

BYM Daily Minute – Wednesday, August 3

Today's Plenary Speaker

This Little Light of Mine:

Lauren Brownlee and Jen Cort

How do you imagine the Light within you? How do you hold others in the Light? What does it look like to nurture your own Light? This session, held in Whitaker Center, will be an all-ages exploration of our individual and collective Light.

Lauren Brownlee is a member of Bethesda Friends Meeting and serves on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and the Growing Diverse Leadership Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. She is also a BYM appointee to the Sandy Spring Friends School Board of Trustees. Lauren is an alumna and former faculty member at Sidwell Friends School. She is a member of the DC Peace Team and the Steering Committee of the Quaker Palestine Israel Network. She is currently the Director of Social Action at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.

Jen Cort, LCSW-C is a member and trustee at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting. After 20 years of working at Sidwell Friends and Sandy Spring Friends Schools Jen went into school consulting. Many of the organizations she works for are Quaker including Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Session/Young Friends Programs, Friends Council on Education, Friends Meeting School, Greene Street Friends, Sandy Spring Friends, Sidwell Friends and William Penn Charter.

Campus Shuttle Update

Look for the GREEN golf carts circling campus for rides between dormitories and activities. Remember to accommodate those with mobility issues before hopping on! If you need a ride and don't see a golf cart, call Martha Gay: 301-526-7052.

Bookstore Hours

The Bookstore will be open today from 8-9 am, 12:30-2:00 pm, and 5-10:30 pm.

Volunteers may stop in at any time to sign up to help staff the Bookstore. The need for volunteers is most urgent on Saturday evening from 6:30 pm onward for packing up books and crafts.

Sweet Treats at Break Time

Enjoy an egg-free and dairy-free treat during the break at today's Meeting for Business. Recipes included!

Brought to you by the Working Group on Right Relationship with Animals

Where is Your Worship Sharing Group?

Sign-up sheets for 8:15 am worship sharing and Bible study are in the Whitaker Campus Center. The leaders and room locations are below. Please sign up for your choice!

1. Rosenstock (Ros) 123 – Nancy Moore
2. Ros 212 – Meg Meyer
3. Ros 215 – Rebecca "Rep" Pickard (begins Thursday)
4. Marx Center – Family-friendly – Joanna Fitzick
5. Healing Ctr., Smith Lower Level Lounge – Worship Sharing for Healing – Bette Hoover
6. Outside Rosenstock (if rainy, Ros 120), Worship Sharing, Unity with Nature – Eli Fishpaw
7. Ros 223 – Worship Sharing with Music and Chant – Ruth Fitz
8. Ros 218 – Worship Sharing, Experiment with Light – Susan Russell Walters and Sarah Bur
9. Ros 101 – Bible Study – David Etheridge and Sabrina McCarty

Dining Hall Information

Food Concerns: Deborah Legowski is the Food Coordinator. She will be in the dining hall during all meals Please see her with food questions or complaints. If Friends have special dietary needs, and have not already done so, they need to contact Deborah. With an accurate count, Deborah will be able to let staff know how many people are likely to request such options. The Program Committee requests that Friends *not* approach the dining hall staff with food complaints or suggestions

Important Campus Information

On behalf of Hood College, welcome Friends! Our Security desk is open 24 hours a day in Whitaker Center to serve BYM guests.

Internet Access: Search for AnnualSession@Hood in the Wi-Fi list on your internet device. There is no password.

If you have locked yourself out of your room, go to the 24-hour desk at Whitaker Center.

Fragrance: There are Friends present on campus who have sensitivities to chemicals in fragrances that can result in health problems. Fragrance-free shampoo and soaps are available at some nearby stores.

Today's Registration Hours

12:30 pm – 2:45 pm

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Interest Groups and Committee Meetings

Friends are reminded that Request for Space Forms are available on the BYM Information Table on the main floor of Whitaker Center. You must complete and return a Request for Space form to have a space assigned for your Interest Group or Committee Meeting. Space assignments will be listed in the *Daily Minute* and posted on the Information Table.

Anyone sponsoring an Interest Group is requested to provide a one-sentence description to include with the room assignments in the next day's *Daily Minute*. These are due by 5:00 pm Wednesday for Thursday Groups or 5:00 pm Friday for Saturday groups.

Committee Meetings (7:30 – 9:00 pm)

Rosenstock (Ros) 215 – Intervisitation working group
Ros 223 – Ministry and Pastoral Care
Ros 218 – Nominating
Ros 212 – Racism Working Group
Tatem 213 – Religious Education
Tatem 206 – Search
Ros 226 – Stewardship & Finance
Tatem 218 – Trustees
Tatem 214 – Unity with Nature

NOTE: Camping Program Committee will meet from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Marx Center.

Displays! Displays!

Annual Session is a great time to get caught up on what our Quaker Organizations are up to. Lots of info on the tables on the second floor of the Whitaker Center. Check them out.

Intervisitation Lounge

Tonight and every night through Friday, starting at around 9:15 pm. If you are visiting from outside of BYM, or if you are from BYM and would like to welcome our visitors – in other words, ALL OF YOU – are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshment in the lounge of Shriner. Arrive and leave any time. Come with questions, comments, or simply a wish to be present with us. This year we even have chairs!!

Announcements

Orientation to Annual Session is available Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitaker Center.

Hymn Singing is at 6:15 – 7:00 pm every evening in the Whitaker Center. All are welcome.

Siesta Time: We reaffirm the right (and perhaps the need) to indulge in siesta time after lunch, 1:30-2:00 pm. This makes for happier afternoons and evenings.

Junior Yearly Meeting Information

JYM Program locations: Due to elevator problems in Coblentz Hall, the Nursery and Preschool have moved from 2nd floor to basement ground level. Elementary classes meet in the Coblentz basement Game Room, as do the afternoon and evening program JYF meets in basement Coblentz in the CBD Seminar Room.

Afternoon Parent Co-op: A parent-staffed, co-op aftercare (rising K to rising 5th) will be offered immediately after the JYM afternoon program (Basement Coblentz in game room) from 4-5 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Being part of this program will allow you to attend interest groups and committee meetings, *as long as you sign up to work one shift*. Attend the organizing Interest Group on Wednesday afternoon from 1:30-2 in Coblentz Game Room to sign up and choose your work shift.

During Wednesday's Intergenerational Plenary, we will have nursery care for the youngest children. Families can enjoy the Plenary with their older children. Parents attending the afternoon business session may have their children picked up at the end of the Plenary for child care.

There will be no JYM Program during evening programs on Thursday or Saturday. On Thursday evening, come and enjoy the All-Age Celebration. On Saturday evening, the Young Friends will host a coffeehouse/talent show. Both of these events are family-friendly – we look forward to seeing you there. Please note that children should be supervised by a parent or other designated adult at these events. Supervision will *not* be provided by JYM staff or event organizers. **Adult volunteers needed!** Parents and others are welcome to swim with JYM on Thursday afternoon. Please see a JYM staff person for details. Kids and parents can find JYM answers from people with a JYM Heart on their name tags.

Please remember, all children – infant through rising 5th grade – should always be with an adult. This is important for their safety.

Athletic Facilities

Swimming is available on campus for BYM Friends between 8-9:30 pm each evening. Athletic Center: The Cardio Deck and Workout Room will be available Wednesday through Friday, 9-11 am and 4-6 pm. Participants must be 18 or older.

Annual Session Evaluations

Your feedback is valuable!

Make sure to complete and return your Evaluation Form or use the online form www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/evaluation

