

Daily Bulletin YM 2007

Sunday, 6 May



Welcome Friends to Britain Yearly Meeting!

Programme for Today

09.30 – 12.00	Yearly Meeting Session , Large Meeting House: Constitutional Issues (Local, Monthly and General Meetings), YM <i>Quaker faith & practice</i> Drafting Group, Reflections from our Recording Clerk
12.30 – 13.30	Meeting for Sufferings Special Interest Group , Large Meeting House
12.45 – 13.45	Report and Accounts Special Interest Group , Euston Room
14.00 – 17.00	Yearly Meeting Session , Large Meeting House: Civil Liberty: the Kingdom and the State
17.30 – 18.45	Eldership & Oversight Gathering , Small Meeting House
19.00 – 20.00	Themed Groups , Large Meeting House: please see separate sheet for details
19.00 – 20.00	Epistle Drafting Special Interest Group , Room 5
20.15 – 20.35	Epilogue , Small Meeting House
21.00	Friends House closes

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

Today's Business is expected to include items 18 – 22 in the agenda in *Documents in advance*. See page 21 for the list and succeeding pages referenced by the agenda item number.

This morning we will consider amendments to chapters 4 & 5 of *Quaker faith & practice* which will be introduced by Clare Scott Booth of the YM *Quaker faith & practice* Drafting Group. We will hear from Elsa Dicks, as she reflects on the past 9 of service as Recording Clerk.

This afternoon's session on Civil Liberty: the Kingdom and the State will be introduced by Barbara Forbes of Warwickshire MM and Caroline Westgate of Northumbria MM.

Please see the separate sheet for information about this evening's Themed Groups on (i) Quaker Ways of Working, (ii) Racism as a legacy of slavery, (iii) Equality & disability, (iv) Civil liberties and (v) Inclusion – Circles of Support & Accountability.

Walking flipcharts on inclusivity

There are flipchart stands in the corridor between the Large Meeting House and the courtyard. These are for you to write up examples of good and bad practice of inclusivity

within your local meeting. Please read other contribution and add further comments. These will be removed at the rise of the afternoon session today. These will be temporarily moved to Under 19s for contributions.

Switch off phones

Elders would like to remind Friends to switch off phones and watches, etc, that beep during sessions.

Themed Groups

Please make sure you have read the descriptions of Themed Groups (available at the information desk) by Sunday morning. At the end of the morning session there will be a show of hands for preference of group which will help us determine which group should be in each room. We will let you know of the final rooming at the end of the afternoon session and by notices around the building.

Themed groups - Under 19s Provision

There will be provision for Under 19s while themed groups are meeting to enable parents & carers to attend themed group sessions. This will be available between 18:50 and 20:10 in Room 2 for those aged 7 to 11. If you would like your young person to join this group please contact Simon Best in Room 1A by 17:10 pm today.

Transitional Group (19-25yr olds)

Transitional Group (19 - 25s) is taking place again this year and they are happy for anyone to come and talk to them or join them during their free time. They will stay in the Large Meeting House for 5 minutes after the rise of session this afternoon so that other Friends can meet them.

Testimonies Committee

The Testimonies Committee event at 17.45 can accommodate 20 people only, the first 20 to arrive at the Euston Room.

Meeting for Sufferings Interest Group

will be today in the Large Meeting House from 12.30 -13.30 (not yesterday as mentioned in Saturday's bulletin).

Readers and Writers Tea

in the Bookshop Café today at 17.30. Harvey Gillman, Gil Skidmore, Gerard Benson, Jennifer Kavanagh and Rowena Loverance will be speaking about writing in a Quaker Context in the 21st century.

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 leave quickly and silently and 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.

Celebration

A celebration singing is being held at lunch time in the courtyard on Monday. Please bring your copy of *Sing in the Spirit* if you have one, copies are available from the Quaker Bookshop, £10.

Friends Historical Society General Meeting and Presidential Address

6pm, St. Pancras Church Hall, Lancing Street (off Eversholt Street). Melanie Barber - "Tales of the Unexpected: Glimpses of Friends in the archives of Lambeth Palace Library."

Reminder to parents

The Under 19s Programme starts 10 minutes prior to the session in the Large Meeting House and they will not be ready to welcome your children before that time.

The Epistle Drafters will be holding a Special Interest Group in Room 5 at the earlier time of 19.00 on Sunday evening.

Suggestions and comments to YM Arrangements Committee are welcome via the boxes on the information desks at the garden entrance and Euston Road corridor. These are read daily by the committee which looks after the arrangements and agenda of Yearly Meeting whilst in session.

Copy deadline for Monday Bulletin: 17.30 in the boxes at the information desks.

End Piece: Receive the vocal ministry of others in a tender and creative spirit. Reach for the meaning deep within it, recognising that even if it is not God's word for you, it may be so for others. Remember that we all share responsibility for the meeting for worship whether our ministry is in silence or through the spoken word.

From *Advices & queries* 12.