Call to North Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session  July 17-21, 2013

George Fox and other Friends will again join us in worship at our Annual Session, July 17-21 2013. Margaret Fell will again provide spiritual nurture and accommodations in the manner of Friends. Our location is Forest Grove, Oregon hosted at Pacific University. This pleasant campus will give succor as we are challenged by the pressures of our material lives and in particular from firearms violence that springs from fear in our community.

So, what are we doing together in our Friendly and simple community? Well, living, playing, listening working together. Our theme is “Not by my strength alone: laboring together beyond our comfort zone.”

Our Friend in Residence is actually our Friends Family in Residence: Becca Mohally Renk (originally of Sandpoint Monthly Meeting and former NYPM Junior Friend), husband Paul Mohally Renk (Cork Ireland Monthly Meeting) and daughters Eibhlin (7) and Orla (5). On behalf of all, Becca states it simply: “We have been called to work with the poor.”

Becca’s journey is at http://www.npym.org/as/Paul_Becca%20Mohally%20bios.html and their home and work center is the Jubilee House in Nicaragua http://www.jhc-cdca.org (CDCA: Center for Development in Central America). They will help us explore the vine connecting Friends for 350 years across cultural, language and social lines, discovering that of God and human dignity in everyone. We have been, are, and will certainly be together as one in seeking the truth.

Other joys and challenges will stimulate our growing edge at Annual Session including

- The Committee to Evaluate NPYM Structure will report. From this, we may find Unity to confirm or reset our course.

- We will hear from our Relationships with other Quaker Organizations Committee. Their work emerged out of our decision to not affiliate with Friends General Conference last summer.

- American Friends Service Committee is our alphabet Quaker organization to bring out Friends work relieving material injustice in our world.

- We will have a “Simple Meal” with any cost rebate going to the Jubilee House in Nicaragua.

Here now is the call to preparation for this Annual Session. We came to unity several years ago around doing our NPYM business at the AS. We need a clear, deep opening with the Divine for discernment of how we are led. Also, we have found that we do better as we prepare for the framing, facts and foundation for the issues before us. We are putting up on the NPYM website http://www.npym.org/ the background materials as time runs so that you have real time, all the time access to information critical to understanding the issues. Please use the hyperlinks as they are sent out.

We will put some of our business into what will be a Consent Agenda reflecting spiritually administrative decisions that need efficient, rapid discernment and adoption. Our Nominations Report and our NPYM budget are two such. We will arrange opportunities to gain more info about the details while at the Annual Session but we will move through these items rapidly. Also you may discuss them at your Monthly Meeting.
We said in NPYM we wanted to do more discernment of our business at the Annual Session and we discarded Steering Committee and formed our Coordinating Committee to help in bringing information. Not so paradoxically, we need discussion, dissection and forming preliminary assessments of issues prior to the Annual Session. This local discussion also is at the heart of our NPYM seasoning process for this reason: not all of us attend our Annual Session but we are all in this NPYM together.

This is the call to listen personally, and to schedule seasoning in your monthly meeting. This is a call to monthly meeting clerks and worship committees to hold this pre annual session seasoning in the Light. This is a call to assist your Meeting's Coordinating Committee member to schedule seasoning opportunities at your meeting in the 3 months before the Annual Session. From changes in the Faith and Practice to the various committees' recommendations above (and at http://www.npym.org/) there is some pretty good Quakerly stuff to feast on and prepare for final discernment at Forest Grove.

As in England in the 1650’s, we NPYM Friends have an experience and tradition of going out and coming back to be together again. In the early days of George Fox’s mission to the Northwest of England and supported by Margaret Fell’s hospitality and bracing spiritual nurture, the Quaker ministers also known as “two-by's” went out. They carried an earnest revelation to proclaim the inner Christ, the Light, the Seed. These spiritual activist preachers, sent out two by two from Quaker central, as it were, sent back reports of their work to London. Those ensuing reports evolved over time into the State of Society reports, illuminating how spirit fared among local scattered groups of seekers of the Light. And they came back together from time to time to share their community.

Building on the Meeting for Worship in the 1680’s to support Friends imprisoned for following Spirits light in the face of public intolerance and government intransigence, this worship around their sufferings developed into Britain Yearly Meeting’s organizing structure for ongoing discernment of Friend’s policy. This lives today as the Meeting for Sufferings survived and evolved after the Religious Tolerance Act of 1689 removed the public rebuke to Quakers. We too, in NPYM love and labor in oppressive stress of present government policies that engender fear that encourage violence and division around firearms use. Now, as before 1689, some Friends in conscience put themselves into position of sufferings from those policies.

We, in our own way now as ministers to and from our local communities, will converge in our own country’s Northwest to reinvigorate and discern how our faith is put in action. May we support those Friends who minister on love and community without fear and may we support those who accept sufferings as a consequence of Spirit led actions.

See you in Forest Grove for singing, play, learning and joyous renewal.

Peace,

John Allcott
Presiding Clerk
North Pacific Yearly Meeting
March 26, 2013
## Program Information

**Tentative Schedule for NPYM Annual Session 2013**

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<td>Lunch; Be sure to turn in your room keys, swipe cards, and evaluations!</td>
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**CP = Children’s Program**

**CA = Children’s Activities available if needed**
Interest Groups

Annual Session attenders may sign up for Interest Groups during registration, or upon arrival at Pacific University (space permitting). A list of Interest Groups and descriptions follows.

IG-1 **BUT IT DOESN’T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY: ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE IN NICARAGUA.** Leaders: Paul and Becca Mohally Renk. (Thursday)

IG-2 **THE SPIRIT, THEORY, & PRACTICE OF NONVIOLENCE.** Leaders: Jesse Laird & Other Members of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. (Thursday) Part formal presentation and part engaged dialog, this Interest Group takes a challenging and global look at nonviolence. Prospective participants may browse the resources at [http://jesseclaird.blogspot.com/p/resources.html](http://jesseclaird.blogspot.com/p/resources.html) beforehand. (Participant range: 10 to 50 persons.)

IG-3 **PRISON, RACISM, & REFORM: DEALING WITH MASS INCARCERATION.** Leader: Tom Ewell. (Thursday) We will view the video *The House I live In* and discuss Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*, with proposed next steps toward reform.

IG-4 **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A WESTERN FRIEND?** Leader: Mary Klein, new Editor & Executive Director of Western Friend. (Thursday) “Are Western Friends unique?” One British Friend has even observed that Western Friends are on the “cutting edge” of the Quaker way. Are we? If so, how? (Attendees may want to read Marge Abbott's essay on the subject in the December 2012 issue of *Western Friend*.)

IG-5 **SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT.** Leader: Marge Abbott. (Thursday) The practice of gentle listening is a way of life for Friends. Early Friends' words will help illumine modern practice as we seek to recognize the Spirit at work in our lives. (Limited to 30 participants.)

IG-6 **THE SPHERE, THE TREE, & THE CIRCLE.** Leader: Rick Ells. (Thursday) How does new knowledge about our Earth (the sphere), the evolutionary tree of life (the tree), and the experience of personal and communal worship (the circle) enhance traditional Quaker teachings? (Participant range: 8 to 25 persons.)

IG-7 **EXPLORING SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EARTH ~ SENSE OF UNITY DECISION MAKING ~ WHAT DO FRIENDS HAVE TO OFFER?** Leader: Eric Maya Joy. (Thursday) How does nurturing spiritual relationship with Earth bring about transformation to live in peace with Self, Other, Nature...? What special gifts do Friends have to offer? Introductory sharing followed by worship sharing ~ nurture sharing and discussion.

IG-8 **POP QUIZ – WHAT DOES THE PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR LOOK LIKE? A DISCUSSION OF LIBERATION THEOLOGY.** Leaders: Paul and Becca Mohally Renk. (Saturday) (Limited to 20 participants)

IG-9 **MORE QUAKER LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND HOW TO LIFT THEM.** Leader: Rick Seifert, Multnomah Monthly Meeting and Quaker Quest Travel Team member. (Saturday) Part 2 of Rick's popular Interest Group last year on the same topic. How well do we share in words the “Quaker Way” with seekers and with each other? What words are barriers to understanding? What words are helpful? (Limited to 30 participants.)

IG-10 **ZEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUAKERS’ LISTENING.** Leader: Kehrnan Shaw. (Saturday) Focusing on Modern Zen practices that can be of help to Quakers and based on “Letter from the Shin Tao,” this talk describes an updated way of clearing one's awareness to hear beyond words and practice. In this case Zen is a tool, not a practice in itself. (Limited to 30 participants.)

IG-11 **REFLECTION – “NICARAGUA: SURVIVING THE LEGACY OF US POLICY.”** Leaders: Paul Dix & Pamela Fitzpatrick. (Saturday) Nicaraguan photos, music, and overview of the genesis of both book and college speaking tours; then group reading of one story and testimony, followed by worship sharing.

IG-12 **WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP MEAN?** Leaders: NPYM Committee on the Discipline. (Saturday) What is membership in the Religious Society of Friends: status, agreement, or relationship? How well does the chapter on membership in our Faith and Practice describe the current practices within NPYM?

IG-13 **SHAPE-NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP.** Leader: David Wright. (Saturday) Introduction to singing harmony, shape-note notation system and singing tradition, and similarities between spiritual practices of Quakerism and Sacred Harp singing. Expect to sing, no experience necessary! Materials provided.

IG-14 **EXPERIMENT IN SELF-SUFFICIENCY: ARIZONA NON-PROFIT WORKS WITH SONORA, MEXICO, TO GROW FOOD AND SKILLS.** Leader: Marybeth Webster. (Saturday) DVD viewing and Q&A discussion about DouglaPrieta Works, founded by Friends in 2005, which has a sewing cooperative, an urban agriculture school, a community garden, and mini-gardens in individual yards, making dozens of families less desperate to migrate.
**Worship Groups**

*Worship Groups meet daily to help us know one another on a deeper level.*

This year we anticipate having enough Junior Friends and Young Adult Friends in attendance for all our groups to be “Intergenerational.”

The following types are offered this year:

**WS** Worship centered on a theme or a set of queries. The patterns of unprogrammed worship apply: each person who wishes may respond to the query but does not respond specifically to someone else’s contribution; each participant speaks only once to any query; the group returns to silent worship between contributions.

**WD** Similar to worship-sharing, but with more speaking. Participants may respond directly to what someone else has said, and may speak more than once to a topic, with space for everyone to contribute and to return to silence between contributions.

**WWS** Walking together in worship with periodic stops to respond to the queries from one’s experience, in the manner of Worship Sharing.

**WM** This is worship with ministry primarily through singing, returning to silence between contributions. Participants are encouraged to bring songs that will contribute to a sense of deep worship. Friends’ hymnals will be available. Instruments (non-amplified, please) are welcome but not required.

**UW** Traditional unprogrammed worship in the manner of Friends.

If you would like to lead a Worship Group, check the box in the Worship Group section of the online registration, or add a note to your paper registration.

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**Breakfast Bible Study**

There will be an ongoing Bible Study over breakfast in the dining hall, at about 7:15. We will choose an appropriate section of the book to open during the session. Look for a Bible Study sign over a table and for Joe Snyder.

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**Simple Meal at Friday Lunch**

In solidarity with people around the world who have no choice but to eat very simply and very little, and to support the work of the Center for Development in Central America (or CDCA; [http://www.jhc-cdca.org/](http://www.jhc-cdca.org/)), Friends are invited to take part in a ‘simple meal’ at Friday’s lunch. The price of your lunch beyond the expense of preparing the meal will be donated to CDCA. Please indicate in the appropriate space on the meals portion of your registration whether you plan on participating in this meal option or not.
**Friday Afternoon Service Project**

Providing service to our host community is an annual session tradition; this year’s service project is scheduled for Friday afternoon from 3-5pm. Details about the project will be forthcoming on the NPYM annual session website.

**Friday evening Quaker Fair**

Beginning at Annual Session 2011, we’ve been experimenting with a new way of getting the word out about Friends’ work and witness in the world. Our third annual Quaker Fair will be an opportunity for Friends’ organizations to meet with attendees at Annual Session informally and share information about their programs. Because of our dense plenary session agendas, this may be the only official time for a broad range of organizations to share with Friends. Come browse the tables, view the displays, and find out about the local, national and international work of a wide range of Friends’ service, educational, and lobbying groups!

**Bookstore**

The bookstore will again be at Annual Session for your enjoyment and leisure. Both fiction and non-fiction books of interest to Quakers are featured. We have more wall space than usual this year so contributions of your art work are welcome for display.

We will not be able to process credit card transactions. Please bring cash and/or checks for your purchases. Alternatively, Pacific University has an ATM machine nearby. We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces in the bookstore.
Work Contributions for NPYM Annual Session

Our Annual Session is run by volunteers. We need everyone to contribute time to make the Annual Session function well. Please select two (2) choices for both types and times. Expect at least two (2) assignments. The jobs and times are listed below. Our favorite responses are related to the Children's Program, or “Anywhere I’m needed” and “Any time I'm needed.”

Please use these codes when filling out your (paper) registration form. They are offered as a pull-down menu on the online registration.

### Jobs:

#### Before Annual Session on Wednesday:
- **ER** = At the registration table
- **EO** = Set up the NPYM Office
- **EB** = Set up the Bookstore
- **EP** = Carry luggage
- **EGC** = Golf cart driver (2-3 hour shifts)

#### Sunday at close of Annual Session:
- **SC** = Clean up after YM
- **SO** = Clean and Pack up NPYM Office
- **SP** = Carry luggage
- **SGC** = Golf cart driver (2-3 hour shifts)
- **DC** = Drive Jr or Central Friends to Camp

#### During the Annual Session:

**Children’s Program (our greatest need)**
- **CPA** = Any age group
- **CPI** = Infants and Toddlers
- **CPP** = Preschool
- **CPE** = Early Elementary
- **CPU** = Upper Elementary
- **CPC** = Central Friends
- **CA** = Children's Activities (evenings)

**Other positions**
- **AW** = Anywhere I am needed
- **G** = Greeter
- **GC** = Golf cart driver (2-3 hour shifts)
- **O** = Staff NPYM Office
- **BH** = Bookstore helper
- **MR** = Mike runner during Plenary
- **TS** = Tech support during Plenary
- **MED** = Doctor, nurse, paramedic, etc.
- **AA** = Already assigned
- **U** = Unable to contribute

**See below for more information about these positions** *

### Times to Work:

#### Before and After Annual session:
- **E** = Early arrival on Wednesday
- **S** = Sunday during / after lunch
- **T** = Transport to camps after Annual Session

#### During Annual Session:
- **AT** = Any time I’m needed
- **PS** = During a Plenary session
- **WG** = During a Worship Group
- **IG** = During an Interest Group
- **F** = During unscheduled time

* Interested in Children’s Program? There are many ways to help!

Thanks for being willing to help out with this year’s Children’s Program. We’re changing the schedule this year and can offer many different ways to spend time with NPYM’s youngest Quakers. Here are some things to consider as you decide when and how you’d like to volunteer.

1. Evening Children’s Program will be Children’s Activities. If you are interested in a rousing game of Capture the Flag or a fierce game of cards, consider signing up for “CA” to volunteer in the evening.

2. Junior or Central Friends Camp Driver. The Central and Junior Friends need help getting gear and themselves from Pacific University to their camp destinations (both of which will be relatively close to Portland this year). Consider volunteering to drop off supplies and teens at the end of annual session on Sunday afternoon.
Children’s Program

The Children’s Program offers opportunities for Quaker worship, education and fun for pre-schoolers through 8th graders during the Annual Session. This year’s Children’s Program will include:

Day time Children’s Program. Children’s program classrooms will be run during annual session day time events and will include opportunities for learning about this year’s Annual Session theme, meeting with the Friend-in-Residence, worship sharing, writing epistles and getting ready for the all important Community Night Skit.

Classrooms are roughly divided up this way (please let us know if your child should be in a different classroom from the one their school age level suggests):

- Infants and toddlers – Children’s Program provides child care for for babies under pre-school age. Parents with infants, please let the Children's Program Coordinators know if you plan to keep your infant with you instead of using the Children’s Program.
- Preschool - The Preschool Program is for those who have not yet attended kindergarten.
- Lower Elementary will be for children who have completed kindergarten through 2nd grade.
- Upper Elementary will be for children who have completed 2nd grade through 5th grade.
- Central Friends will be for children who have completed 5th through 8th grade.

Children’s Activities during evening sessions: After spending the daytime with their same age peers, children attending annual session will have a chance to play games (indoors or out) with lively Quaker Children’s Activities staff.

Parent Support at Annual Session: Parenting at Annual Session comes with joys and challenges. Children’s Program, the Youth Committee and Ministry and Oversight Committee offers support in 2 ways:

- The Family Break Room. Children’s Program will be creating a space to hang out with your child for a nap, a book, a diaper change or other low key activities when activity of annual session gets to be too much and your dorm room is too far away.
- Ministry and Oversight/Children’s Program liaison. Children’s Program staff and Ministry and Oversight work together to help families meet children’s needs at annual session. Please note any concerns you may have about caring for your children during annual session on your registration.

We’re all looking forward to seeing your family at annual session.

Central Friends Camp, July 21-24, 2013
Exploring Friends and the Central Oregon Coast

Bring a friend (or even a FAP - Friendly Adult Participant!) and camp out or cozy in at a Siltcoos Lake get away home site for three days of fun together learning about Friendly process and coastal environments. We will swim or wade in interdunal lakes, tumble on the dunes, and hike in coastal old growth. We might get to see the resident grey whale pod, sea lions and harbor seals up close and personal, or dissect a squid at the Hatfield Science Center. Eating clam chowder at Mos, exploring the wonders of minus tides on the rocky shoreline and toasting smores around the campfire are all probabilities. Learn why Siltcoos Lake is essential salmon habitat. Experience what’s behind Quaker expressions like Meeting for Worship with a concern for business, Committee Work with a concern for housekeeping, Volunteer Work Parties with a concern for local needs, and Workshop Sharing with a concern for each other, art and/or journaling. Coordinator: Ethen Perkins, epandlk@efn.org Cost: $60
Junior Friends

Junior Friends (JF) is a high school age group of Quakers. We meet twice a year, for four days at NPYM, and in February at our annual Ski Trip. We are a group that plans and structures itself with the help of lovely advisors and Friendly Adult Presences (FAPs). During our time at NPYM we attend worship sharing with the larger meeting as a way to introduce and learn about the Quaker processes. There are traditional card games, other games such as capture the flag. Every year we also have an outing, depending on our location. In the past we have gone river rafting, and spent the afternoons at parks. At the end of the four days we join with the Young Adult Friends for a dance, and the Feast of Love!

Tuesday’s program will include the Respectful Relationships exercise with the Young Adult Friends.

Respectful Relationships was inaugurated at Annual Session in 2010 to great acclaim, but a few issues kept it on hold in ’11 and ’12. Now, however, the Young Adult Friends and Junior Friends leadership hope to revive the practice. The exercise has three purposes: first, to strengthen trust and fellowship between the Young Adult Friends and the Junior Friends; second, to integrate Quaker testimonies with accurate information on issues important to teens, such as dating and love; and third, to provide concrete tools that promote safety and respect within all relationships.

Respectful Relationships begins with trust-building exercises between the YAFs and JFs. After dividing up into small groups along age lines (grades ten and under in one category, eleven and twelve in another; YAFs and advisors coordinate both), we move into a discussion which includes some common-sense sexual health information, but focuses on discerning boundaries and maintaining physical, mental, and spiritual health. Typical topics include communication, honesty, friendship, peer pressure, gender roles, mutual support, self-respect, and love. The topics are tuned to the age of the JFs involved to make sure that the material is age-appropriate, and the conversation hinges on integrity and mutual care.

Melina Larkin, a social worker and frequent leader of the Respectful Relationships talk in Pacific Yearly Meeting, has this to say about the conversation: “I believe that Quaker testimonies and values give Quaker youth a solid foundation when it comes to navigating relationships... In my experience, most of the issues that [Junior Friends] ask about are not for themselves, but have to do with a good friend... and how to better support them. The relationships that build between [JFs] and YAFs is so important and special, and is the best part of the entire experience.”

This will be an optional activity; any JFs or YAFs who feel uncomfortable participating are free to opt out. If there are any questions or concerns about the content of this program, please contact Paul Christiansen (Young Adult Friends clerk) or the Junior Friends advisers: Meghann Wolvert, Avery Welkin, and Joe Snyder.

Junior Friends Camp

After NPYM, Junior Friends are encouraged to come to the camp we have annually for four days after NPYM. The Junior Friends Camp flyer has full details.

Junior Friends is a great opportunity to learn about Quakerism, and to make bonds with young Quakers from across the Pacific Northwest. If anyone has any questions about Junior Friends, feel free to contact the two Junior Friend clerks, or advisors. Clara Ewert, a clerk, email is claraify.20@live.com and Whealon Costello, the other co-clerk’s email is fireandflames96@gmail.com. Meghan Wolvert, Joe Snyder, and Avery Welkin, our advisors, emails are mdw.wolvert@gmail.com, Joe Snyder <josephhoytsnyder@gmail.com>, welkinavery@gmail.com. Cost: $50.
Unaccompanied Minors

Unaccompanied Minors are people under 18 years old whose parents are not coming to the Annual Session. They must have adult Sponsors who will be responsible for them, especially in case of a medical emergency. Parents who are not attending the Annual Session must fill out the Youth Sponsorship Form twice for each child and attach a copy of the child's medical insurance card to each. Give one copy to your chosen Sponsor and mail the other copy to the Registrar so we have your signature on file in case of need.

In the past, we have relied on the Youth Sponsorship Form to give us parents' contact information. This year we are asking parents to include themselves on the same online registration with your children even though you are not attending, so the Children's Program Staff and Junior Friends Advisors can reach it during the planning stage before the Annual Session begins.

To do so online, you need to give an age to get the correct page, but feel free to choose Didn’t Say (the last choice on list). Then check that you not planning to attend, but you are the parent of a child who will. That takes you to page here you can give the needed information. It also has links to the Youth Sponsorship Form for your convenience. Or you can mail your children's registration and Youth Sponsorship Forms together. If you email your children's registration, be sure to add a note with your name, email address and phone number.

Regardless of which way you register, remember that the Registrar needs a paper Youth Sponsorship Form in order to have your legal signature giving your permission for your children to attend. Thanks.

Young Adult Friends

The Young Adult Friends (YAF) group forms the bridge between Junior Friends and participation in the life of the wider meeting. We range in age from first-year college students to parents of young families (officially, ages 18-35), and our mission is simple: strengthen the bonds between Quakers young and old! We do this by joining both Junior Friends and plenary sessions, by carrying on our rite-of-passage traditions, by spending time in fellowship with our own age group, and by serving as patterns and examples to younger Friends... and to older ones, too.

Plans for this year include the New YAF Scavenger Hunt, the annual Capture the Flag game, mentoring Junior Friends through the Respectful Relationships talk, and of course the Saturday night twofer: the dance party and the ever-tasty Feast of Love. In between, we generally hang out together in our own hall in the dorms, often talking and playing games long into the night.

If you are interested in being a part of the Young Adult Friends group, please indicate so on your registration forms, so we know how many to expect. If you want to attend, but aren't sure you have the resources to do so, contact the YAF co-clerk, Paul Christiansen, about travel funds (email: godsflunky47@gmail.com). Actually, contact him if you've got any questions at all. He's pretty approachable.

Follow NPYM Annual Session on Facebook.

Get late breaking news about annual session events; help spread the word about annual session. Here is the link – https://www.facebook.com/NPYMAnnualSession "Like" annual session and share it with your friends.
Physical Accommodations

Accessibility: We will be running golf carts to help you get to and from key locations. They will also be available for moving luggage to and from your vehicle on Wednesday and Sunday. The meeting rooms and other facilities we will be using are wheelchair accessible (by elevator in some cases). Friends with larger or motorized chairs may encounter some difficulty maneuvering in some places.

Parking: All visitors must have a valid parking permit to park in campus parking lots. There is no charge for the permits, and they will be included in your registration packet when you arrive. They must be visible on the driver’s side dashboard at all times. Guests may park in any of the many locations except in specifically designated spaces. Parking on city streets is also available, but it is time limited, strictly enforced by the city.

Internet Access: Wireless Internet access is available in all buildings on campus. Instructions on how to reach it will be available upon your arrival. There are also computer kiosks in the University Commons and Stoller Center Lobby for guest use.

Swimming: There is a municipal aquatic facility adjacent to campus near Burlington Hall, and we are welcome to use it. When the city has its Summer Schedule available, it will be posted on the website along with the preparation materials for the Annual Session.

Dorms: McCormick and Clark Halls are traditional dormitories. Most rooms are double occupancy, with some single, triple and quad rooms available. There are no elevators in these dorms, so note if you need to be on the ground floor. We have some rooms available in Burlington Hall for people with special needs for refrigeration or a nearly private bath room. If this is your situation, please make a note of it on your registration.

We will have separate sleeping areas for Junior Friends and their Advisors, Young Adult Friends, the LGBT group, Families, and Adults without children present as usual. Of course, adults without children present, who want to be in the area with children are welcome to choose the Families area.

Couples and families who register together will be housed together unless you provide specific instructions otherwise. People who register alone and want a specific roommate should indicate that person’s name in the Lodging Notes box (online) or on the paper Registration Form.

Laundry: Each residence hall has a laundry room. Machines require special laundry cards that can be purchased in the University Commons (Washburne Hall).

Camping: Camping is not allowed on campus, and there are no camping parks near campus.

Meals: Meals are different again this year. We are being charged by the meals we reserve in advance, and they are all-you-can-eat style. You are welcome to go back for seconds at no additional charge. Because you can go back for seconds, please consider taking smaller portions the first time through the line to minimize potential NPYM food waste and of course... your own waist! You need to anticipate and sign up in advance for all the meals you will eat, however, because the meal service will plan for only the number of people we tell them will be there for each meal. People staying in the dorms are expected to buy all the meals during their stay.

You CANNOT buy a meal for cash at the door when you arrive because Pacific University is not set up for that. They do have their Boxer Bistro adjacent to the eating area where you can purchase items if need be, but it is only open Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm. There are also a number of interesting restaurants near campus.

We will include a reminder of which meals you purchased in your registration packet when you arrive.

What to bring: Consider bringing summer clothing, jackets or sweaters, rain gear, personal hygiene and comfort items, flashlights (for those dark moments), and window fans (there is no A/C in dorms). Also bring swimwear if you want to swim.

What to leave behind: Primarily pets, alcohol, tobacco products, or other drugs (prescribed medications are OK to bring, of course).
Costs and Financial Information

Note that a “day” for accounting purposes is from after lunch one day until after lunch the following day.

Pacific University is giving us special price break for children under ten years old. Their entire daily cost is twice their age in years. That is, a six year old is charged $12.00/day and a nine year old is $18.00/day!

The meal costs for all people, age 10 and over, are:

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These total to:

- $29.00 per “day”, or
- $116.00 for all 12 meals

Remember, these are the costs of meals you order with your registration. You cannot buy a meal as you go through the line because Pacific University does not offer them that way.

The prices for beds are:

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<td>$38.00 / night</td>
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<tr>
<td>Double</td>
<td>Age 10 and over</td>
<td>$28.00 / night</td>
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Linens (sheets, blanket, hand and bath towels, wash cloth, pillow, pillow case, soap) are included in these prices.

Annual Session Fee

The Annual Session fee covers all the shared expenses for putting on the Annual Session. These include, but are not limited to: rentals (meeting rooms, golf carts, audio-visual equipment, etc.), Friend-in-Residents’ travel and other expenses, supplies and snacks for the Children’s Program, office supplies, Fee Waivers for staff members whose duties preclude their joining in planned activities, and a variety of similar costs.

Pacific University is also giving us a discount for people who stay in the dorms and buy all the meals for the entire Annual Session. We decided to use the savings this provides to partially offset our shared expenses, thus enabling us to lower the Annual Session Fee for for our young people. This year the Annual Session fee is:

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<td>$11 / day</td>
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Children’s Cap

Most of our families who have attended recently have one or two children, but a few have more. Even though the price per child is much lower this year, we are keeping the Children’s Cap at $500 as before, so that no family or meeting gets charged more for their children this year than they were last year.

Financial Aid

For a full statement, see the website: npym.org/policies

NPYM maintains a Financial Aid Fund to ensure that no one stays away from Annual Session due to cost. If you want financial assistance:

1. Ask your Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting, or Worship Group for the amount of aid you as an individual or family need. Your local group determines the amount to be granted. The process takes time, so please request aid as soon as possible! The NPYM Financial Aid Fund supplements the local group’s resources as needed.

2. If you are an isolated Friend or otherwise have no contact with a Monthly Meeting, you may apply to the NPYM Financial Aid Fund directly by contacting our Ministry and Oversight Committee Clerk, Lucretia Humphrey, at lucretiamh@gmail.com or 406-453-2714. This applies especially to Young Adult Friends who are no longer geographically connected with the meeting of their childhood, and have not yet established a permanent adult home community and made meeting connections there, but who still want to be connected with NPYM.
Registration Information

To register online, go to npym.org and click on Annual Session from the sidebar menu. Further instructions are on that page. Alternatively, you may register by mailing or emailing your registration to the Registrar as usual, using the forms accompanying this information packet. **The choice is up to you!**

**Note:** PayPal is offered as a convenience to you, but it costs NPYM $0.30 plus 2.2% of the amount you send, each time you use it. Therefore, you may want to consider mailing a check instead, even when you register online.

**Registration deadlines:**
NPYM has a clear attitude toward registration for the Annual Session. We want everyone to come who can, even if the way opens only at the very last minute. However, we need to have information in advance about your intentions so we and Pacific University can make accommodations for you. Therefore, we need the Registration Deadlines listed below, and encourage early registration.

If you register on line, your Registration Date (used to determine whether you are eligible for the early registration discount or need to pay the late fee) is set when you click on one of the three payment options, that is, Pay by Check, Pay by PayPal, or to tell your home meeting that you plan to apply for Financial Aid. Otherwise, your Registration Date is either the postmark on the envelope used to send your registration and deposit to the Registrar or the email date if you email your information.

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* You also may be unable to get lodging on campus or register your children

If you want to register children after the regular deadline, you must contact Lynn Travis for permission to add your children to the Children's program before you can complete your registration. The Children's Program provides enough teachers to accommodate all the children who are registered by the registration deadline, but they will not recruit additional teachers after that date. Our Youth Safety Policy includes teacher to student ratios for each age group. Late registering children can be included only if doing so will not exceed these ratios for their age group. Lynn may be reached at 503 703-6686 or lynn.marie.travis@comcast.net.

Similarly, Pacific University will make enough beds and meals available for everyone who is registered by the time the Registrar turns in the names of people to them. They will charge us an additional 15% administrative fee if we ask them to add another bed or set of meals after that time. We will pass this fee on to you in addition to our own late fee if you want accommodations after the deadline.

**Cancellations and refunds:**
If you find you need to cancel after registering, please return to your account online and check the “Cancel” box for each person who needs to cancel, or else call or email the Registrar.

**If you are a “No Show” (that is, neither cancel nor come) you will be billed for your full registration because we will be paying Pacific University for you.**

**Confirmation:**
The online registration process will automatically send you an email confirmation when you click on your payment option (thereby officially completing your registration) if you have an email address. Otherwise, the Registrar will contact you when your registration has been processed. If you have not heard within two weeks of registering, please contact the Registrar, Margaret Coahran, at mcoahran@frontier.com or 208-882-8342 to check on the status of your registration.
Travel Information

Driving to the Campus

Pacific University is located in Forest Grove, Oregon, 22 miles west of downtown Portland. From Portland, the preferred route to campus is via Highway 26 (Sunset Highway), turning south at Banks (via Highways 6 and 47). The area map displays these routes.

1. **FROM THE NORTH…**
   Traveling southbound on Interstate 5, take the 405 exit West, follow signs and exit to Highway 26 West (ocean beaches/zoo).

   **FROM THE SOUTH…**
   Traveling northbound on Interstate 5, take 217 exit North, follow signs and exit to Highway 26 West.

   **FROM THE EAST…**
   Traveling westbound on Interstate 84, follow signs and exit to Interstate 5 southbound, follow signs to 405, and to Highway 26 West.

2. **THEN...FROM HIGHWAY 26**
   Exit left onto Highway 6 (Tillamook/Banks), after driving 2 miles exit and turn right to Highway 47 south. Travel about six miles. Entering Forest Grove, turn right onto Sunset Drive at stoplight. Sunset Drive ends when it runs into campus. Turn right at the stop sign onto University Avenue. The next left is College Way, the main entrance to campus.

Ground Transportation

Tri-Met bus service can help you designate a route to the Pacific University campus: 503-238-7433, [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org).

The White Van Shuttle Service provides transportation from the Portland International Airport to the Pacific University campus: 503-774-9755.

Information about other ground transportation options is available at [www.flypdx.com/Grnd_Trans.aspx](http://www.flypdx.com/Grnd_Trans.aspx).

Ridesharing to North Pacific Yearly Meeting

If you would like a ride or can offer a ride to or from the NPYM annual session at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, July 17-21, 2013, please post the following information as a comment on the RideShare page at [www.wallawallafriendsmeeting.org](http://www.wallawallafriendsmeeting.org), then check back for possible matches:

1. City & State in CAPITAL LETTERS,
2. Number of Seats needed/offered,
3. Date leaving/returning,
4. Route of travel,
5. Name,
6. Phone/email,
7. Meeting or worship group.

If you find a ride or no longer have space, email clarkdn@charter.net to have your entry deleted, or just state that in a new comment.

Let's implement our NPYM minute on Climate Change, [www.npym.org/docs/minute2008_climate.pdf](http://www.npym.org/docs/minute2008_climate.pdf), by helping reduce NPYM's carbon footprint.