CALL TO NORTH PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 2015
Wednesday, July 15 – Sunday July 19, 2015
Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington

QuakerCraft: Becoming Quakers the World Needs

How do we blend our hunger for action with our responsibilities to our families and our Meetings?
How can our Quaker community support us in living into our leadings?

Climate change. War. Hunger and malnutrition. Poverty. Injustice. The list goes on and on. For many of us, there is a great alarm about the state of the world today. Like the Quaker abolitionists and suffragists of long ago, we have an intense desire to take action addressing society’s ills, and not surrender to cynicism and hopelessness. The Religious Society of Friends has a rich history of Spirit-led activism advocating for justice and peace. Our busy lives in the modern era present us with extra challenges as we seek a path of action that is consistent with our passions and ideals. What can we learn from the experiences of those previous generations of Quaker activists? What is unique to this time in history? How are we guided as we discern our calling?

These are some of the issues we will consider at the 43rd Annual Session of North Pacific Yearly Meeting, July 15-19 at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. Our Friend-in-Residence this year is Robin Mohr, Executive Secretary of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas. Robin has written extensively about convergent Friends and about her own struggle to blend motherhood and ministry on her blog at robinmsf.blogspot.com. In a recent Friends Journal article, “In Celebration of Bivocational Ministry”, Robin addressed the challenge of finding balance in one’s life to sustain a call to action in the midst of the responsibilities of family and community. Robin is interested in how the Religious Society of Friends can best support its members in living into their leadings.

One of the functions of the Annual Session is to conduct the business of North Pacific Yearly Meeting. We are mindful that the full name of business meeting is Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. As we worshipfully nurture our community and its structure, we will be open to surprises of the Spirit that may lead us to insights on becoming Quakers the world needs.

To highlight our connections with the larger Quaker community, we will have a “Quaker Fair” where individuals can have informal discussions with representatives to organizations such as American Friends Service Committee, Quaker Earthcare Witness, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Western Friend.

There is much to do in our time together. In addition to considering the business of the Yearly Meeting, there will be worship sharing groups, interest groups, community night and an open mic time. The children, and Junior Friends will be busy with programming geared to their needs and interests. Put all these activities, along with the inter-generational times together, and our 4 days will certainly be full and rich.

Annual Session has been a very important part of my life for many years. I always leave spiritually nourished by my time worshiping and sharing with Friends from all over the Northwest. I get much inspiration from hearing about others’ lives and learning more about ways that Friends perform service in the world. As this year’s Presiding Clerk, I am excited about the opportunities we have as a Yearly Meeting to seek Light together in fellowship, worship, and business.

Registration information can be found at www.npym.org. We look forward to seeing you in Spokane in July for worship, singing, play, and joyous renewal.

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## NPYM 2015 Annual Session Program

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**CC = Childcare available by advance request**

**CA = Children’s Activities in session**

**CP = Childrens’ Program in session**
Worship Groups

Worship Groups meet daily to help us know one another on a deeper level, as we reflect on the theme for the Annual Session

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

The following types of Worship Groups are offered this year:

WS – Worship Sharing
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 – Worship Discussion
Worship discussion is 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.

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

WM – Worship Ministry through Song
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 – Unprogrammed Worship
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.
Interest Groups

Annual Session attenders may sign up for Interest Groups (IG) during registration, or upon arrival at Whitworth University (space permitting). A list of Interest Groups with brief descriptions follows; a full description will be available online, and offered at the IG sign-up table at Annual Session. **PLEASE NOTE**: where there are limited participants, they will be assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Later registrants may not be able to attend a limited participant Interest Group.

**THURSDAY**

**IG-1**  **Formation in the Vocation of Being the Quakers the World Needs.**  
*Robin Mohr*  
A continuation of a conversation with our Friend in Residence.

**IG-2**  **The Nontheist Quaker**  
*Sarita Lief & Elizabeth Willey*  
A nontheist does not believe in a supernatural creator who influences the fate of creation. How does spirituality fit for a nontheist Quaker? What do “that of God” and “hold in the Light” mean?

**IG-3**  **Quakers and the Casa de los Amigos—a Social Justice Tour in Mexico City**  
*Doug Smith, Reno Friends*  
Doug was one of seven Friends from Pacific Yearly Meeting who experienced a Quaker learning tour focused on justice and equality in Mexico. He will present the incredibly inspiring work of Casa de los Amigos.

**IG-4**  **Retreat—the Balance between Inner and Outer Lives**  
*Lucretia Humphrey*  
This will be a time of reflection and discussion on how Quakers retreat. What are the various forms of retreat, individual and group? What is accessible and what is needed?

**IG-5**  **Racism and White Privilege**  
*Peace and Social Concerns*  
What is white privilege and what responsibilities does it put on those who benefit from it? What can Friends do about injustices that comprise our economic and social life? What is our response to those who suffer from discrimination?

**IG-6**  **Chanting**  
*Tommie Carlisle*  
Sing your prayers! Come sing scripture-based chants and short songs. Chants are repetitive, easy to learn. If you know a chant you’d like to share, you’re invited. Harmonizing welcome. Learn by call/response. Song sheets to take home. Limit of 20 people.
Living Our Faith through Action:  
A Call to Conscience on Climate Change
Megan Fair, Friends Committee on National Legislation
FCNL is a multi-issue advocacy organization working with Congress on the Hill and with constituents around the country. We will address the call to conscience on climate change and how Friends bridge the divide to advocate for the Earth.

FRIDAY

A People Gathered—Remotely
Western Friend, Mary Klein
Join in a conversation concerning best practices and worst worries regarding Friendly communication online. Add your ideas to our discernment regarding issues of privacy, security, equitable access, and limits. Help us improve electronic communication processes.

Ecomystical Theology for Friends
Quaker Earthcare Witness, ericmaya joy
How can Friends ground ourselves in deep spiritual wisdom? This session will explore ecomystical perspectives in the context of the human impact on Earth changes. Insight from indigenous peoples is included.

Trauma, Mental Health, Poverty and Their Interplay
Johannan Kelly
Issues related to poverty, mental health and trauma are all interconnected. We will consider their interplay and how our current response systems (medical, mental health, housing, police, and justice) can be helpful or destructive.

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement to End Israel Occupation of Palestine
Peace and Social Concerns
Description of the campaign, its origins and support, with the possibility of developing a minute to present at Plenary. Participants are encouraged to read: uscampaign@endtheoccupation.org

Extracting Fossil Fuels from Your Investments
Gayle Matson
This interest group will explore the how, what, and why of divestment from the top 200 coal, oil, and gas companies. Friends are encouraged to bring their divestment questions, concerns, and experience to share.

What Do You Know?
Valerie Milliron
George Fox was a mystic. Mysticism is experience based religion whereby you come to really know something for yourself. It is not just believing something; it is knowing something. This is why George Fox and many early Friends spoke with such authority. What do you know?
Who Are The Ministers Among Us?
Elinore Jordan, Friends World Committee for Consultation
Friends World Committee for Consultation connects all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. FWCC Section of the Americas offers programs that unite Friends across the hemisphere through Spirit-led fellowship. FWCC is interested in finding out - who are the ministers among us? How can we nurture those with a gift of ministry and share that gift with others?

SATURDAY

What We Talk about When We Talk about God
Robin Mohr, Friend-in-Residence
What do you mean, what do you think I mean when we talk about God? Encouraged by Rob Bell’s 2013 book, we will share our own understandings.

Living in the Spirit.  Do Friends Practice Discipline?
NPYM Committee on the Discipline (Faith and Practice)
What way do we have of practicing our Quakercraft? How do we deepen our faith as a foundation for our witness? We will continue conversation about our revised Faith and Practice.

Continuing Revelation: Energizing NPYM
Joyce Zerwekh
Dialogue focusing on possibilities for creative alternative structures and process. Group discernment will not include complaining but will include openness to the Light leading us forward. Imagination will be rooted in deepest Friendly convictions.

Prioritizing: North Pacific Yearly Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Work
Kate Hunter, Clerk, Peace and Social Concerns
We invite individuals and worship group/meeting representatives to join in a prioritizing process to help our region focus on issues we will work on together over the coming year.

Our Beautiful Brains: Built for Spirit and Community
Rick Ells
New understandings of how our brains work can help us understand how we nurture our spirituality, trust, compassion, and community. Then we are able to build a strong foundation for discernment and action in the world.

Bringing a Quaker Voice to Your State Capitol
Friends Committee on Washington Public Policy
Many decisions about criminal justice, economic justice, and environmental stewardship are made by the states. From the Washington State experience, we’ll share interactively how you can bring Quaker testimonies to state lawmaking.
**IG-21  Healthy Boundaries in Quaker Groups**  
*Dorsey Green*

Discussion and slide show focusing on:
- Knowledge about sexual assault, grooming, sex offenses
- Risky people and situations and what you can do
- Opportunities to discuss and practice healthy boundaries

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**Simple Meal - Friday Lunch**

In solidarity with people around the world who have no choice but to eat very simply and very little, our Friday lunch will be a “simple meal” of rice, beans and salad. The price of your lunch beyond the expense of preparing the meal will be donated to the Center for Development in Central America (CDCA), a project of the Jubilee House Community (JHC), a non-profit organization located in Nicaragua.

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The Jubilee House Community works with the poor. The CDCA’s goal is to work in partnership with communities and cooperatives to facilitate empowerment. They enable the communities and cooperatives to find their own solutions to the problems they identify and connects them with resources to solve their problems. The CDCA’s mission is to enable communities to become self-sufficient, sustainable, democratic entities.

Learn more about the Center for Development in Central American and the Jubilee House Community by going to their website:  [http://www.jhc-cdca.org/](http://www.jhc-cdca.org/)

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**Quaker Fair - Friday evening**

Our fifth annual Quaker Fair provides an opportunity for Friends’ organizations to meet informally with attendees at Annual Session 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 and view the displays. Find out about the local, national and international work of a wide range of Friends’ service, educational, and lobbying groups!

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**Bookstore**

The bookstore will be supplied by Friends General Conference (FGC), but crafts people and authors are welcome to bring their wares to the bookstore as well. The bookstore would also welcome attendees to bring used Quaker books to sell. Does your Meeting have an over-abundance of books in the library? Bring the extra books to the Annual Session Bookstore. You can either make a donation of them to the Annual Session, or the bookstore will keep track of your earnings for you. Please bring cash or checks. Direct any questions regarding the bookstore to Elizabeth Willey at:  as_bookstore_manager@n pym.org
Work Contributions for NPYM Annual Session

When choosing your **TWO** volunteer positions at AS, please give first consideration to helping with the Children’s Program. Before the general volunteer tasks, we are providing a short list of ideas of where you could help with the Children’s program. In the next section you will find all the job tasks with their assigned job codes.

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

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

1. The daytime Children's Program is divided into age groups. You may choose to help with ages from infant through Middle School. If you’d like to share in Friendly learning experiences, be interviewed about your Quakercraft, help plan a skit or write an epistle, sign up for "CP."

2. Afternoon & Evening Children’s Program (Children’s Activities) is all ages together. If you are interested in a rousing game of Capture the Flag, a fierce game of cards or a field trip to Riverfront Park, sign up for “CA.”

3. Junior or Central Friends Camp Driver. The Central and Junior Friends need help getting gear and themselves from Whitworth University to their camp destinations (both of which will be relatively close to Spokane this year). Consider volunteering to drop off supplies and teens at the end of annual session on Sunday afternoon: “DC” on your registration form.

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

**Wednesday**

**Jobs Before Annual Session:**
- 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**

**Jobs 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
Jobs 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)
- SFT = Saturday Field Trip

**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
- MED = Doctor, nurse, paramedic, etc.
- AA = Already assigned
- U = Unable to contribute

When Do You Want To Work:

**Before & 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
Active and Joyful Playshop
Tuesday Evening - Wednesday Morning

For more information, see separate attachment

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 a day time Children’s Program and additional times for Children’s Activities during evening sessions.

With the leadership of caring adult Friends, Children’s Program groups will meet during Annual Session daytime events and provide the opportunity to build a caring small group. Activities will center around the Annual Session theme, meeting with the Friend-in-Residence, worship sharing, writing epistles, and getting a skit ready for Community Night. Age groups are divided up approximately this way (If your child should be in a different group from this, please let the Program Coordinator know.):

- **Infants and toddlers**: We provide child care for babies under preschool age. If you plan to keep your infant with you instead of using the Children’s Program, please let the Program Coordinator know.
- **Preschool** is for those who have not yet attended kindergarten.
- **Primary** is for children who have completed kindergarten through 2nd grade.
- **Upper Elementary** is for children who have completed 2nd grade through 5th grade.
- **Central Friends** include young people who have completed 5th through 8th grade.
After spending the daytime with their same-age peers, children engage in indoor or outside activities with the centered and lively Quaker *Children’s Activities* staff and a wider age range of children. On Saturday afternoon, a field trip is planned for activities at Riverfront Park, the site of the 1974 World’s Fair.

This year every child needs a PAPER Medical Release form with a parent's signature on file in order to participate in the Children’s Program. Please mail the form with a copy of your child's medical insurance information, **in advance** to:

Jay Thatcher  
465 SE Bridgeway  
Corvalis, OR 97333

**Parenting at Annual Session**

Parenting at Annual Session comes with joys and significant challenges. Children's Program and the Youth Committee offer support in many ways:

- **The Family Break Room.** Children’s Program will create 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.

- **Youth Committee/Children's Program Liaison.** Children’s Program staff and the Youth Committee 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.

- **Orientation.** Come meet the volunteers and staff. Find out the essential information about the programs for children and youth. This is scheduled for Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 7:30. Look for confirmed times and locations in the final program you receive upon arrival.

- **First Time Breakfast.** Families who are at Annual Session for the first time are invited to sit together at breakfast on Thursday morning; Youth Committee will answer questions you may have, and we can get to know you better.

- **Committee Meeting Childcare.** Youth Committee will find childcare for any committee meetings, if you need it. Please contact Cynthia Black one day in advance.

To register children after 6/30/2015, please contact Children’s Program Coordinator **Jay Thatcher** for permission before completing your registration. The Children's Program provides enough teaching staff to lead all the children registered by the normal deadline, but cannot recruit additional staff after that. The Yearly Meeting's Youth Safety Policy includes adult to child ratios for each age group. Late registrants can be included, if doing so doesn’t exceed these ratios. Jay may be reached at (541)758-9333 or chilprogram@npym.org.

We’re all looking forward to seeing your family at annual session.  
The Children’s Program Coordinator is Jay Thatcher, chilprogram@npym.org.
Central Friends Camp
Dates: July 19-22

Friends Exploring Farragut State Park
Bring a friend (or even a FAP-Friendly Adult Participant!) and camp out for three days of fun together learning about Friends process and the area around Lake Pend Oreille, the fifth deepest lake in the US. We will cook out, tent camp, swim from the sandy beach, hike, (biking too is possible) have an opportunity to play disc golf, try to spot a submarine and do a volunteer service project at Farragut State Park. Get ready to have fun with your friends and learn a bit about Quaker process along the way.

Coordinator: Chinda Roach
Contact Info: cfcampcoord@npym.org

Junior Friends

Junior Friends (JF) is a high school age group of Quakers. We meet three times a year, for four days at NPYM, another four at Camp, and in February at our annual Winter Trip.

We are a group that plans and structures itself with the help of lovely advisers 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 Quaker worship and process. Every year we also have an outing, depending on our location. In the past we have gone river rafting, spent afternoons at parks, or gone to the zoo. Junior Friends organize their own program and activities, maintain their own Meetings for Business and committees, and are responsible for their own code of conduct. At the end of the four days we join with the Young Adult Friends for a dance, and the Feast of Love! We then top off the evening with an optional Respectful Relations exercise with the Young Adult Friends. This is a time for Junior Friends and Young Adult Friends to openly discuss how we apply the Quaker testimonies to different relationships in our lives. Following Annual Session, there is a 4 day Junior Friends Camp to which all Junior Friends are welcome. Junior Friends is a wonderful place to explore your spirituality and make wonderful life long F/friends in the process.

If you have any questions about Junior Friends, please feel free to contact the junior friends’ co-clerks, Hannah Billen & Sean Downing, at jfclerks@gmail.com, or one of our advisors:

Junior Friends Advisors:
- Emily Bear  jfadvisor1@npym.org
- Carrie Black  jfadvisor2@npym.org
- Paul Costello  jfadvisor3@npym.org
- Kathryn Willard  jfadvisor4@npym.org
Junior Friends Camp

After NPYM, Junior Friends are encouraged to come to the camp we have annually for four days following NPYM. The location for camp 2015 is Farragut State Park near Athol, Idaho. At camp we enjoy hiking, boating, cave exploration, worship, singing and worshipful business. We end each camp with a closing circle where we gather around the campfire and talk about our favorite moments from camp. This is always a very powerful and healing experience for all who participate. Junior Friends Camp is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Quakerism, and to make connections with young Quakers from across the Pacific Northwest. The advisors will be Emily Bear, Carrie Black, and Paul Costello. Transportation can be provided for all Junior Friends events.

Cost: $50, financial assistance available. If you are in need of financial aid please contact the advisors for more information.

If you have any questions about Junior Friends Camp, or camp transportation, please contact one of the camp coordinators below, or any of the Junior Friends Advisors listed above:

- Camp Coordinator: Devon Peterka jfcampcoord1@npym.org
- Camp Coordinator: Gabriel Burns jfcampcoord2@npym.org

Unaccompanied Minors:
Instructions for parents who don't plan to attend

Friends under 18 years old attending without parents must have adult Sponsors who will be responsible for them, especially in case of a medical emergency. Information about this arrangement is included in the medical release form for all children through Central Friends, and is provided on the Youth Sponsorship Form found on the NPYM Annual Session Website.

Please make TWO PAPER COPIES of the medical insurance card plus the sponsorship form for each child. Give one copy to your chosen sponsor and mail the other to:

Jay Thatcher
Annual Session Children’s Program Coordinator
465 SE Bridgeway
Corvallis, OR 97333

This is so we have your signature on file in case of need, which may arise on the way to Spokane or at annual session.

Regardless of how you register, remember that NPYM needs a paper Youth Sponsorship Form with a signature giving permission for your child(ren) to attend. Thank you.
Young Adult Friends

The Young Adult Friends (YAF) group is the bridge between Junior Friends and participation in the life of the wider meeting. We range in age from 18 to 35, and our mission is simple: strengthen the bonds between Quakers young and old! We carry out this mission by joining both Junior Friends and plenary sessions, by passing on our rite-of-passage traditions, by spending time in fellowship with our peers, and serving as patterns and examples to younger as well as older Friends.

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

If you’re interested in being part of the Young Adult Friends group, please indicate so on your registration forms, so we know how many to expect. If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact Maya Whitley at: yafcontact@npym.org.

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Get late breaking news about annual session events; help spread the word about annual session.

Go to:  http://www.facebook.com/NPYMAnnualSession

"Like" our page and share it with your friends.

Physical Accommodations

Accessibility: We will be running a golf cart to help you get to and from key locations. The golf cart is 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: Parking is complimentary for all registered guests – there is no charge and no permits are required. Conference guests must park in the designated campus parking areas. Primary parking will be in lot B1 off of Whitworth Drive, beside The HUB. Additional parking is available in lot B2, near the dorms. Parking is NOT allowed in the Whitworth Presbyterian Church parking lot off of Whitworth Drive next to lot B1.

Internet Access: “Guest” Wireless Internet access is available in all buildings on campus with no password required. Instructions on how to reach it will be available upon your arrival – no videostreaming will be available through this access.

Swimming: We will not have access to the Aquatic Center on the Whitworth University Campus. However, there are several municipal aquatic centers within 5-10 miles of campus. The closest is Shadle Aquatic Center. To get more information about public pools in Spokane go to: https://my.spokanecity.org/recreation/aquatics
**Dorms:** Arend Hall will be our primary dormitory. It is just across the street from The HUB – our central dining and meeting locations. Baldwin-Jenkins Hall will be our secondary dormitory. Stewart Hall will be reserved for Junior Friends and their Advisers. Dormitories are all of a traditional nature - most rooms are double occupancy, with a few single and triple rooms available. There is no elevator availability in any of the dorms.

**PLEASE NOTE IF YOU NEED TO BE ON THE GROUND FLOOR.**

As usual, we will also have separate sleeping areas for Young Adult Friends and the LGBT group, Families, and Adults without children present. Special requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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.

RVs are allowed on campus this year. All RVs must be self-contained and be registered with appropriate campus security and facility services personnel. No water or electrical power is available. No pets are allowed to stay in the RV. The designated parking lot for self-contained, registered RVs is Lot B2. Key cards will be made available to RVs for access to dorms for shower and bathroom use.

**Camping:** Camping is not allowed on campus, but there are campgrounds at Riverside State Park within 10 miles of Whitworth for those who prefer to camp – they have accommodations for both RVs and tent camping.

For more information on Riverside State Park go to: [http://www.parks.wa.gov/573/Riverside](http://www.parks.wa.gov/573/Riverside) or call 888-226-7688 for information on campsite and group accommodations. Early reservations are recommended.

**Meals:** Food will be provided for the number of individuals who register in advance, so it is important to register for meals even if you are only attending for a day. Because meals are served in all-you-can-eat style, please consider taking smaller portions the first time through the line to minimize potential NPYM food waste. You are welcome to go back for seconds at no additional charge. You need to anticipate and sign up in advance for all the meals you will eat, because the meal service folks will plan for only the number of people we tell them will be there for each meal. Those staying in the dorms can purchase all, none or specified combinations of meals during their stay – see details below. Commuter meal tickets are available for participants staying off campus or those who only want to attend for a day.

You **CANNOT** buy a meal for cash at the door when you arrive because Whitworth University is not set up for that. There is a coffee shop near the eating area where you can purchase items if needed, but it is open Monday-Friday only. There are also a few restaurants near campus.

**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 plan on swimming.
**LINENS:** Linens are provided at an extra charge. **Bring your own** if you do not want to pay.

**What to leave behind:** Pets (other than service animals), alcohol, tobacco products, and illegal/recreational drugs (OTC and prescribed medications are OK to bring, of course).

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**Costs and Financial Information**

Note that a “day” for accounting purposes is from after lunch one day until after lunch the following day. Thus our Annual Session, from Wednesday dinner through Sunday lunch is four “days”. You can register to attend any portion of Annual Session or all four days.

Whitworth University has been very generous with their pricing for children. This has allowed us to try a different approach for developing Annual Session costs for children.

**There will be NO CHARGE for children through elementary school this year.**

**LODGING IN DORMS:**
- There needs to be at least one adult in each child's room.
- **Every child needs to be in a bed.**
- **There is no charge for beds for children through Upper Elementary.**
- Central Friends and Junior Friends will be charged $15/night.
- Adults in a shared room will be charged $28/night.
- Adults in a private room will be charged $38/night.

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**LINENS ARE NOT INCLUDED**
(sheets, blanket, hand and bath towels, wash cloth, pillow, pillow case)
They are available for an extra charge of $10.50/night per person. You DO have the option of bringing your own.

**You will need to designate your selection during registration.**

While children’s beds are free, linens are not. **If you want linens for your child’s bed you will need to bring them, or pay for them.**

**LODGING IN RVs:**
- The charge for an RV with 1-2 people age 13 or older is $15/night.
- Each additional person age 13 or older is $10/night.
- There is no charge for children age 12 and under, in an RV, with an adult.

**MEALS:**
Whitworth offers a variety of meal types and we ask you to indicate any dietary requests/requirements during registration (vegetarian, gluten free, etc).
Children through Upper Elementary are not charged for meals.

Central Friends, Junior Friends, and all Adults are charged for meals as follows:

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You must register for meals in advance. You cannot buy meals in the campus dining hall after you arrive as Whitworth University is not set up to take payments in the cafeteria line. We will include a reminder of which meals you have purchased in your registration packet when you arrive.

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 expenses, supplies and snacks for the Children’s Program, office supplies, PayPal fees, fee waivers for staff members whose duties preclude their joining in planned activities, and a variety of similar costs.

This year we also chose to subsidize a portion of the costs for Central and Junior Friends to make attending Annual Session more affordable for families. Whitworth University’s generosity towards children made this feasible.

- There is no Annual Session Fee for children through Upper Elementary.
- There is no Annual Session Fee for Central Friends and Junior Friends.
- Annual Session Fee for Adults is $39/day.

Registration Information

Please Note: Send your registration information to the Registrar and your CHECK to the Annual Session Cashier.

To register online, go to: www.npym.org and click on the Annual Session Tab. 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!

Registrar’s Email: registrar@NPYM.org
Registrar’s Physical Address: Kim Williams
NPYM Registrar
1415 Cimarron Ave.
Richland, WA 99352

Please send your checks to: Laura Arcidiacono
Annual Session Cashier
20725 SW Shoshone Ct.
Tualatin, OR 97062
You will also find Laura’s address at the end of your online registration, with the instructions to print the page and send it with your check.

**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 Whitworth University can make accommodations for you. Therefore, we have set the Registration Deadlines listed below, and encourage early registration.

Your Registration Date is used to determine whether you are eligible for the early registration discount or need to pay the late fee.

If you register online, you now have the opportunity to mark your registration “Complete” when you have finished. That will set your registration date. If you register by mail, your Registration Date is the postmark on the envelope or e-mail message used to send your registration to the Registrar and deposit to the Annual Session Cashier.

#### Registration Date Deadlines
*(electronic date or mail postmarked by)*

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* Late registrants may NOT be able to get lodging on campus or register children.

To register children after 6/30/2015, please contact Children’s Program Coordinator Jay Thatcher for permission before completing your registration. The Children’s Program provides enough staff to lead all the children registered by the normal deadline, but can’t recruit additional staff after that. The yearly meeting’s Youth Safety Policy includes adult to child ratios for each age group. Late registrants can be included if doing so doesn’t exceed these ratios. Jay may be reached at (541)758-9333 or chilprogram@npym.org.

Lodging after the deadline will depend on whether we have a late cancellation that makes a suitable bed available.
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!

2. If you are an isolated Friend or otherwise have no contact with a Monthly Meeting, you may apply directly to the NPYM Financial Aid Fund by contacting our Ministry and Oversight Committee Clerk, Georgia Foster at: mandoclerk@npym.org

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 to NPYM.

**Public Transportation**

Spokane can be reached by Plane, Train, or Bus. The Amtrak Empire Builder goes through Spokane once daily in each direction. It arrives from the west between midnight and 1:00am, and from the east about 1:40am. Both Greyhound and Northwest Trailways buses go through Spokane, as do several Airline companies. Their schedules offer more options than does the train.

Whitworth University has agreed to let people stay in the dorms on Tuesday night, July 14th, if your public transportation schedule makes that more appropriate for you.

We have volunteers ready to meet you at the Airport or the Train/Bus station and take you to the University. They will also return you to the Airport or station on Sunday. Be sure to give us your schedule information if you want to be met.
Driving to Campus

Address: Whitworth University, 300 West Hawthorne Road, Spokane, Washington

From the west on I-90: Take the Maple Street Exit (280) and stay in the leftmost of the exit lanes.
At the first northbound one way street, turn left onto Maple St. Stay toward your left and go onto the Maple Street Bridge. Continue north a few miles until Maple St angles toward the east, becomes a two way divided street and changes its name to Country Homes. Continue on this to Division St (a major arterial and US 395) and be in the left hand lane. Turn left onto Division and stay in the left lane. The next traffic light (after a few blocks) is at Hawthorne Road. Turn left on Hawthorne. The main entrance to Whitworth University is one block beyond the next traffic light on your right.

From Highway 2 (coming from the west): Merge onto I-90 East and follow directions above.

From Highway 395 (coming from the southwest): Merge onto I-90 East and follow directions above.

From the east on I-90: Take the Hamilton Street Exit (283A) in Spokane. Go north on Hamilton until it moves over a block and becomes Nevada Street. Continue north on Nevada to Hawthorne Street (about 8-10 miles north of I-90). Turn left (west) on Hawthorne and go several blocks to the University. In the process you will cross Division (a major arterial and US 395) and through one more traffic light. Whitworth's main entrance is one block past this traffic light, on your right.
An alternate way from the east is to take the more scenic Montana 200 from near Missoula to Idaho 200 and on to Sandpoint. There choose US 2 and follow the US 2 Newport Highway directions below.

From Highway 2/Newport Highway (coming from the east): Shortly after the Nevada Street intersection in Spokane, watch for East Hawthorne Road. Turn right and follow it across Highway 395/North Division Street to the Whitworth University campus on the right.

From Highway 395 (coming from the north): Turn right onto West Hawthorne Road to the Whitworth University campus on the right.

Problems with Registration?
Email: registrar@NPYM.org
My name is Kim Williams and I am happy to answer your questions and/or direct you to the person who can assist. I'm looking forward to meeting you at our NPYM Annual Session.