

PYM News & Events Update



Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

March 2018

Events 2018

NEW!

Friends in Fellowship

March 1: Wissahickon Habitat Repair - Plants & Birds and Rocks & Things

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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

Continuing Sessions Spring 2018, Harrisburg, PA

9:45 am-4 pm, Saturday, March 24

You are invited to join Friends from across our Yearly Meeting for a day of growing in spiritual community at Continuing Sessions. We'll enjoy fellowship over lunch and hear reports from Councils, Multicultural Institutional Audit Committee, and the Undoing Racism Group (URG) at Meeting for Worship for Business.

Free to attend!*

* 9:15-9:45 am- Check-in, Early Bird Fellowship

* 9:45 am- Welcome & All Together Time

* 10:30 am- Worship

* 11 am-1pm- Meeting for Worship for Business

* 1-2 pm- Lunch & Fellowship

* 2-3:30 pm- Meeting for Worship for Business

Councils, Multicultural Institutional Audit & URG

* 3:30-4 pm- Closing Worship

Children, Middle Schoolers and Young Friends have their own, age-specific programs concurrent with Continuing Sessions.

**Food will be a Catered Kosher Meal for \$10, financial aid is available.
The Jewish Community Center is a strictly kosher facility, all food within the building must be provided by a kosher caterer.*

Register Now! www.pym.org/continuing-sessions

Open Positions at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

Associate Secretary for Advancement and Relationship

Community Engagement Coordinator

Director of Human Resources and Inclusion

To apply visit: www.pym.org/employment

(More info is listed under the employment heading)

Save These Dates

Annual Sessions 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

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Film / Discussion on Race: I Am Not Your Negro

March 2, 6-9 pm, Third Haven Friends' Meeting

Join us for the third in the film and Discussion Series: About the persistence of racism, invisible to many whites, in our society.

Info: Pete Howell, piratepete@goeaston.net

Extended Worship

March 3, 9:15 am-3:15 pm, Swarthmore Friends Meeting

Need a spiritual boost? Feeling drained or weary? Try Extended Worship as way to feel spiritually renewed, and reconnected with the spirit of the Divine. All are welcome. Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch!

Details: www.pym.org/event/extended-worship-3/?instance_id=808 or
Lola Georg, lolageorg@gmail.com

Mid-Week Meeting for Worship, Arch Street Meeting House

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 6-6:45 pm (Recurring every Wednesday)

www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=1003

Friends in Fellowship: The Art of Persuasion

Free! March 8, 7-8:30 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

Need some Quaker Wit, Wisdom & Art?

Two cartoonists, one emerging and one well-established, will talk about how art challenges and shapes political and identity perceptions.

Meet Pulitzer prize-winning Editorial Cartoonist Signe Wilkinson, and Ramona Sharples, a creator of a comic series dealing with life as a transgender girl.

Details: www.pym.org/fellowship or Grace Cooke, gscooke@pym.org

Violence and Nonviolence, A Pastoral Care Thread Gathering

March 17, 10 am-3 pm, Fallsington Friends Meeting

This Thread Gathering will include workshops and panels about resolving and transforming interpersonal conflict in meetings, managing violent people in meeting, making meetings safe places and engaging wider communities around gun violence.

Details: www.pym.org/event/violence-and-nonviolence/?instance_id=1675

George Schaefer, gschaefer@pym.org or Zachary Dutton, zdutton@pym.org

Spring Lobby Weekend, FCNL

March 17-20, Washington, DC

We want immigrants to be welcomed in this country and our communities - not deported or denied entry. That's why we need you to come to FCNL's Spring Lobby Weekend to learn how to effectively lobby your government. Financial assistance is available from PYM, contact: Meg Rose, Young Adult Engagement Coordinator, youngadultfriends@pym.org

Details: www.fcnl.org/updates/spring-lobby-weekend-739

Spring Continuing Sessions March 24, Harrisburg, PA

Saturday, March 24 * 9:45 am - 4 pm

Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, 3301 N Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

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Registration is open! www.pym.org/continuing-sessions

April 2018

Mid-Week Meeting for Worship, Arch Street Meeting House

April 4, 11, 21, 18, 25, 6-6:45 pm (Recurring every Wednesday)

www.pym.org/event/mid-week-meeting-worship/?instance_id=1007

Friends in Fellowship: Living Well - A Panel Discussion on Tools for Wellness

April 12, 7-8:30 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

- Glenn Ellis is a wellness expert and medical ethicist.
- Robert Smith, Ph.D. is the author of several books including *The Vitamin Cure for Arthritis* and *the Vitamin Cure for Eye Disease*.
- Katy Hawkins, Katy approaches yoga by engaging body, mind, and spirit through the themes of light and space.

Details: www.pym.org/fellowship or Grace Cooke, gscooke@pym.org

Book Talk: Warner Mifflin: Unflinching Quaker Abolitionist

Friday, April 27, 7-9 pm, Arch Street Meeting House

Free with suggested donation.

Join us in welcoming historian Gary B. Nash speak about his recent book, *Warner Mifflin: Unflinching Quaker Abolitionist*. Gary B. Nash is Distinguished Research Professor of History at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is author of numerous books, including *The Urban Crucible: Social Change, Political Consciousness, and the Origins of the American Revolution*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History.

Employment

Open Positions at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

Associate Secretary for Advancement and Relationship

This 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. This position is responsible for managing their team in a collaborative manner, for cultivating relationships with individuals and major donors and for ensuring income from individuals, meetings, and grants meet the organization's goals and needs.

Community Engagement Coordinator

This position actively connects Friends across our yearly meeting in work and witness and takes the lead in inspiring and galvanizing Friends and seekers to take part in the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) community. The Coordinator leads the Community Engagement Team in building and maintaining processes on staff and in our community and will facilitate connection and meaningfully engaged Friends. The Coordinator provides guidance and expertise in broadening engagement and deepening relationships, ensuring constituencies have access to resources and services and

facilitating corporate witness and social action. The Coordinator supervises the Sessions Coordinator.

Director of Human Resources and Inclusion

This position has two primary roles: the point person for HR and personnel administration, and facilitating an environment where PYM employees mutually create a welcoming workspace that embraces and supports multi-ethnic, multicultural and inclusive community. This position is a member of the senior staff team. This is an exempt position/25 Hour Work Week/Benefits Eligible.

To apply visit: www.pym.org/employment

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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