



CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL GATHERING 2025

The Daily Quacker

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Welcome to the Daily Quacker, the newsletter for Canadian Yearly Meeting's Annual Gathering.

HERE'S WHAT'S INSIDE TODAY:

- New posts, including some events happening today
- Repeat postings for reference
- Schedule

NEW POSTS

Cell Phone Reminder

A note to Friends: cell phones ringing and pinging are very disruptive. Please ensure that you silence your phone or turn it off before entering a session. If you are expecting an important call or text, kindly wait for it outside the room so as not to disturb others. There is also the option of doing a digital detox during the gathering and not bringing your phone everywhere you go.

Apartheid Free Communities Pledge

In-person Friends who can't make it to the 2 pm Tuesday Special Interest Group with our guest from American Friends Service Committee, Allison Tanner, or who want more time with her, please join us at 8:30 pm Tuesday in the main Conference Room following the Canadian Friends Service Committee presentation.

Hybrid Affinity Group

A one-hour, hybrid Affinity Group for Friends who materially benefit from white supremacy will meet on Tuesday July 21 at 1:30 PM Pacific / 2:30 PM Mountain / 3:30 PM Central / 4:30 PM Eastern / 5:30 PM Atlantic in Concord's first floor lounge and on zoom here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84991562973?pwd=d0ZBSElWQkVZb2k4WVhBOFZPZm9zd09>

CFSC 95th Anniversary Celebration

Today we are welcoming Lisa Bowden, CFSC partner, a Métis woman with lived experience, who brings her beading and artwork for sale throughout the day. To learn how to bead, and to learn more about her story, join CFSC's 95th anniversary celebration at 6 pm.

CFSC Merch: Because Even The Simplest Friends Could Use a T-shirt

Yes, we know. "Simplicity." We wrestled with the irony too — then made peace (pun intended) with it. Now we have buttons! Stop by our table in the lobby for shirts, notebooks, magnets, buttons, pins (and more) that fund real peace and justice work. Guilt-free purchasing, mostly.

The Canadian Quaker Library & Archives needs your help!

There is a table in the main reception area (next to the puzzle table) with some photographs from Yearly Meetings past. Can you identify any of these people? Please come by and take a look and use a post-it note to write any names or descriptions and attach it to the back of the photograph.

Interested in Canadian Quaker history?

If you would like to proofread transcriptions of 1960s and 1970s Canadian Yearly Meeting minute books, please contact Sheila at havard_translations@hotmail.com. Little or much help would be great. Corrections will be few as they have already been proofed by the transcriber. These books contain many fascinating stories: development of the CYM discipline, Grassy Narrows and mercury poisoning, discernment around taxation for military purposes.

CYM Faith and Practice Books for Sale

Want to buy a copy of Canadians Faith and Practice? You can, right here on campus. Anne-Marie Zilliagus has copies for sale at \$23 by e-transfer to CYM-office@quaker.ca.

All Ages Field Trip to the Fringe Festival

Tomorrow morning, Tuesday, July 21

We will meet up after the Community Gathering, in the Youth Lounge at 10:00 am. Kate and a helper will stay on campus with the little ones. The rest of the group, including Nathalie, Marilyn, and other helpers, will leave shortly after to take the public transit bus in front of our building, which will take us right to the venue. The play is called The Not-So-Secret Life of Rowena Riddle; it is 60 minutes long, starting at 11:30. We will have lunch on site, then take the bus back to campus, with an expected return by 3:00 pm.

There is no cost to families for this trip.

We would like to have one more volunteer adult helper on this trip. Please contact Nathalie in person or at youthprogram@quaker.ca.

Teen "Fun" Field Trip to a Dance Show at the Fringe Festival

Tuesday evening

This small-group trip is at capacity. Arrangements have been communicated separately.

Teen "Serious" Field Trip to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights

Wednesday afternoon departing 2:00 pm

We will meet up after lunch at 2:00 pm in the Youth Lounge. We will travel by bus again and return in time for supper.

Many Friends have expressed an interest; all are welcome to travel with us. We may break into smaller groups at the museum.

Accompanying adults are asked to cover their own expenses if possible.

REMINDERS

WIFI Login and Password

South Hall - Login: CMUWireless
Password: Wireless@CMU!

Residences – Login: CMU_RESNET
Password: Res@CMU!

First Aid Contacts:

In case of a medical emergency, please contact:

Steve Giinley 705 927 6734
Kate Holden (Children's Program)

In case of a mental health crisis, please contact:

Jackie Bonner 587 434 4090

Gleanings

You can send your gleanings using the same Quacker form. Gleanings are a few words or phrases that you come across during your conversations that seem to reflect or capture the spirit of the meeting. Gleanings can be profound, or sober, or silly.

More about The Daily Quacker

Finding the Quacker:

We're emailing this first Daily Quacker right to your inbox! [Look for the next edition on the website.](#) When the Quacker is ready for the day, we'll post them here.

Getting your news into the Quacker:

If you have news, announcements, queries, or questions send them using the [Daily Quacker submission](#) form (same link!). Deadline for posting to next day's issue: 7 pm *Central*.

More In-Person Information

CMU Campus Host: for concerns about your room or other campus difficulties: call 204-228-3962.

Meals at the Gathering and Kitchen Liaisons. The registration forms gathered information about allergies and food preferences (vegetarian, vegan, gluten free).

The CMU kitchen makes a great effort to accommodate these needs. If you have concerns or questions about meals, please do not ask the kitchen staff. Instead, speak to our Kitchen Liaisons, **Leigh Turina and Laurel Beyer**. They will talk with the CMU Chef and get back to you with answers.

Compliments on meals can be delivered directly to the kitchen staff!!!

For all other Gathering difficulties, including Tech: CYMHelp@quaker.ca

Flourish at the Gathering....

Nametags:

Please wear your nametag. Online, please take a moment to ensure that your Zoom square names you. Online, consider leaving your camera on as is possible and comfortable for you. Many Friends are here for the first time and haven't met you. And even if they have known you for years, may not instantly recall your name. This helps us be a welcoming community.

Gathering Buddies

If this is your first, or one of your first, CYM Gathering you may want the support of a **Buddy**. Buddies are a good source of information about what's going on during the Gathering, able to provide background information or context. Send a message to cymhelp@quaker.ca to request a Buddy.

Listeners

Some Friends come to the Gathering carrying difficult experiences. Or they may encounter a disturbing event during the Gathering. Friends can request a **Listener**, an experienced Friend who is available to meet for a private conversation. To request a Listener, speak to a CMMC member or send a message to ministryandcounsel-clerk@quaker.ca

