



The Daily Quacker

Saturday, 8 July, 2023

Welcome Friends!

We have a busy Gathering planned!

We hope you'll find here what you came for: community, joy, laughter, spiritual nourishment, learning opportunities, light to carry forward with you.

There is much, and we hope something for everyone.

The CYM Planner

To find the detail you seek, please rely on the CYM Planner. The Planner holds the entire schedule, detailed descriptions of the events, and a register of folks who have "signed up" each of the sessions. It will help us plan, if *you* would sign up for the sessions you intend to attend.

You would have received an email invitation to the Planner when you registered. If you have not logged into the Planner yet and can't find your invitation, please let us know at cymhelp@quaker.ca and we'll send you a new invitation.

You have a powerful version of the schedule at your fingertips, on your laptop or through the App on your mobile device. If you need help to get started, ask a friend or cymhelp@quaker.ca.

The Daily Quacker

Speaking of power at your fingertips, starting tomorrow, please read your Daily Quacker online. At the top of the CYM Planner, look for the "Daily Quacker" link. There will be limited printed copies available at breakfast. If you take one, please share it with others.

Every day, if you have a Daily Quacker item for tomorrow, the deadline for next day's posting is **7pm Central time**. Please submit it via the Daily Quacker webpage (again, found at the top of the CYM Planner).

Saturday's Highlights

The Delegates Meeting is scheduled as a blended meeting through suppertime on Saturday, 5 pm - 6 pm CDT.

The Dining Hall will be open a half hour early Saturday (at 4:30 pm CDT) to allow Delegates time to get their supper promptly. You may find you have time to eat supper in the Dining Hall before the meeting starts at 5:00 pm, or you are welcome to carry your dinner to the Blended Classroom (2nd Floor Main Meeting Building) D33 to eat during the meeting. Please plan to arrive at the meeting space prior to 5:00 pm, so as to be ready for the 5:00 pm start. Online attendees, check your Planner for the Zoom link.

Open the Gathering—join host (and fan favourite!) Keith Barber as we open the Gathering! The blended session begins 6:30 pm CDT—in-person in the Conference Room A-01 and online attenders, check your Planner for the Zoom link. Come celebrate the opening, look ahead to what to expect from the week and renew f/Friendships. Winnipeg-based Indigenous Elder Reverend Vincent Solomon will join us to speak about our role as treaty partners.

Welcome and Invitation from the Children & Youth Program

The Children and Youth Program this year is gathering much energy, and after this three-year interruption we see this as a sign of Friends' joy and need to come together not only for work and worship, but also for family and community. We have 17 youths, ranging from 2 to 17 years old, and a core leadership group of four adult caregivers. We will be joined at different times by beloved older Friends for companionship and special activities such as art, crafts, and sports.

Our home base will be a large lounge in Poettcker Hall, though we fully intend to be out and about as much as possible, taking advantage of both the green spaces nearby and the opportunities for exploration that Winnipeg offers. Planned field trips include a swimming expedition, a visit to the Fort Whyte Alive nature education centre, and a visit to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights.

The best part of all this is that you are invited! The C&Y Program can be the heart of yearly-meeting-in-session, if we make it so. We welcome all Friends to join us in our home base and for field trips. You can lead an activity if you wish, but you don't have to. You can hang with us and be an extra pair of adult hands with whatever activity is going on, or even just sit by and be with us as an "elder in the room". We particularly will need extra adults on field trips for supervision.

Program sessions are every morning, afternoon, and early evening from Sunday to Wednesday, with the planned activities for each session described in your CYM Schedule. So choose a time when you would like to release yourself from other adult responsibilities, or a field trip you would like to be a part of, and contact the Program Coordinator Nathalie Brunet at youthprogram@quaker.ca, or (709) 631-7380. Come play with us!

A Message From Continuing Meeting of Ministry & Counsel

Most of us remember references to George Fox's vision of “a great people to be gathered [in a new way].” This year, we in Canadian Yearly Meeting have an opportunity to gather anew, and even strengthen, our blessed Quaker community.

You, each and every one of you, is invited to do this building! I am talking about the exciting challenge of enhancing our community during this hybrid gathering. You're invited and encouraged to seek out ways to knit and strengthen our bonds across this in person/online imaginary line.

If you are online, think of ways you might reach out to some who are here in person. If you are here in person, you can probably think of some exciting ways to include people who are attending online. We can do this, Friends — we only have to truly want to make it a personal priority, and then take one step to reach out to others who are attending in a different way! Why not make your purpose to get to know one another (in the things that are eternal)?

Encouraging community building is easy to do when everyone's in person, but it is extremely important for remote and in-person Friends to schedule the time to get to know each other, creating new ways to cope together. Let's make an effort to think of and try new ways to foster our cross-culture in-person and online community building.

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