

PYM News & Events Update



Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

January 2018

Events 2018

NEW! Friends in Fellowship

Bringing Friends Together: Conversations-Talks-Events

Thursday Night 7-8:30 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

This is a series of fun events that bring Friends-and friends of Friends-together for fellowship.

January 4: Teaching to the Heart, Teaching to the Mind

Education with Sydney Coffin & Chris Bond

Educators Sydney & Chris will talk about Slam Poetry and educational brain research.

January 11: Taking Tyrants to Court

Human Rights Restitution in the Philippines and Korea:

Law with Robert Swift, Esq.

Bob Swift delivered justice to Holocaust and Philippine victims, now he's working on Koreans victimized in WW II.

The events & refreshments are **FREE!** Come! Be inspired.

Enjoy fellowship. Get more out of your Thursdays!

More events are scheduled, visit www.pym.org/fellowship

Save These Dates

*PYM gathering for the formation of **Resource Friends in Ministry Ministry & Care***

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9:30 am-2:30 pm, Friends Center

An initial gathering of Friends with gifts in teaching and learning facilitation in the areas of Ministry & Care as well as those interested in developing skills in this area.

Info & registration: George Schaefer, gschaefer@pym.org or 215-241-7068.

Details: www.pym.org/introducing-resource-friends

Spring Continuing Sessions & Annual Sessions 2018

Volunteers are needed! Friends of every age from our local meetings gather together, guided by Spirit for worship, fellowship, to conduct our shared business, learn from one another, organize our work and witness, and have fun at Continuing and Annual Sessions.

Spring Continuing Sessions

FREE! A one day event March 24, location TBA.

Annual Sessions are from July 25-29, The College of New Jersey.

We'll be announcing more details as plans are discerned.

Contact: Zachary Dutton, zdutton@pym.org or sessions@pym.org

January 2018

Mid-Week Meeting for Worship

Monthly Meeting Room, Arch Street Meetinghouse

Every Wednesday at 6-6:45 pm

Jan 3, 10, 17, 27, 24

Details: www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=994

Friends in Fellowship: Teaching to the Heart, Teaching to the Mind

Sydney Coffin & Chris Bond

FREE! January 4, 7-8:30 pm Arch Street Meeting House

Sydney is a teacher at the Thomas Alva Edison High School, an advisor to the Gates Foundation on education concerns, and a member of Germantown Meeting. Last year he founded a poetry club that would end up competing in the Philadelphia Youth Poetry Movement's slam poetry league, and along the way have a big impact on the lives and hearts of his students. Their work has been featured on Public Radio's Fresh Air with Terry Gross. Chris is an attender at Crosswicks Meeting and a High School social studies teacher at West Windsor - Plainsboro High School North. He has been working with alternative approaches to instruction, assessment and grading to improve learning. Chris will share how neuroscience research impacts educational decision making in the classroom and discuss the importance of social emotional learning standards.

Details: www.pym.org/fellowship

Young Adult Friends Winter Retreat 2018

January 5-7, Swarthmore Friends Meeting

Our theme for this retreat is Empowering Our Inner Leaders. We'll gather Friday evening for dinner, opening games, get-to-know you activities, and centering worship sharing. Saturday, we'll have a mix of thematic workshops (stay tuned for workshop descriptions!), free time, full group time, and meeting for business. We'll end Sunday morning with a closing circle and worship with Swarthmore Friends.

(This is an overnight event! We'll be staying at the meetinghouse.)

Register by January 1:

www.pym.org/event/young-adult-friends-winter-retreat-2018/?instance_id=1614

Phila Quarter Called Meeting

January 6, 10 am-12:30 pm, Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting

A called meeting to continue the discussion and threshing of the call to live into facing the racism among us. We began with the July 29 draft Minute brought to PQM and sent to our eight meetings.

Details: www.pym.org/event/phila-quarter-called-meeting/?instance_id=1616 or

Hollister Knowlton, hollisterknowlton@gmail.com

2nd Saturday Sing & Dinner

January 6 & 20, 6 pm, Mount Holly Meeting

Join us each month for a song fest - bring your Rise Up Singing book (or any other song book) plus an instrument & your dancing feet!! Singing Book. This is a monthly event-every second Saturday at Mount Holly meeting.

Details: www.pym.org/event/2nd-saturday-sing-dinner/?instance_id=967 or

MtHollyFriends@gmail.com

Taking Tyrants to Court: Human Rights Restitution in the Philippines & Korea. Law with Robert Swift, Esq. **FREE!** January 11, 7-8:30 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

Bob has devoted more than three decades as a lawyer to pursue compensation for victims of human rights abuses. He litigated the first class-action human rights case against Ferdinand Marcos, of the

Philippines, which resulted in a \$2 billion judgement. He was a principal litigator and negotiator in the Holocaust litigation against Switzerland, Germany and Austria which resulted in \$7.5 billion distributed to 2 million victims. In his talk and Q & A session, he will address the prospect of future litigation over human rights abuses. Bob is a member of Haverford Meeting.

Details: www.pym.org/fellowship

Winter Family Overnight 2018

January 13-14, Camp Onas

We'll gather Saturday Afternoon, with plenty of time for families to settle in to their rooms, explore the beautiful camp and do some welcome activities. We prepare and eat dinner together as a big community. In the evening we will play a bit with our theme, get cozy with hot chocolate and stories in front of the fire. After kids go to bed there will be space for parents to spend time with each other. On Sunday we will gather for breakfast, have some first day school and worship, and finish up with plenty of time for families to get home and prepare for the coming week!

Details: www.pym.org/event/winter-family-overnight-2018 or

Meg Rose, mrose@pym.org

Beyond Complicity: Awakening Anti-Racist Intentions

January 21, 11:30 am, Mickleton Friends Meeting

Part 3 of our growing edge series, Toward Racial Justice and Fearless Faithfulness. We will explore the documentary film "13th" by director Ava DuVernay explores the connections between the 13th Amendment to end slavery and the growth of mass incarceration of black men to maintain the American racial and social order.

Details: www.pym.org/event/beyond-complicity-awakening-anti-racist-intentions-2/?instance_id=1544

or Gloria Horvay, clerk@mickletonmeeting.org

Southern Quarterly Meeting

January 21, Cadbury at Lewes

Details: Lewes Worship Group/SQM, sleehoover@gmail.com or

Linda Simpson 302-645-5288

Bucks Quarter Pot Luck & Sing

January 27, Middletown Quaker Meetinghouse

Join Friends a Quarter-wide family social event of feasting, fun and singing. We will begin at 5:30 pm with a pot luck meal followed by singing from 7 to 8 pm. Friends of all ages are welcome. Bring your own instrument (or not), recorder, mouth harp, guitar, fiddle, harmonica...your voice is a beautiful instrument too. There are no rules or hefty structure. Just fun. Bring your friends, neighbors and a dish to share. The more of everything the merrier we will be!

Questions: Holly Olson, hollybac@verizon.net

Extended Worship

January 27, Gwynedd Friends Meeting

Would you like to start the new year seeped in the Divine? Try Extended Worship as way to feel spiritually renewed, and reconnected with the majesty of the sacred. Most newcomers to Extended Worship are surprised at how quickly time passes, and are surprised about how refreshed they feel.

Details: www.pym.org/event/extended-worship-4/?instance_id=1506 or

Lola Georg, LolaGeorg@gmail.com

February 2018

Resource Friends in Ministry & Care Gathering

February 3, 9:30 am-2:30 pm, Friends Center

Initial gathering of Friends with gifts in teaching and learning facilitation in the areas of "Ministry and Care" as well as those interested in developing skills in these areas.

Through the teaching ministry, Resource Friends in Ministry & Care support meetings by facilitating learning opportunities on topics related to Quaker worship, ministry, pastoral care, the story of early Friends and Quaker process.

Details: www.pym.org/event/resource-friends-ministry-care-gathering/?instance_id=1588 or George Schaefer, gschaefer@pym.org

Mid-Week Meeting for Worship, Arch Street Meeting House

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 6-6:45 pm

Recurring every Wednesday

www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=999

Middle School Friends Winter Gathering

February 16-18, Solebury Meeting

Middle School Friends will gather for fellowship and wintry fun!

Save the Date, more information is coming soon.

Details: www.pym.org/event/middle-school-friends-winter-gathering/?instance_id=1613 or Melinda Wenner Bradley, MWennerBradley@pym.org

Employment

Associate Secretary For Advancement and Relationship Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

The Associate Secretary for Advancement & Relationship is a senior management position reporting to the General Secretary. The Advancement and Relationship team supports the organization's relationship with the meetings and Friends within the yearly meeting, the communications with those constituents and with the public and fundraising. The Associate Secretary is responsible for managing the team in a collaborative manner, for cultivating relationships with individuals and major donors and for ensuring income from individuals, meetings, and grants meets the organization's goals and needs.

Details: www.pym.org/employment/associate-secretary-advancement-relationship

Please send all application materials to aeagan@afsc.org

On-Call Substitute Desk Clerk Friends Center

The on-call desk clerk fills in when the regular day receptionist or the regular evening and weekend desk clerk is not available.

Details: www.friendscentercorp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Friends-Center-Substitute-Desk-Clerk-Job-Announcement-2017-12.pdf

News....

Quaker Pilgrimage to Fox & Fell Country 2018

Sponsored by Friends Council on Education & Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

The next Pilgrimage will run from July 16 to 22, 2018. About 30 Friends and Quaker educators from Monthly Meetings and Friends schools gather as a multigenerational group to explore Quakerism's

past as it relates to the present. The group will explore the roots of the Religious Society of Friends in England's "1652 Country" with the help of guides from Britain Yearly Meeting. Quaker Pilgrims said of the last journey...*"I have a new awareness of the Quaker faith and Quakers living in the world today."* Registration opens on Wednesday, September 30, 2017, at which time participants will reserve a space by mailing in a paper registration form with a non-refundable deposit of \$500.

Details: www.friendscouncil.org/default.aspx?RelId=632752 or

Deborra Sines Pancoe, deborra@friendscouncil.org

Grants Application Deadlines

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting makes over 500 grants every year to individuals, Meetings, and non-profit organizations. Grants are made from income from restricted bequests and Trusts given to our Yearly Meeting by generous donors since 1795. All granting deadlines are listed by month at

www.pym.org/grants/grants-resources/grants-application-deadlines

Information: Carol Walz, cwalz@pym.org, or 215-241-7201.

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