

Friends,

The adult registration form for Fall Sessions is attached to this email. If you would like a youth registration form (infants through teens) please let me know. If you are planning on attending Fall Sessions please email or mail your registration form to me as soon as possible.

Thank you

Helen Garay Toppins

Welcome to Fall Sessions 2014!

New York Quarterly Meeting welcomes everyone to Fall Sessions, to do the Yearly Meeting's business and expand the life and witness of our Society. We encourage Friends to come and share the worship and the fellowship of the gathered Yearly Meeting, to bring your meeting's concerns to the Yearly Meeting's attention and report back the decisions of the sessions. All activities will take place at 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003.

Fall Sessions Agenda Items

As of this printing, we will consider the following items:

- Report from Development Committee
- 2015 Operating Budget
- Minute on NYYM interim actions, second reading
- Report from the General Secretary
- Report from Priorities Working Group

Travel to Fall Sessions

15 Rutherford Place is located on a short street between Second and Third Avenues, between 15th and 17th Streets in Manhattan. The entrance faces Stuyvesant Park. Friends can walk three blocks east from the subway station at Union Square and 14th Street, or from uptown buses on Third and Fourth Avenues or downtown buses on Second Avenue. All buses stop at 14th and 16th Streets. Public transportation is also available from rail and out-of-town bus terminals. Shuttle van service into Manhattan from Kennedy, LaGuardia, and Newark Airports is available approximately every 30 minutes. Most shuttles run daily from 5:00 am until 11:00 pm. Check with the airport terminal that you will be arriving at for details.

By subway: Take a 4,5,6, L,N,Q, or R, train to 14th Street–Union Square and walk 3 blocks east and 1 block uptown. A closer subway station at 3rd Avenue (on 14th Street) is served by the line L.

By bus: Take an up/downtown bus to 16th or 14th Street OR a 23rd or 14th Street crosstown bus to Third Ave.

By car: From the West Side Highway, exit at 14th Street and go east. From the FDR you must exit at 23rd Street or Houston. The 15th Street exits on the FDR Drive have been closed. For more detailed directions visit Google Maps or MapQuest for directions to 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003. Parking garages can be found on 15th and 18th Streets and on Third Avenue.

Public transportation information is available on-line at www.mta.info, or by phone. If calling from outside of New York City, dial [718-330-1234](tel:718-330-1234). If calling from within New York City, just dial 511.

Hospitality

Hospitality is available with local Friends for Friday and/or Saturday nights by request on a first-to-ask, first-assigned basis. Arrangements must be made in advance. Indicate your needs on the registration form and please register as early as possible. You must register by November 1 for overnight hospitality, meals, or childcare. Coffee, tea, and bagels will be available Saturday and Sunday mornings. Friends Seminary is providing meals on Friday and Saturday free of charge to attendees. Thank you, Friends Seminary!

Friday Evening Program

Celebrate the gathering of Friends and rejoice in the presence of Spirit among us! Meet new friends and reconnect with old ones through small-group discussions, favorite songs, and gentle movement. Friends of all ages invited and treasured.

Youth Programming at Fall Sessions

Teen Program, Grades 7-12: *Green in the City*

The teens will visit Yearly Meeting committees attend a meeting for business in worship, and take a field trip, walking High Line Park, an aerial greenway at 20th Street looking downtown, and visiting green buildings. On Friday and Saturday nights, a sleepover at the 15 Street Meetinghouse. Plus community building throughout the weekend.

Youth Program, Grades 1–6

This group will have a Saturday morning and afternoon program, exploring and participating in a business meeting topic, plus play, music, and yoga.

Childcare, Infants through kindergarten:

Childcare will be provided Saturday evening and Sunday morning with advance registration.

Release Form — A special Release Form, available on the NYYM website (see the Fall Sessions page), must be submitted by all who will participate in the youth program, all ages and grades, in addition to the registration.

Attention Committee Clerks

Committees may meet on Saturday from 1:00-2:15 pm and from 2:30-4:00 pm. To request a room assignment, contact Margaret Lew (mlew1022@aol.com). To request display space, contact Beverly Archibald (barchib00@citymail.cuny.edu). Send copies of meeting space and display requests to office@nyym.org.

Schedule for Fall Sessions

Friday, November 14

5:00 p.m. Fellowship
 6:00-7:00 Supper
 7:00-8:30 Music & fellowship
 for all ages

Sunday, November 16

9:00 am Coffee, tea, bagels
 9:30-10:30 Mtg for worship
 10:30-12:30 Mtg for business in worship

Saturday, November 15

8:00 a.m. Registration, coffee, tea & bagels
 8:30-9:15 Mtg for worship
 9:30-11:30 Mtg for business in worship
 11:45-12:45 Lunch

1:00-2:15 Mtg for business in worship
 2:30-4:00 Committees - 1
 4:05-5:30 Committees - 2
 5:45-6:45 Dinner
 7:00-9:00 Coordinating committees

Places to Stay

**Vanderbilt
 YMCA**
 224 East 47th
 St.
 NY NY 10017

Menno House
 314 East 19th St.
 NY NY 10003

**The Penington
 Friends House**
 215 East 15th
 St.

**Seafarers &
 International
 House**
 123 East 15th St

**Hostel
 International—
 New York**
 891 Amsterdam
 Ave., NY NY,

[212 756-9600](tel:2127569600)
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[212 677-1611](tel:2126771611)
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