

Daily Bulletin YM 2007

Monday, 7 May



Programme for Today

09.30 – 12.00	Yearly Meeting Session , Large Meeting House: Meeting for Sufferings and BYM Trustees – a Forward Look, Equality & Inclusion (continued)
12.45 – 13.45	Celebration singing , in the courtyard, or Large Meeting House if it rains
14.00 – 17.00	Yearly Meeting Session , Large Meeting House: Receipt of Epistle; Concluding Business; Under 19s minutes
18.00	Friends House closes – please check you have your belongings before you leave.

Please see copies of the Friday Bulletin for further background information for Yearly Meeting.

Today's Business is expected to include items 19 – 34 in the agenda in *Documents in advance*. See page 20 for the list and succeeding pages referenced by the agenda item number.

This morning, Rachel Carmichael and Gillian Waddilove will be helping us to look forward with Meeting for Sufferings and BYM Trustees respectively.

This will be followed by a continuation of the theme Equality & Inclusion which we began on Saturday. This will be introduced by Kate Green, Ratcliff & Barking MM.

This afternoon we will receive the Epistle which will be introduced by Sarah Donaldson, convener of the Epistle Drafting Committee. Please pick up the draft in the morning and return your written comments to the Epistle Drafters box at reception no later than 10 minutes after the rise of the morning session.

We will also receive the Under 19s minutes which will be read by representatives from each of the age groups.

During the latter part of this afternoon's session we will be joined by members of the Under 19s Programme.

Celebration

There will be singing in the courtyard at lunch time today. Please bring your copy of *Sing in the Spirit* if you have one, copies are available from the Quaker Bookshop, price £10.

Epistle process

Please pick up a copy of the draft Epistle when you arrive and return your written comments by placing them in the box at the main reception in the garden entrance. **The deadline for responses is 10 minutes after the rise of the morning session.** A revised draft Epistle will be presented at the final session which begins at 14.00 when no further revision will be expected. Please see page 8 of *Documents in advance* for further details.

Tabled draft minutes to use in the final session will be available from 12.00 at the information desks.

Important! In case of fire or other emergency - If the fire alarm sounds, please leave the building immediately by the nearest fire exit, (marked in green). Please gather in the garden next to Friends House. Please be aware that if you are leading an activity in any room, it is your responsibility to familiarise your group with the fire instructions for that room.

Attendance statistics (main sessions)

This year compared to 2006

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Friday evening	358	385
Saturday morning	533	552
Saturday afternoon	652	712
Swarthmore Lecture	666	796
Sunday morning	496	467
Sunday afternoon	622	526
Monday morning	434	-
Monday afternoon	501	-

**An extract of the General Epistle,
Yearly Meeting 1927**, the first held at
Friends House

“Meeting for the first time in our new home we have been filled with thankfulness to God, remembering all the way He has led us. We stand on the threshold of fresh and grave responsibilities, acknowledging the rich heritage of testimony which is ours from the past, and the faithfulness of those into whose labours and sacrifice we have entered: and we think of a house of the Lord’s building, a temple not made with hands, and seek to dedicate not the beauty of stone and wood, but the holy service of our lives.

We have at our doors one of the crowded areas of London and we look out also on what will become one of the largest student centres of the world.

But not in London alone do great opportunities confront us. In the far East, in Africa in Europe and in the heart of every industrial country men are deeply perplexed. A new China is struggling into being.; the new relations of East and West are fraught with untold and difficulty danger but rich also in new possibilities of understanding and co-operation. The critical situation between Great Britain and Russia is typical of the volcanic basis on which international relations are at present founded. We know that at any moment the fires of hatred may break out and engulf the slow-grown plants of peace.”

**We look forward to seeing you at
Summer Gathering in Stirling, 21-18 July.**

**Next Yearly Meeting is in London,
23 – 26 May 2008 (date to be confirmed)**

Safe journey home, Friends!

End Piece: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

I Cor 12:4-7 quoted in *Quaker faith & practice* 3.22