

## **Report to Meetings and Worship Groups from the NPYM Coordinating Committee Meeting of 3/16/2019**

The NPYM Coordinating Committee met on March 16, 2019. Committee members from monthly meetings shared how their groups are working to uproot racism and also “what gifts does your meeting bring to North Pacific Yearly Meeting?” Answers to the latter ranged from naming specific Friends who serve the yearly meeting in many capacities to holding regular, brief periods of “special worship for the health and welfare of the Puget Sound” to offering to consult about installing solar panels on meetinghouse roofs. Several meetings shared the joy of welcoming new attenders.

### ***Annual Session 2019:***

- Registration for Annual Session is now open at [npym.org](http://npym.org). We encourage early registration—if you register before 5/11 you’ll receive a \$10 coupon for the Annual Session bookstore.
- Annual Session will be held at Linfield College in McMinnville OR, July 17-21. Jay O’Hara of Sandwich Monthly Meeting (MA) and the Climate Disobedience Center will be our Friend in Residence.
- The AS planning committee assures us that Linfield College has a conveniently compact campus, so it should be easy for Friends to get around. NPYM will have rooms in an ADA accessible dormitory and will provide golf-cart transportation for those who need it, as usual.
- NPYM will continue the “abundant financing” model for Annual Session. That is: the planning committee will estimate what a regular adult fee would be – and **then we are invited to pay whatever we are led to pay**. Please don’t let the cost of Annual Session keep you away—we need all our voices around the table! NPYM wants to ease the burden of attending AS so that as many people as possible can participate. NPYM also encourages meetings and worship groups to contribute to the abundant financing fund to help cover the costs of Annual Session.

### ***Notes from the Ministry & Counsel Committee:***

- We are reminded to send state of the society reports to our Quarterly Meetings soon.
- The next Ministry & Counsel consultation phone call will be Sunday, May 12; the topic is **nurturing vocal ministry**. Clerks or other representatives of ministry & counsel or pastoral care committees are invited to participate.
- Memorial minutes should be sent to Ministry & Counsel by June so that Friends who have recently passed away may be acknowledged at Annual Session.

### **Ways to Connect with NPYM and the Wider World of Quakers:**

- All meetings and worship groups are asked to season the proposed minute on uprooting racism, and send responses to the subcommittee of the Peace & Social Concerns Committee. Your Coordinating Committee member can help in the process. The minute will come to Annual Session for action.
- NPYM’s Nominating Committee is eager to speak with anyone about how they might best serve the yearly meeting. Take a look at the positions in current “NPYM grid” under “who we are” on the yearly meeting website, [npym.org](http://npym.org). It takes a **lot** of people to keep a volunteer-run organization like ours working effectively. If you are wondering how **you** can help out, feel free to contact the committee—there’s a message link right on that web page.
- Ministry & Counsel Committee is looking for NPYM Friends to represent us at the annual sessions of our “sister” yearly meetings of Evangelical Friends. The new Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting will meet 5/24-26 in Canby, OR, and Northwest Yearly Meeting will meet 7/21-24 (just after our own Annual Session) in Newburg, OR. NPYM Friends who would like to attend as official representatives should apply to Ministry & Counsel by April 15.