



CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL GATHERING 2025

The Daily Quacker

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

HERE'S WHAT'S INSIDE:

- New Posts including an excursion today
- Repeated Posts (Reminders)
- Schedule

NEW POSTS

Field Trip to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights

Teen "Serious" Field Trip is open to any Friends wishing to attend. The group will be **departing at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. Meet in the Youth Lounge after lunch.** We will travel by bus and return in time for supper. 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.

Study Materials from Geoffrey Garver

Here is a Google Drive link for Geoffrey's materials:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15ejrRDTM8xNHb4GIPpz_R_S60E_ME2?usp=sharing

Beading Instructions

Here is the link Red Dress beading projects begun with Lisa:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exPeYum5sM0> It will be up for 30 days.

Morning Chanting

Friends will meet for sacred chanting in-person in the **second-floor Poettker lounge from 8:30 am to 9 am.** If anyone has a copy of Bev Sheppard's Sacred Chanting book, please speak with Steve Ginley if you are willing to lend it to the chanters :)

Early Morning Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga led by Kathryn Belzer will be available at **7:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday in the Conference Room.**

Call for Input to the Epistle

Please send your input for the CYM Epistle to zkon2002@outlook.com **by Wednesday noon.**

First reading of the Epistle will take place at business meeting Thursday 3 p.m.

Cards for Absent Friends

At the Gathering, we like to send greetings to absent Friends. Lovely postcards have been printed for this purpose. They are on a table in the reception area, ready for your signature. We know Friends who could not be with us deeply appreciate receiving your greetings.

We need one or two Friends to look after addressing and mailing the cards after CYM. If you can help with this task, please contact Barbara Horvath (program1@quaker.ca)

Meanwhile, sign some cards!

World Quaker Day

Evan Welkin has mentioned World Quaker Day a few times. If this is part of your meeting's life and work, then here is the link for this year's theme and resources. <https://fwcc.world/event/worldquakerday2026/>

If your meeting does not celebrate World Quaker Day, this material will help you understand its intent, value, and opportunities.

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. **They will be read aloud during Family Night on Thursday and published in the final Daily Quacker Friday.**

Beautiful Space On Campus

If you are looking for a quiet space to wander in for a few minutes, try the CMU Art Gallery in the tall, pointed roofed building across from South Hall. It's open 8:30-4:30 and is free. The current exhibit features works created using cereal grains and local scenes. See

<https://www.cmu.ca/gallery>

Looking for Input from Ontario Friends

Pelham Half Yearly Meeting formed a committee to plan a weekend Ontario Gathering in 2027 at Camp NeeKauNis. We are looking for input from other Friends to help plan the Gathering. If you can help please speak with Martha Laing here at CYM in person.

REMINDERS

Is it a leading to buy a CFSC T-shirt, or merely a want?

We can't answer that for you. But we can offer excellent resources, tees, note pads (that turn into wildflowers!), and pens that spark good conversation in various parking lots. All proceeds support peace and justice work. Discern accordingly.

Cell Phones in Meetings

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.

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.

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

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*.

CYM Faith and Practice Books for Sale

Anne-Marie Zilliacus has 10 copies of CYM Faith and Practice for sale (\$23.00 each) by cash or e-transfer to the CYM Treasurer. That is the same process as payments were made online for Yearly Meeting.

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

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

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Password: Res@CMU!



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