

July 29-
August 1,
2021

130th Annual Session of
WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING



Compassion
Through
Action

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WYM 2021 – ONLINE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

6:30pm – Workshop: WYM Relationship with Wilmington College

7:00pm – ZOOM Youth & Young Adult Gathering

THURSDAY, JULY 29

5:30pm – ZOOM Fellowship

6:30pm – Pre-Yearly Meeting Retreat

"F/friends in Unlikely Places: Engaging with Those Who Don't Agree with You"

FRIDAY, JULY 30

8:30am – Morning ZOOM Fellowship

9:00am – Bible Study with Stephen Crouch

9:30am – Worship Sharing

10:00am – Break

10:15am – Business Meeting

12:00pm – Break

2:00pm – Business Meeting

4:00pm – Break

6:00pm – Evening ZOOM Fellowship

6:30pm – USFW Lecture

"Salvation and the Kingdom of God"

SATURDAY, JULY 31

8:30am – Morning ZOOM Fellowship

9:00am – Bible Study with Stephen Crouch

9:30am – Worship Sharing

10:00am – Break

10:15am – Ministry & Counsel

12:00pm – Break

2:00pm – Memorial Meeting for Worship

3:00pm – Business Meeting

4:30pm – Break

6:00pm – Evening ZOOM Fellowship

6:30pm – Peace Lecture

"Compassion Through Action: Constituent Influence on Congress"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

9:30am – Morning ZOOM Fellowship

10:00am – Final Business Meeting

11:00am – Recording of Ministers & Meeting for Worship

With a Prepared Message from Pastor Ray Geers



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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

YOUR MEETING: _____

Which events do you plan to attend VIRTUALLY via ZOOM (check all that apply):

WORKSHOP: WYM & WILM. COLLEGE

_____ WED, 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

_____ WED, 7 p.m.

PRE-YEARLY MEETING RETREAT

_____ THURS, 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

_____ FRIDAY, 9 a.m.

_____ SATURDAY, 9 a.m.

WORSHIP SHARING

_____ FRIDAY, 9:30 a.m.

_____ SATURDAY, 9:30 a.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

_____ FRIDAY, 10:15 a.m.

_____ FRIDAY, 2 p.m.

_____ SATURDAY, 3 p.m.

_____ SUNDAY, 10 a.m.

_____ MINISTRY & COUNSEL

_____ USFW LECTURE

_____ MEMORIAL MEETING FOR WORSHIP

_____ PEACE LECTURE

_____ RECORDING OF MINISTERS &
SUNDAY WORSHIP

***Please register by July 27.**

****There is no fee for registration, banquets, meals or housing for this year's event.**

Contributions are, however, quite welcome. A great deal of time and prayer has gone in to making a virtual Yearly Meeting possible, so please consider donating as you are led. **Mail checks & completed registration forms to: Wilmington Yearly Meeting, 1870 Quaker Way, Box 1194, Wilmington, Ohio 45177.**



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ABOUT OUR PLENARIES & PRESENTERS

PRE-YEARLY MEETING RETREAT:

"F/friends in Unlikely Places: Engaging with Those Who Don't Agree with You", with Bobby Trice and Alicia McBride of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Does talking to legislators who don't agree with you feel like an exercise in futility? In this workshop, we'll make the case for engaging legislators with differing views and discuss how to have those conversations faithfully and effectively. Drawing on theoretical, strategic, and spiritual frameworks from Quaker tradition, this workshop will equip F/friends with new skills for communicating across political divides, practicing seeing that of God in people we disagree with, and building relationships to make change in Congress.

Bobby Trice is FCNL's Quaker Engagement Associate. He supports Quakers' spirit-led advocacy on Capitol Hill and around the nation. Bobby is FCNL's first point of contact for Friends and fosters open channels of communication between FCNL and the wider Quaker world. He coordinates FCNL staff engagement with Quaker communities to listen to Friends' concerns, facilitate empowerment, and make meaningful action on public policy more accessible. He currently attends Friends Meeting of Washington in DC. Bobby comes to FCNL from Swannanoa Valley Friends Meeting. He is originally from Nevada City, California.



Alicia McBride is FCNL's Director of Quaker Leadership. She leads FCNL's work to nurture, expand, and deepen relationships with Friends across the United States. She also works to ensure that everyone engaged with the organization understands the spiritual basis of FCNL's advocacy. She oversees FCNL events at the Quaker Welcome Center as well as Annual Meeting and the Quaker Public Policy Institute. She joined the FCNL staff in 2004. She is a member of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting (Baltimore Yearly Meeting). She lives in Takoma Park, MD with her husband and two children.





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USFW LECTURE:

"Salvation and the Kingdom of God", with Nikki Holland, Director of Belize Friends Mission

In this talk, Nikki Holland will be weaving together an update from her FUM ministry with her musings on the meaning of salvation. What has FUM been doing in Belize during the pandemic? What does salvation mean in the context of suffering that she witnesses every day? What does the Kingdom of God look like in Belize City?



Nikki Holland serves as the director of FUM's ministries in Belize. Belize Friends Mission includes a second-chance school, where local students can access educational and character-building resources so they can get into high school or technical school; a growing church, attended mainly by teen boys; and a community center, through which is facilitated community service and education. Nikki lives in Belize with her husband and kids. She has an M.Div. from the Earlham School of Religion, and she loves reading fiction, playing music, and talking about the Kingdom of God.

PEACE LECTURE:

"Compassion Through Action: Constituent Influence on Congress", with Diane Randall, FCNL

Diane Randall, General Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, will offer a perspective of Quaker faith and practice through advocacy. In the ten years that Diane has served FCNL, she has seen how constituents can influence Congress on issues that Friends care about and what the challenges we face in our democracy. We'll look at the case for federal policy reform in immigration and in ending endless wars and how Friends across the country have worked to pursue our vision of a world free of war and the threat of war and a society with equity and justice for all.



Diane Randall is a convinced Friend, and a member of Hartford Monthly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting. She is married to Roger Catlin and is the mother of Alex, Lillie and Nora. Before coming to FCNL, Diane was Executive Director of Partnership for Strong Communities, a Connecticut-based non-profit providing leadership, advocacy, and policy development on solutions to homelessness, affordable housing and community development. Diane began her career as a high school English teacher and started working for peace in 1983 as the Executive Director of the Omaha Nuclear Freeze Campaign. Diane relocated to Connecticut in 1986 where she directed the state Network to Abolish the Death Penalty and worked for the Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese of Hartford, launching a twenty-year career lobbying the state legislature.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

***Please register by July 27th.** Yearly Meeting registration information will be used to plan our support staff, worship sharing groups, advance materials, etc., and will get you on an email list to receive updates as they become available.

***If you need assistance in learning ZOOM before Yearly Meeting sessions, contact Katie in the Yearly Meeting office:** office@wymfriends.org; call: (937)382-2491; call/text: (765)977-5182.

***If you prefer to register online, you can do so at:** WilmingtonYearlyMeeting.org

***If you are interested in joining a small group of Friends at Wilmington Friends Meeting to participate in any or all sessions together, contact Doug Woodmansee:**
dbwoodmansee@gmail.com.

***Cincinnati Friends Meetinghouse will be open on Sunday, August 1, at 9:30am for fellowship, our final business session, and Meeting for Worship.** Unvaccinated individuals are REQUIRED to wear masks.

***EXPRESSING APPROVAL OR CONCERN DURING A BUSINESS MEETING:** In a typical, in-person, business meeting, the clerk will ask Friends whether they approve of an item. People will respond by verbally, saying "Approve". This does not work over Zoom. For our purposes, we invite you to **bring something red and something green to our online business sessions**. When the clerk asks for approval, in order to express your approval of an item, we invite you to hold up something green in front of you. Anything green will do. To express reservations about the item under consideration, hold up something red, or use the "raise your hand" feature of Zoom. For those joining without a camera, there is no positive way to express approval, so if you do not "raise your hand", the clerk will understand that you approve.

***The Youth & Young Adult Committee is selling white t-shirts with black lettering that read: "Jesus Is Essential."** If you would like to order a t-shirt, for a minimum donation of \$10, contact Katie at the Yearly Meeting office with your shirt size, method of payment, and to schedule a time for pickup.

***Technical difficulties during Yearly Meeting sessions?** Contact Kristin Lally in the Cincinnati Friends Meeting office, via email: office@cincinnati.friends.org or text: (513)-432-2830. The "chat" function will also be available on ZOOM to chat with hosts.

