evening events.

Family Night Helper: Enlists and organizes acts for Family Night, may help as emcee.

Medic: Deals with minor issues such as stomach upsets, insect bites, etc., which need attention. First-Aid is a requirement.

Meetingroom Set-up: Makes sure the major meeting room(s) are set up in appropriate form (rota to be set up); may be asked to help set up for other events.

Microphone Walkers: Transports cordless microphone between Friends during Meetings for Business.

Refreshments: Set-up/take-down drinks and snacks for afternoon and evening breaks, on rota.

Silent Worship Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3:15 pm; lead a small group in Silent Worship.

Threshing Session Clerk: Clerking a Tuesday morning threshing session.

Walking Meditation Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3:15 pm; lead Friends on a silent walk around campus grounds followed by worship.

Worship Fellowship Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3:15 pm; leads Worship Fellowship group.

Worship Study Leader: Monday-Friday from 2-3:15 pm; leads Worship Study group.

Youth Program Helper: Works with specific age group(s) under direction of YP Coordinator.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL GRANT, YM Session 2014

I wish to apply for a financial grant to attend Canadian Yearly Meeting sessions 2014.

Total Cost of Program Fee	\$ _____
Total Cost of Meals	\$ _____
Total Cost of Lodging	\$ _____
Total Cost of Travel	\$ _____
Less MM support*	– \$ _____
Less personal contribution	– \$ _____
	(if able)

Check if any of the following applies to you:

- ___ Monthly Meeting delegate
- ___ Member of YM Ctte (that meets at YM)
- ___ Young Friend
- ___ First time attending Yearly Meeting

Amount requested from CYM \$ _____ **Maximum \$480 for an individual / \$720 for a family)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

* Attach a copy of the Monthly Meeting minute of support or minute identifying you as a Delegate.

These guidelines have been developed for use on a trial basis and will be reviewed.

1. Since a minute is required, it is essential that you approach your Monthly Meeting with your request as soon as possible. If more than one person in a family is applying, you should discuss your needs with your Monthly Meeting, remembering that funding comes from the donations of other Friends.
2. If your Monthly Meeting does not meet in time for their minute of support to be sent with your application before the deadline, apply anyway. This will help the office know what demands are being made on the available funds. Your application will be held until the minute is received.
3. It is essential that this application be sent to the Yearly Meeting office as soon as possible. The Treasurer in consultation with the Bookkeeper will determine eligibility and disburse grants as applications are received.
4. It is suggested that Friends pay for half their travel costs, if possible.
5. An individual Friend can apply for an amount up to a maximum of \$480; families can apply for an amount up to a maximum of \$720.
6. Applications must be received in the Yearly Meeting office no later than June 30, 2014.
7. Late applications will be considered if funds are still available.
8. Applications cannot be dealt with using the Yearly Meeting credit card.
9. If you are granted funds and cannot attend the sessions, please let the Yearly Meeting office know as soon as possible so that the money can be released for another Friend.