



CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL GATHERING 2025

The Daily Quacker

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

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NEW POSTS

SIG Summaries

There were many excellent SIGs this year. Reports can be submitted for inclusion in the minutes at cym-clerk@quaker.ca.

Book Recommendation from Orion

In September, "The Politics of Lonely: Why Is Friendship So Hard?" by Lee Arden Pepper (Montreal MM) will be published by Fernwood Press! Friendship is hard because everything is hard. This book examines social structures to demonstrate how people mend an unravelling social fabric. It includes a chapter focusing on Quaker community. Great addition to your Quaker libraries and reading groups! Available at independent booksellers. Read more here: <https://fernwoodpublishing.ca/books/the-politics-of-lonely?srsId=AfmBOoqAtrnwdK7iQaGL2nH8wegTNp-otstYct2c0dZEHIdEjJT3epXt>

Sanctus (Book of Sacred Chants)

If you would like your very own copy of Sanctus, the book of sacred chants by Beverly Shepard, you can contact me at beverly_shepard@sympatico.ca, or by telephone, 905-659-6119. Andy while I'm talking about chant, I want to say thank you to Steve Ginley for leading chant sessions at this year's in-person CYM. Blessings to you all! Beverly

Looking for a Contact

I am looking for someone who knew the late Philip Lock who was an American Swede who died several decades ago in Stockholm. Please contact me via my email: chdiamo@rogers.com . Thank you.

Giveaways

I have several items that I can't take home on the plane: long golfing umbrella (non-lightning attracting), half box of spoon size Shredded Wheat, small sewing kit with needles, 2 roles of black electrical tape. If you live in Winnipeg or are travelling by other means, please let me know: MaxineKL@shaw.ca

The printer needs a new home

The printer we have been using is "ours" but there is no place in Winnipeg for it. If you or your meeting can use it, please take it. It has been working very well. Program Committee

Can We Sing Together

After speaking to some young friends, I realized they were not participating singing because they did not know the songs in Rise Up and Sing. I wonder if there are songs that young friends sing so we can learn and sing together? Carol Bowyer

Reflection on Dying

Dying holds no terrors for me. I just wish society in general wasn't in such a state of denial. Dying is as much a miracle as birth. It isn't an end of something, just the continuation of a recycling process. I have recycled bits of me over most of Europe, Britain, Australia. As I watch the clouds and mists and swirls of rain drop over Kings Park I know that bits of me are recycled in those too. But so are bits of everyone! We are each other! We are breathing in the recycled air Chaucer breathed out. So, that means there is that of everyone in everyone. As a Quaker, I believe there is that of God in everyone. Maybe that's what the word God really means – Everything, Everywhere, Every time", or maybe that's what eternity is – being part of an everlasting cycle. When I die I will still be here in a variety of forms. As long as any one person remembers me and thinks about me my energies will still be around. Mary Matthews, 2000, "this we can say", Australian Quaker Life, Faith and Thought

REMINDERS

Early Morning Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga led by Kathryn Belzer is available at 7:00 a.m. on Friday in the Conference Room.

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 :)

Share a Cab

If you would like to share a cab ride, most likely to the airport, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Name Tags and Keys

As you are leaving...

Please drop off your key and name tag at our CYM desk in the reception area

There will be a box for keys and a box for name tags. Please tuck the string or cord into the name tag holder so tangles are prevented

Many thanks. Program Committee

Leaving your Room

From Campus Host

- No need to do anything with sheets, towels etc.
- If you are leaving late, **please be out of your bedroom by 3 p.m.** The common rooms will still be accessible.

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

All are welcome to follow up with Geoff after CYM in Session comes to an end. Geoff's email is gginmont@videotron.ca.

Benjamin Lay

Friends who would like more information on Benjamin Lay are encouraged to look up the following resources:

- Book by Marcus Rediker: *The Fearless Benjamin Lay*, 2017
- Podcast episode from *Thee Quaker* podcast: Benjamin Lay, the Quaker Abolitionist that History Forgot.
- New documentary film by Tony Buba and Marcus Rediker *Becoming Benjamin Lay*. Not yet in full distribution.

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.

GLEANINGS

- ⊗ We hire administrators but expect prophets. #QuakerProblems
- ⊗ Despair is a luxury, hope is a discipline
- ⊗ There must be a balance between conviction and humility.
- ⊗ A Friend expressed admiration for Ben Pink Dandelion's "Wonderful Quaker Study in 1613 ... er 2013."
- ⊗ Quaker testimonies lead us to seek strength through peace rather than peace through strength.
- ⊗ The Peace Testimony is not something I live, but rather the outcome of how I live.
- ⊗ From an Alberta provincial court judge's opinion: "Yes, the climate is in an existential crisis, but so is the jurisdiction of the provinces."
- ⊗ Why shouldn't every place on earth be considered a Territory of Life?"
- ⊗ Sufficiency rather than efficiency
- ⊗ What do we hold sacred that we would be open to making a sacrifice?
- ⊗ I can do hard things.

Shared in Worship:

within the minutes of this hour
an entire year is passing
every meeting attended moves quicker
am i learning to love the Silence, or am i only growing older?
my Heart washes over its many vulnerabilities
until my flesh is a towel soaked with Truth
the assiniboine is even smaller than the Spirit's honesty
and if i am called, shall i drain the towel onto these pews?
soak the sofa, flood the meetinghouse?
a friend speaks before me, and i am made brave
here, i am in good company
among friends, the pews become canoes
the sofa; a sailboat
we float along the Red River
in life, it is difficult to be honest
to listen within, amid all of the traffic
here, a whole year passes in an hour
and the Spirit is comfortable, growing at the speed of light

A PHOTO SAMPLER

Meeting for Sleeping



Or Waiting



Pre-Retreat