

THE DAILY E-QUACKER
Canadian Yearly Meeting Virtually in Session 2021
Thursday 12 August

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The next issue of *The Canadian Friend* will have #CYM2021 as its theme. Please consider submitting reflections from our 2021 gathering or other on any topic of potential interest to Canadian Friends, to editor@quaker.ca. Submissions are due on **Wednesday 15 September**.

Please check your [CYM Planner](#) for additions and changes – there is a new event on Friday evening, and the timing of events on Saturday have changed slightly to allow us time to move from Zoom room to Zoom room.

Program Committee needs your help for CYM2022. After rise of CYM2021, we will only have 2 members. We need 5 more, 4 to serve on the committee, and an additional Youth Coordinator. The work is rewarding, and is mostly concentrated during the week of the event and the few days before. Committee members focus on a part of the preparations. If you would like to learn more about what is involved, contact program-clerk@quaker.ca CYM2022 will not happen unless we get more volunteers to support it.

Highlights for Thursday 12 August

For Children: Earthcare and Stories of Things, at 10:30 Eastern Time

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, session 2 at 16:00 Eastern Time
Today's agenda includes consideration for approval of a **CAST recommendation re CYM 2022** that was presented for discussion at the CYM Meeting for Worship for Business, held on Saturday 12 June and seemed to be favourably accepted. An unchanged version was appended to the agenda and is available at [Read CYM Documents](#). We will also consider the request from Cowichan Valley Monthly Meeting to revise the CYM minute of record on marriage. The Clerks note that since the original minute was discerned and proposed by Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel. CYM may choose to ask: Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel to consult with LGTPQ2S+ Friends and other groups and/or individuals as appropriate. Then CMM&T could prepare a new minute of record to bring to Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel MM&C for approval and forwarding to the y Meeting for Worship for Business at Canadian Yearly Meeting in 2022. Other items on the agenda include the CYM State of Society Report and the first reading of the Canadian Yearly Meeting Epistle.

Canadian Friends Service Committee at 18:30 Eastern Time

For this evening's program, members of the Canadian Friends Service Committee will present an overview of Friends' current peace and social justice work, including CFSC's structure, its connection to the Yearly Meeting, current areas of work, and communications tools. Presenters include Lana Robinson (CFSC Clerk), Dalya Eidda (CFSC Administrator), Nancy Russell (Criminal Justice Program Coordinator), Jennifer Preston (Indigenous Rights Program Coordinator), and Matt Legge (Peace Program Coordinator). There will also be time to ask questions.

Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel Open Meeting, at 20:00 Eastern Time

In light of changes coming to CYM, this is a good time to renew our focus on the spiritual priorities of our meetings during CYM in session and in local meetings. CMM&C has heard from Friends who desire a deeper, more self-disciplined worship, and from young Friends seeking a deeper connection with the Quaker tradition. According to *Organization and Procedure*, CMM&C provides care and support for Meetings for Worship across Canada, the worship that underlies the business sessions at CYM, and matters relating to worship or the living out of our faith and testimonies as Friends. Yet CMM&C often feels hampered in exercising their responsibility by widespread liberal Quaker insistence that worship and ministry are purely private matters, not subject to community standards. Friends will be invited to meet in small groups to consider the following queries:

- * How do you understand the role of your local Ministry and Counsel (M&C)?
- * How do you understand the role of CMM&C?
- * What services/assistance would you like to see coming from your local M&C?
- * What services/assistance would you like to see coming from CMM&C?
- * Who, or those in what role, provides eldering in your meeting?
- * What role should eldering play amongst today's Friends?

Canadian Young Friends Yearly Meeting, at 20:30 Eastern Time

speakers: Zaley Warkentin and Steve Ginley

Special Interest Groups Alpha – Gamma, at 21:00 Eastern Time

SIG Alpha — Healing the World One Wound at a time: CDA in Nicaragua, led by Becca Mohaly Renk, A sojourning Friend from Sandpoint Monthly Meeting in Idaho, USA, living in Nicaragua

SIG Beta — The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, led by Lyn Adamson of Toronto Monthly Meeting

SIG Gamma — Financial Software for Quaker Meeting, Led by Dan Cooperstock of Toronto Monthly Meeting

Regular Thursday Events

Worship Sharing at 11:30 Eastern Time

Meeting for Worship at 13:00 Eastern Time

Quaker Studies – Things that Are Eternal (3 of 5) at 14:00 Eastern Time

Family Worship at 20:00 Eastern Time

Friday added event: Spirit of Hope Epilogue

June Etta Chenard reminds Friends of the repeat Spirit of Hope Epilogue Art Friday evening at 21:00 Eastern.

Please feel free to drop by for another simple and comforting epilogue art activity, to create a personal self-blessing. Sometimes, even our beloved activities may leave us feeling tired, worn, and perhaps despairing, especially during this pandemic time. Creating your own visual meditation of hope may help to soothe your spirit, wind down, and prepare for sleep. A short period of worshipful reflection will begin our focus on art-making as a spiritually healing and comforting activity.

Most of our time will be used to draw, colour, write, and otherwise create, and perhaps worship-share experiences and feelings about spiritual self-care and hope.

Suggested materials include blank paper, simple writing, drawing, or colouring tools, and perhaps images scissors, and a glue stick (or whatever). All are most welcome!

The Daily Quacker

The Daily Quacker is a long time Canadian Yearly Meeting tradition. When we meet in person, it is usually available after breakfast. Now that we are online, it is posted around 10:00 am Eastern Time. Everyone at CYM is welcome to send announcements, news, comments, short articles, or perhaps a poem. Questions? Send me a message at [DAILY QUACKER: Submissions](#) before 6:00 pm Eastern Time if possible. The final deadline is 10:00 pm Eastern Time.

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