

# YM Session ~ August 5-13, 2016 ~ Camrose, AB

COME ONE, COME ALL... EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Canadian Yearly Meeting 2016 is approaching!** This year we will gather at the University of Alberta at the Camrose Campus as we have a few times before. The Campus provides a warm and welcoming environment with walking trails, plenty of green-space and bright, sunny lounges to sit in and chat with both old and new acquaintances.

The gathering is not only our opportunity to come together in person for fellowship, worship, to make important decisions which will affect our Canadian Quaker family – but it is also a time for learning and fun! It's a time to refresh our spirits. What a wonderful gift!!

Each year the **Sunderland P Gardner Lecture** and the **Quaker or Bible Study** offer us unique opportunities for spiritual growth. **Maggie Knight of Vancouver Island Monthly Meeting** will deliver this year's Lecture. Maggie is a vibrant and engaging Young Friend who will bring experience from a number of her involvements with social justice and economics. Her lecture is titled: **Continuing Revelation: Quaking with Grace and Joy in Modern Times**. How enticing!

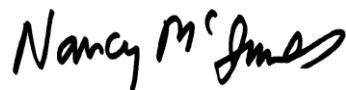
**Bible Study** will be led by **Kate Johnson of Thousand Islands Monthly Meeting**. Drawing on her years of experience with mental health social work and both serving as a Chaplain in a federal correctional institution and now as Chaplain of Queen's University, Kate will take Friends on an exploration of the Bible and how it relates to Friends' five original testimonies.

Other opportunities at CYM include Special Interest Groups, Special Action Groups, worship sharing or study groups, and a full and enriching program for the children and youth who attend. Education and Outreach Committee has released funds so that families can apply for substantial funding to attend! Read on for further for details. We encourage you to consider coming early to participate in the **pre-CYM retreat** under the care of Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. This year the topic is **Nurturing our Community** and it will be led by **Beverly Shepard** of Hamilton Monthly Meeting.

**Please discern, as Meetings and as individuals, your call to join us in Camrose!** We are enriched when we join together from across the country during this one time of the year. I know that some feel unable to attend out of concern for the carbon impact of travel. For those unable to join us in person, **please join us in spirit**, holding CYM in the Light as we gather. That, too, is an immense contribution to our spiritual community!



Elaine Bishop, Presiding Clerk



Nancy McInnes, Incoming Clerk

## SUNDERLAND P. GARDNER LECTURE

### Continuing Revelation: Quaking with Grace and Joy in Modern Times (Led by Maggie Knight, Vancouver Island Monthly Meeting)

In this year's SPG lecture, Maggie Knight will explore continuing revelation and the choices Quakers in Canada face as we navigate the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Drawing on her experiences of Quaker service and community across the country, she will share reflections on how our spiritual practices can help us transform ourselves, our Religious Society of Friends, and the world around us. Maggie will invite assembled Friends to delve into the questions that face us individually and communally.



*How do we navigate the opportunities and challenges of new technologies? How do we support Friends of all ages as society's understanding of consent in sexual and romantic relationships evolves? How do we approach renewal amongst Friends without feeling driven by scarcity? How does our spiritual practice help us do our part in meeting challenges of our time, including climate change and reconciliation with Indigenous communities? How do we choose how busy to be and leave the space we need for reflection and discernment?*

Maggie grew up on unceded Coast Salish territory in Victoria, BC. She's a member of Vancouver Island Monthly Meeting and has sojourned with Meetings in Montreal, Halifax, and Vancouver. A third generation Quaker of British extraction, she became involved with Friends after attending Camp NeeKauNis in her early teens. She has worked on restorative justice and Indigenous rights with Canadian Friends Service Committee and recently served as Clerk of Canadian Young Friends Yearly Meeting and the CYM Determining Priorities and Envisioning Change Working Group.

A social and climate justice activist since her teens, Maggie studied Environment and Economics at McGill University and served as President of McGill's undergraduate student union during the 2011-2012 Quebec student strike. She was progressive political non-profit [Leadnow.ca](http://Leadnow.ca)'s first Managing Director, building a distributed national campaigning organization while navigating the joys of 4 time zones and 17-staff-person calls via Google Hangouts. Now 27, she works with [RADIUS](http://RADIUS.ca) at Simon Fraser University, collaborating with social innovators to build a new economy that's just, sustainable, and healthy for all, and preaches about climate justice through the interfaith Fossil Free Faith Fellowship.

In 2015, she married her long-time partner Nat Egan-Pimblett under the care of Vancouver Island Monthly Meeting. They live in Vancouver with their very talkative cat.

## Bible Study

(Led by Kate Johnson, Thousands Islands Monthly Meeting)

Kate Johnson has been attending Friends Meeting for over 20 years. Her career has grown in keeping with her practice of Friends testimonies. After a few years of practice in corrections and mental health social work, Kate acquired a Master of Divinity with a Concentration in Restorative Justice. That degree allowed her to serve for five years as the Chaplain to a federal correctional institution on behalf of Canadian Yearly Meeting. In 2013, Kate was appointed Chaplain to Queen's University. Her ministry there includes care for the marginalized populations on campus, encouraging equitable practices on and off campus and the fostering of effective inter-faith dialogue.

Taking one per day we will explore the Biblical justification and Biblical disagreement with Friends' five original testimonies. Drawing on a combination of her favourite scholarly Biblical research and lived experiences, Kate will discuss how the Bible justifies, encourages and challenges all of us to live out our testimonies. There will be a particular focus on how the Bible tells many stories of God using "outsiders" to do "His good will".

I have never lost the enjoyment of sitting in silence at the beginning of meeting, knowing that everything can happen, knowing the joy of utmost surprise; feeling that nothing is preordained, nothing is set, all is open. The light can come from all sides. The joy of experiencing the Light in a completely different way than one has thought it would come is one of the greatest gifts that Friends' meeting for worship has brought me." – Ursula Franklin, 1979

**PRE-YM RETREAT** (Friday, Aug 5, 7 pm – Saturday, Aug 6, 5:30 pm)

## Nurturing Our Community

(Led by Beverly Shepard, Hamilton Monthly Meeting)

In 2017 we will have a "fallow year", not holding CYM sessions. We all know how valuable the week of Yearly Meeting is for building and fostering our community from across this vast country. What will we do when the sessions aren't happening? What do we do the rest of any year? We will explore ways that community is built and fostered and how we can continue to do this even though we won't be physically together. Bring your ideas as well as your questions!

**Retreat fee will be \$40 per person.**

## MESSAGE FROM CONTINUING MEETING OF MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

Laurel, Beverly, Lesley, Mel, and Peter are looking forward to returning to Camrose, Alberta, to meet with Friends from across Canada in a setting which has welcomed us warmly many times. We trust that our beloved community will grow again, as the many activities – planned and spontaneous, worshipful and lively, serious and silly – unite us as the faithful society we cherish. With Divine assistance, CMM&C members are there to help nurture all of us and the relationships we create and develop.

The pre-CYM retreat, from Friday evening through Saturday, this year has the theme of Nurturing Our Community. Beverly Shepard will lead us in an exploration of ways to continue to feel connected with and responsible for each other in a year (2017) without a Yearly Meeting gathering – or any time we're apart. We invite you to participate in the retreat, which often sets the tone of other activities in the Yearly Meeting week to follow. Whether or not you are able to attend the retreat, the week offers an array of activities which will certainly bring us together in 2016. The Sunderland P. Gardner lecture, "Quaking with Grace and Joy in Modern Times", will be given by Maggie Knight; the daily Bible Study, presented by Kate Johnson, will explore the Biblical justification and Biblical disagreement with Friends' five original testimonies. Sunday morning is the time for intergenerational Meeting for Worship, and Monday evening we'll share the Experience of the Spirit in My Life. These are just a few of the many opportunities to be together in a worshipful time and space. CMM&C hope that Friends will enjoy all the results of the efforts of the countless Friends – our Clerks, Programme Committee, volunteers, listeners, Ministry and Counsel, and others – who work to make Yearly Meeting a joyful, memorable, and uplifting experience for all who attend.

In peace and caring,

Laurel Beyer (clerk), Beverly Shepard, Lesley Read, Mel Earley, and Peter Harkness

## SPECIAL WEEKDAY EVENTS

(Daily Schedule will be posted on-site)

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 6

**WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME!** Join us in the CYM 'settling in' space (watch for signs) Saturday Afternoon, from 2-5:30 pm. Make Friendly connections, reconnections and deeper connections. First-timers are especially encouraged to hang out here and start to explore the richness of Friends gathering from all across the continent (and abroad!). We'll have plenty of activities to help you be "present": games, art materials, puzzles, refreshments, even a reading corner where you could settle with a cup of tea --and maybe a new/old F/friend!

### SATURDAY EVENING, AUG 6

Our CYM **Community Celebration**: Come be welcomed, be seen, and see who is here from where, while we "make a joyful noise" together. Our welcome session will include our now familiar practice of acknowledging, thanking and being welcomed by an Elder where we meet – this year, from the Treaty 6 region. 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! **In order to make this a truly special event – please send your Meeting photos and ideas to Caroline Balderston-Parry at [carolinebparry@gmail.com](mailto: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 7, 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 2015 are sent to the CYM office so that all may be included.

### SUNDAY, AUG 7, 3:30-5:30 pm: A MULTI-GENERATIONAL GATHERING

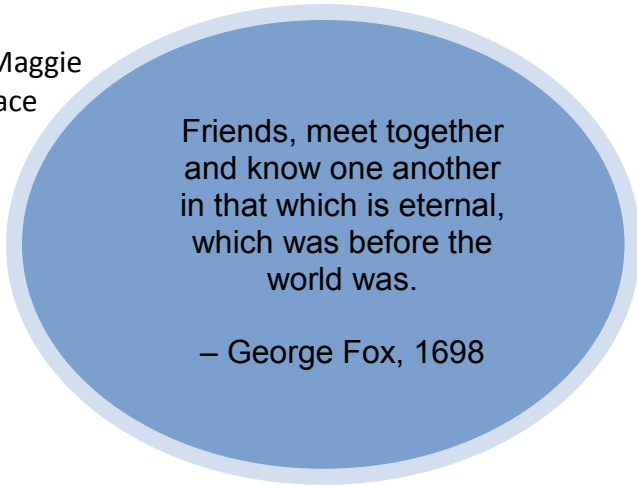
Choose an activity that speaks to you: Storytelling – The oral tradition, Story-sharing – What story do you have to tell? Theatre for Story – A bit of drama, Theatre games – Playful stories, Active games – More playful stories, Music – instrumental or vocal improv – Tuneful stories, Art projects – Show us your story..., Quiet Story Games – for those who prefer a calmer pace. All are welcome!!! Sunday afternoon's multigenerational activities, and our weekday SIG sessions, will also incorporate opportunities to learn from and about First Nations peoples.

### SUNDAY EVENING, AUG 7, 7 pm

**Sunderland P. Gardner Lecture** presented by Maggie Knight: "Continuing Revelation: Quaking with Grace and Joy in Modern Times".

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUG 8-12, 11:45 am–12:30 pm

**Bible Study** presented by Kate Johnson. Biblical exploration on justification and disagreement with Friends' five original testimonies.



Friends, meet together  
and know one another  
in that which is eternal,  
which was before the  
world was.

– George Fox, 1698

MONDAY - FRIDAY, AUG 8-12, during the lunch hour

**Meeting for Healing:** 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 8, 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 way to proceed with 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 supported in silence before and afterward. All who attend CYM are welcome.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUG 9, 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 9

**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!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUG 10, 2:00-4:30 pm

**Community engagement project.** Several community service projects are under consideration. Details will be available on-site.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUG 11, 7-9 pm

An evening with Canadian Friends Service Committee.

FRIDAY EVENING FAMILY NIGHT, AUG 12



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!

## MINISTRY AND COUNSEL RESOURCES

### LISTENERS

Yearly Meeting can be both a joy and a challenge (sometimes both these things for the same person!). Also, even if we try not to, we may bring some of our struggles from home along with us. Are you in need of someone to listen to you during Yearly Meeting? Is there a joy or a concern you would like to share? Listeners are available. Please speak to someone on Ministry and Counsel to arrange some time with one of the volunteer Listeners.

### HARASSMENT

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

Friends must take care not to make demeaning or sexually suggestive remarks, even jokingly, and should 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 vulnerable or overpowered.

Anyone who feels subject to harassment or abuse should report the incident to the Clerk of Programme Committee, who will ensure that it is passed on to the appropriate body. CYM now has a written policy on Violence and Harassment, which is found on our website ([www.quaker.ca](http://www.quaker.ca)) under Policies/Resources on the home page. If you do not have web access, either personally or through another Friend, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the CYM office.

## 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. You have the option of selecting your meals in the dining room, Food Coop or a combination of both.



Note: on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> our supper will be a **simple meal served in the dining room**. There will be NO FOOD COOP MEAL for Wednesday supper. The financial surplus will be donated to a local charitable organization.

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 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 6 supper to next Saturday, Aug 13 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 10 – rather we will all eat a simple meal together in the dining room with proceeds from the financial surplus being donated to a local charity.

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!**



## LODGING

**DORMITORY and TENTING** Friends have the option of two styles of lodging:

- 1) A traditional dormitory style room which can be booked as either double (room shared with one other person) or single. Fees are indicated on the registration form. All dormitory beds are provided with 1 pillow, sheets and a blanket. Bring your own towel, soap and toiletries.
- 2) Tenting: areas are designated on the campus – fees are indicated on the registration form.

## PROGRAMME FEE

A Programme Fee is charged to help cover expenses such as refreshments, the Youth Program, this registration material, audio/visual and IT and computer usage on site, photocopies, 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 Friends. Weekly and daily fees are shown on the registration form.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In order to encourage all to attend Yearly Meeting sessions, a 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.



Education and Outreach Committee of Canadian Yearly Meeting (E&O) is concerned about the declining number of families participating in Canadian Yearly Meeting. E&O decided to try to turn this around in 2016 by making substantial financial assistance available in hopes of encouraging family participation in Yearly Meeting. In recent years the maximum available financial assistance to a family has been \$720. For the year 2016 year the maximum will be increased to \$2,220/family, thanks to E&O and the Samuel Rogers Memorial Trust. The funds will be applied for and administered in the usual way on a first-come first-served basis.

### **Assistance for Young Friends:**

There are still some funds left in the 2013 Youth Challenge Fund to assist youth age 35 and under to attend CYM. This can be applied for by contacting [e-and-o-grants-loans@quaker.ca](mailto:e-and-o-grants-loans@quaker.ca). The maximum available assistance is \$750 per person from the Youth Challenge 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 **\$2,220 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, 2016**. 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 22, 2016, if there is money left.

## WORSHIP GROUPS



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: 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 Bible Study, with a leader to facilitate worshipful sharing. Groups may either consider suggested questions or take the topic in whatever direction they are led.

## YOUTH PROGRAM

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:

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE!** In order to provide programming for your child(ren) you **MUST** register by the final registration date of July 22nd. After this date we **CANNOT** guarantee programming for your child(ren). If you register late, you should assume that your child(ren) will be in your care for CYM. (They are welcome to join programs that are already running however we will only run programs for age groups that are registered by the registration date.)

### Sunday, August 6

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

### Monday to Friday, August 8-12

For children 0-5: Crafts, play-time, music, stories, daily worship and sharing circle, games, multi-generational activities and age appropriate field trips. *Schedule: 8:15-12:30 & 2:00-5:30 p.m.*

For children 6-11: Creative, active fun including daily worship, sharing circle, board games, outdoor games like soccer and capture the flag, balancing, arts and crafts, drama, and music. Field trips and multi-generational activities, including community building and workshops. *Schedule: 8:15-12:30 & 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 board 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 and crafts, field trips. *Schedule: 10:00-12:30, 2:00-5:30 and every evening.*

### **Are you called to volunteer?**

Please consider whether you feel led to volunteer. A successful children's program is only possible with volunteers. Your volunteer time can be one of the things that make CYM fun for young participants (and their parents!) 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 5 years; 6 to 11 years and 12 years and older (groupings may change depending on participant numbers and interests). These positions will involve planning ahead, along with Youth Program Coordinator, Beth Ward, 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.

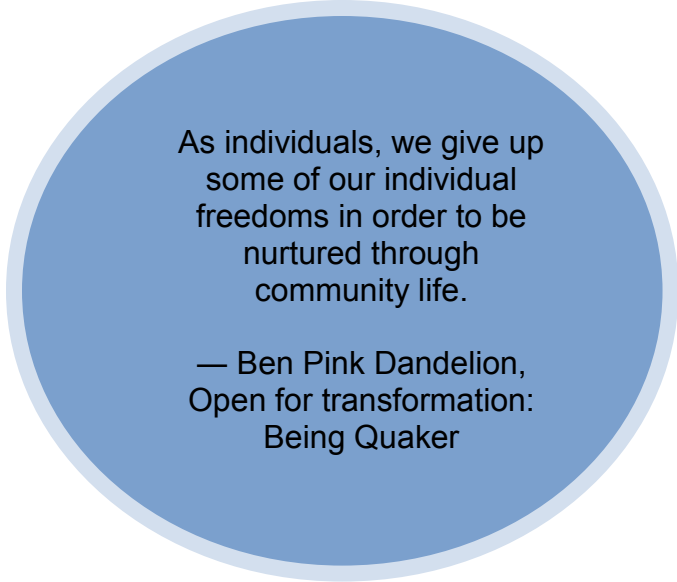
Financial Support: Each Youth Program Leader will be supported with funds for travel, meals and lodging.

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: Perhaps you want to participate but not coordinate a program. GREAT! We can use you! Bring our ideas and let us know what you would like to do. Possibilities include leading a workshop for kids, organizing arts, crafts or games, being an extra pair of hands one day or helping to supervise a field trip.

We want to provide a Youth Program that is just as inspiring as the CYM main session. Please help us create a wonderful week for our young attenders.

To volunteer, or if you are a parent wanting more information about the program, please contact Beth Ward at [bward9@gmail.com](mailto:bward9@gmail.com)



As individuals, we give up  
some of our individual  
freedoms in order to be  
nurtured through  
community life.

— Ben Pink Dandelion,  
Open for transformation:  
Being Quaker

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS/SPECIAL ACTIVITY 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), with two 1-hour sessions each day. 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 Activity Groups 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 Camrose 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 Sheila Havard, 595 Elginfield Road, RR4, Thedford, ON N0M 2N0 [havard\\_translations@hotmail.com](mailto:havard_translations@hotmail.com).

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

## SITE INFO, RULES AND ITEMS TO NOTE:



Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel reminds Friends that we are guests at the University of Alberta in Camrose. 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 after lunch on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Friends are asked to have all their belongings packed and leave all linens (stripped from the bed) behind in the room.
- **On-site contact phone number is not available at the time of this printing. Contact number will be available when known. Please direct calls to the CYM office and messages will be retrieved and posted as necessary – 888-296-3222 / 613-235-8553.**
- Site address: University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, 4901-46 Avenue, Camrose, AB T4V 2R3 / Campus Admin Tel: 780-679-1100 / Email: [cym-office@quaker.ca](mailto:cym-office@quaker.ca)

**Craft Sale:** There will be time set aside during the week to display and sell crafts. Please indicate on the appropriate section of the registration form if you need to reserve a table.

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

**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 if you need to reserve a table.

## 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.

## TRAVEL DIRECTIONS/TOURISM INFO FROM LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

### TRAVEL TO THE CAMPUS

#### ARRIVAL BY CAR

University of Alberta - Augustana's address is 4901 46 Avenue, Camrose, AB. For driving directions, go to [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com) and choose 'Get Directions'. Enter your starting address in 'A' and Augustana's address in 'B', and click 'Get directions'.

#### ARRIVAL BY AIR:

Ground transportation will be coordinated between the Edmonton International Airport and the Campus by Local Arrangements Committee (LAC). LAC anticipates hiring a van for transport at the following times: 4:30 pm on Friday August 5th; 12:30 and 4:00 on Saturday August 6th; and at 1:00 pm Sunday, August 7 if demand warrants. **If you plan to use this transport, you must book it at the time of registration so that we can arrange adequately sized vans. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$40/person, payable to your driver, at the time of your arrival.** The van will be identified and will be waiting near the Tim Horton's restaurant at the arrivals level near the baggage carousels (exit #8 at carousel #10).



**Clearly indicate your expected arrival plans on your registration form.** This will assist us in adjusting the plans to suit the largest number of people.

Please check for further information at [www.quaker.ca](http://www.quaker.ca), regarding possible adjustments to this information closer to the event. LAC will post contact information on the website as well.

Friends arriving outside these times must arrange their own transportation.

Car rental services are available at the airport. A private taxi from the Airport to Camrose costs approximately \$150. There is no public transportation to Camrose from the airport.

### ARRIVAL BY BUS OR TRAIN

There is no bus service from Edmonton to Camrose. If you are arriving by bus or train your options are either to take a taxi, which costs approximately \$150 one way, or to go to the airport and connect with transportation there.

To get to the airport, you can take the Skyshttle which costs \$18 per adult. Tickets must be booked ahead, but it has stops throughout the city. Check the Skyshttle website for pick up locations, and to book a ticket: <http://edmontonskyshuttle.com>.

Since 2012, Edmonton has also established public transportation to the airport. Travellers can take the LRT to Century Park (the end of the line) and connect with Edmonton Transit System's Route 747 bus service. LRT tickets cost \$3.20 and the 747 bus costs an additional \$5. The trip takes approximately one hour. Use the Edmonton Transit trip planner to get times and connections. <http://etstripplanner.edmonton.ca/PlanYourTrip.aspx>.

## TOURISM

Adjacent to the campus are Jubilee and Stony Creek Parks both of which straddle the Camrose Creek. Miquelon Lake Provincial Park offers camping, swimming, boating, birdwatching and is just 31 km from Camrose. In addition to the sights around Camrose, your trip to YM will offer an opportunity to extend your travels and explore different parts of Alberta should you choose. Five of Canada's UNESCO World Heritage Sites are in Alberta including the *Rocky Mountain Parks* of Jasper and Banff, *Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump*, *Dinosaur Provincial Park*, and the *Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park*. Edmonton and Calgary are typically very busy with Festivals including the Edmonton Fringe Festival (Aug 11- 21) which is reputed to be the largest fringe festival in North America. The Devonian Botanic Garden is about 1.5 hours away. Camrose has an annual festival celebrating its history called Founders Days which will take place August 20 and 21 (one caveat there – they are still waiting for funding, keep an eye out for their website if you are interested).



Visit the following websites to gather or request tourism information:

Camrose area: <http://www.camrose.ca/> ; <http://www.tourismcamrose.com>;  
<http://www.camrosefoundersdays.com/>

Edmonton: <http://www.edmonton.com/for-visitors.aspx>;  
[https://www.fringetheatre.ca/festival\\_2016.php](https://www.fringetheatre.ca/festival_2016.php)

Calgary: <http://www.visitcalgary.com>

Rocky mountains: <http://www.jasper.travel>, <http://www.banfflakelouise.com>

Province of Alberta: <http://travelalberta.com/>

Provincial and Federal Parks: <http://canada.travelall.com/ab/act/parks.htm>

Or call 1-800-ALBERTA (800.252.3782) for information.

Of particular interest close to Camrose is the Reynolds Museum:

<http://www.history.alberta.ca/reynolds>

A spiritual community strengthens and steadies its members, nurturing them as they gain experience, and passing on a communal wisdom which a lifetime of individual searching may never uncover.

– Ursula Jane O'Shea, Living the Way: Quaker Spirituality and Community  
(from the Ottawa Monthly Meeting website)

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Should you need to cancel your registration after the close of the final deadline (July 22nd), 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!**

## **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.

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

**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 2016

I wish to apply for a financial grant to attend Canadian Yearly Meeting sessions 2016.

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 / \$2,220 for a family)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 \$2,220.
6. Applications must be received in the Yearly Meeting office no later than June 30, 2016.
7. Late applications will be considered if funds are still available.
8. 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.

Program Schedule for CYM Session at University of Alberta, Camrose Campus ~ August 5-13, 2016									
Fri 5	Sat 6	Sun 7	Times	Mon 8	Tue 9	Wed 10	Thu 11	Fri 12	Sat 13
	BREAKFAST		7:00 - 8:30 am	BREAKFAST					
Retreat Begins at 7:00 pm*  Led by Beverly Shepard, Hamilton MM	Youth Program Worker Training	8:30 - 9:30 am Clerks' Meeting	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Meeting for Worship for Business All Ages 8:30 - 11:00 am		Youth Program 8:15 am -12:30 pm		Meeting for Worship for Business: Closing Worship (All Ages)  Followed by Pack-up time	
		9:30 - 10:00 am First-Timers Mtg Singing		Meeting for Worship for Business 8:30 - 11:30 am					
		10:00 - 11:00 am Meeting for Worship							
		11:00 - 12:00 Parents' Meeting		Bible Study with Kate Johnson 11:45 am - 12:30 pm					
	LUNCH			12:30 - 2:00 pm	LUNCH, Meeting for Healing, Balancing, Free Time, Naps				
	Welcoming Activities  Retreat continues	Memorial Meeting	2:00 - 3:15 pm	Worship Sharing Groups (Fellowship/Silent Study/Walking Meditation/Chant/Sampler)					
		Multi-Generational Activities		Youth Program - 2:00 - 5:30 pm					
		Worship Fellowship/Group Leaders' Mtg 3:00-3:30	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Community-Building Activities and Workshops (SIGs, SAGs & CYFYM) Special Interest Groups, Special Active Groups Wednesday's session will be a service project involving the whole Community					
				Delegates Meeting 3:30-5:30					
	SUPPER			5:30 - 7:00 pm	SUPPER				
Retreat Begins	Community Celebration	SPG Lecture: Maggie Knight	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Experience of the Spirit in My Life	YMM&C (7:00-7:30)	LGBTQ	An Evening with CFSC	Family Night Everyone Welcome	
					CMM&C (7:30-9:00 see below)				
					-CYFYM-				
				FREE TIME!					
			9:30 - 11:00 pm	Dance Party					
*** NOTE SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES/TIMES MAY CHANGE - WATCH FOR POSTED SIGNS ON-SITE FOR UPDATES									