



# INSIDE NORTH VALLEY

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## REFLECTIONS ON YEARLY MEETING SESSIONS

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I always enjoy going to Yearly Meeting, the annual gathering for business, worship and fellowship for Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches. Yearly Meeting is held at George Fox University, so that makes it convenient for us Newbergites to attend just a few things even if we can't get to the whole week!

One of my favorite things about Yearly Meeting is time and space to fellowship with F/friends from other meetings. All week I just packed a lunch and took it out on the quad with my kiddos, and we played while waiting to see who happened by. Some afternoons if I didn't have anything going on we would just sit out in the grass all afternoon. I caught up with old friends and made some new ones, and Espen enjoyed running around and playing with other kids. There was also time for fellowship each night after the evening service. Different bands played at "The Hoot," an outdoor stage organized by Aletha McKennon. There are also Italian sodas in the evenings, and most people hang out and chat after worship.

I've been going to Yearly Meeting for sixteen or seventeen years now, making the transition from Youth Yearly Meeting into helping with Youth Yearly Meeting and finally into participating as a full-fledged adult. I like being part of the business sessions, where we do the work of Spirit-led decision making together. I like attending (and sometimes leading) workshops in order to communicate with and learn from others around the Yearly Meeting who are doing good work. But what keeps me coming back is the relationships. Each year is an opportunity to deepen relationships and build new friendships, which tie our denomination together in the bonds of love that are supposed to characterize the true Church. Espen's old enough now to look forward to Yearly Meeting each year, and to anticipate getting to see his friends again next year. It's fun to see him becoming part of the community—at Thursday night's banquet he was even mentioned by name twice from the platform (because he's kind of a ham, and most of the Yearly Meeting staff goes to North Valley)!

It's usually joked about at least once during the week that Yearly Meeting is like a family reunion. For some, it actually is a family reunion, because we're all so interrelated through marriages in various generations. But "new blood" is welcome, too! So mark your calendars for the last full week of July each year, and join us next year for some or all of Yearly Meeting week. You can view this year's evening worship sessions online at [www.nwfriends.org](http://www.nwfriends.org), including Colin Saxton's last keynote address as our General Superintendent, and two evenings hearing from Jan Wood from North Seattle Friends. To get a better flavor of the week, read the epistle from this year's sessions:

*Ephesians 4:13 (This will continue) until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*


Greetings to Friends everywhere from the 119th session of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches (NWYM). It is common knowledge among attenders of NWYM that our Yearly Meeting sessions take place during the hottest week of the summer in the Northwest. This rule held true this year; but since our summer in general has been on vacation to

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other parts of the country, the “hottest week” brought with it average high temperatures in the 70°s. We like to believe that the cool weather this year is due to so many cool people getting together in one place. We hope our brothers and sisters experiencing hotter weather will find similar relief soon. The Yearly Meeting sessions were held at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon and our theme was: In Christ - One People Growing Together. We were joined by Joe and Jane Snyder, the official visitors from North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Rae Lawrence, also from NPYM. NWYM received greetings from Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Moscow, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Uganda, Kenya, and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings; Kathmandu Friends and Copenhagen Monthly Meetings.

As our community works to represent the Light and Life of Christ in our daily lives, we experience prayer, transition, and the process of growing in unity. Our sessions this year were steeped in prayer and people could be seen together throughout the week in prayerful attitude seeking after God. This year’s sessions were marked by significant transitions in staff and ministers of NWYM. We sadly bade farewell to our superintendent Colin Saxton, who is leaving at the end of 2011, and will be praying for God’s blessing on his call as the General Secretary of Friends United Meeting. Out of our gratitude for their service, the Saxtons were surprised with a quilt made of squares from our meetings. Following a careful and prayerful search process the NWYM has called Rebecca (Becky) Ankeny as our new superintendent. We look forward to Becky’s ministry among us. Kimberly Felton is stepping down as NWYM’s administrative assistant and will be replaced by Krista Maroni. Due to current economic realities, we had to release Gar Mickelson (Associate Superintendent for Local Outreach) from the Yearly Meeting staff. The loss of Gar’s ministry to the local churches will leave a void in all of our meetings. Lorraine Watson’s exemplary service will be missed as she steps down as Assistant Clerk of the NWYM in order to focus on her local ministry as pastor of North Seattle Friends Church. On Monday night we celebrated active outreach overseas, celebrated initiatives that had reached the end of their life-cycles and learned about new opportunities for outreach. Five exceptional Friends were recorded as having pastoral gifts: Hernan Diaz, Don Walters, Leslie Murray, Jim Fields and Roger Button. We would appreciate your prayers for the ministries of these Friends among us.

Amidst this time of transition we took the opportunity to deepen relationships within our diverse body. We have been learning how to recognize and identify the gifts that come with our diversities and how that recognition contributes to the process of unity. To facilitate this we laid aside business for two half-sessions to prayerfully share our experiences of how we see God at work in each other. We discussed times we have had differences of opinions and times when we have seen gathered meetings move through conflict into clarity. These encouraging sessions helped us learn from each other through our stories. During our evening sessions, our own Jan Wood skillfully led us in an exploration of what it means to be unified and mature. Jan very gently and compassionately gave us firm words of correction for allowing disagreements to get in the way of the love and respect we are called to have for each other. The NWYM’s historical parents, the Evangelicals and the Quakers (and the origins of those movements) struggled with the same tendency. All too often, the Friends were as apt to write people out of meeting as write them in. Jan reminded us that a society marked by immaturity perpetuates destructive political and economic systems. Jan’s gentle yet insistent call to stay in the light and remain connected to God in order to mature was a reminder that we cannot hear too often. The youth of the NWYM led us in a blessed time of worship on Wednesday evening including music, readings and a participatory art project in which all were invited to place paint covered hands on a “palm” tree. The creativity evidenced in the lives and ministry of our youth is sources of joy as we contemplate the future of NWYM. On Thursday our closing banquet celebrated the golden anniversary of Friendsview Retirement Community and the candidates who were approved for recording. Visit us online at [www.nwfriends.org](http://www.nwfriends.org) to view the recordings of our sessions.

Bathed in blessedly mild weather, exposed to the generous Light of God, and warmed by the care for both concerns and for each other in business, we experienced in these sessions the joys and struggles that emerge from our commitment to the process of growing into unity and maturity in Christ.

Grace, Peace and Love from the NWYM  
Tom Stave  
Presiding Clerk of the NWYM

## FALL PROGRAMS

We look forward to gathering back together for our weekly Wednesday night activities and youth group in the fall! Here are the dates you'll need to know as you look ahead to the start of the school year:

### **YOUTH GROUP | SEPTEMBER 11, 14**

Weekly youth group gatherings will begin again soon! High school youth group will meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 pm at the Newberg Friends Church Youth House beginning September 11. Middle school youth group will meet on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm at the Newberg Friends Church Youth House beginning September 14. Middle school youth can meet us there, or come to North Valley for dinner starting at 5:45 pm and meet Leslie for a ride to NFC at 6:30 pm.

### **WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS**

Our first Wednesday with Friends dinner for the Fall will be at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, September 14. Adult education classes will begin the following week, September 21, at 6:45 pm. Nursery care will be provided, and children age 4-fifth grade are invited to participate in children's programming.

### **MONTHLY MEETING | SEPTEMBER 14**

### **SERVE DAY | SEPTEMBER 7**

## **RE-KEYING NOTICE FROM THE STEWARDS**

The church building will be re-keyed sometime in mid-August. If you have an existing key to the building please send an email to the office requesting a new key with an explanation of your need. Please include the key letter of your existing key for verification.

## **NEW YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ASSISTANTS**

Please help welcome Lauren Dodge as our new High School Youth Intern and our own Noël Carey as the Children's Education Assistant. Noël has already started and Lauren will begin her duties in September.



# LESLIE'S RECORDING AT YEARLY MEETING



# AUGUST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10 am MS Boys Disc Golf	3	4 10 am HS Boys Disc Golf	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Surfside Camp, Twin Rocks Friends Camp						
14	15	16 7 pm Stewards Cmte.	17 9 am Youth Group Wil- lamette River Float Trip & BBQ	18	19	20 8 am Men's Breakfast @ Hospital
21 12 pm Potluck & Leslie's Recording Celebration	22	23	24	25	26 6:30 pm Community Dance	27
					Youth Rafting & Spelunking Trip	
28	29	30	31			
Rafting & Spelunking						

# AUGUST WORSHIP CALENDAR

<u>August</u>	7	14	21	28
<b>Greeters</b>	Rob Felton	John Frost	Annie Tycksen Earl Tycksen	Verna Munn
<b>Ushers</b>	John Frost Michael Pender George Piper Anna Baker Eric Funk	Don Parrish Ron Fieldhouse Stuart Griffith Jim Allison Jeremy Baker	Don Parrish Anna Baker Jared Jones John Frost Jessica Trout	Daryl Burton Bill Rourke Alan Parry Jim Allison Jeremy Baker
<b>Music</b>	Sandi Thornton Lukas McKennon Emily-Grace Cropper Peter McKennon Adria McKennon Steve McKennon	Paul Bock Wes Cropper Michael LeClair Linda LeClair Jon Holt	Janine Saxton Michael LeClair Linda LeClair Steve McKennon Aletha McKennon	Jared Jones
<b>Sound</b>	Mike McConaughey	Steve McKennon	Rawlen Smith	Joel Bock
<b>Power Point</b>	Jennie Harkema	Nathan Murray	Peter McKennon	Jessica Trout
<b>Media</b>	Sandi Thornton	Paul Bock	Aletha McKennon	Jared Jones
<b>Preach/Facilitate</b>	Brian Bews	Lynn Holt	Paul Bock	Cherice Bock
<b>Monthly Focus</b>	Peace Prayer		Missions Moment	
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Janelle Olivarez under 3 Becky Headley	Laura Dunn Anna Baker	Brenda Jolliff Dawn Lowe	Jeanne Boyd Liz Majdecki Sierra Lowe
<b>Children's</b>	Austin Huelsbeck	Austin Huelsbeck	Bryanna Henry	Austin Huelsbeck
<b>Worship</b>	Emily-Grace Cropper	Emily-Grace Cropper	Volunteer	Emily-Grace Cropper
age 4-5th grade	Bryanna Henry	Bryanna Henry		Bryanna Henry
<b>4-1st helper:</b>	Aletha McKennon	Aletha McKennon		Aletha McKennon
<b>Boys helper:</b>	Jered McConaughey	Volunteer		Volunteer
<b>Girls Helper:</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer		Amanda McConaughey
			<b>Intergenerational</b>	

## ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



Dwight Burton married Monik Hardjowasito on July 2, 2011 in Oregon. They currently live in Australia while Monik finishes graduate school.

### OFFICE STAFF CHANGES



If you stop in or call the office, you will be greeted by a new face and voice! Please welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Erinn Hampton. You may recall that she filled in during December, and now she is back as the Ad-

ministrative Assistant. Her office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Cherice Bock will continue to provide office support on Sunday mornings, and will serve as the Media & Website Administrator.



### BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bruce Bishop  
Nathan Murray
- 3 Kyra Longstroth  
Teya Longstroth
- 4 Jered McConaughy
- 5 Livvy Headley
- 7 Mindy Allison
- 10 Erica Cropper
- 11 Lukas McKennon
- 12 Sam Conant
- 13 Anna Jolliff
- 14 Alan Parry
- 18 Verna Munn
- 22 Cherice Bock
- 24 Joel Bock
- 29 Michael Fisher
- 31 Rick Fieldhouse

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Paul & Miriam Bock
- 3 Scot & Debbie Headley
- 6 Steve & Aletha McKennon
- 7 Paul & Carla Anderson
- 9 Roy & Kathleen Gathercoal
- 10 JP & Priscilla Lowery
- 14 Jonah & Jennie Harkema
- 20 Bill & Brenda Jolliff  
Tony & Kristi Longstroth
- 21 Alan & Bryna Parry
- 23 Joel & Cherice Bock  
Darren & Christa Funk  
Hal & Nancy Thomas
- 26 Bryan & Gennie Harris
- 28 Bill & Myrlene Rourke
- 30 Stan & Cathy Thornburg

# NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

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## NORTH VALLEY FRIENDS CHURCH

### Staff:

- Lynn Clouser Holt Lead Pastor
- Leslie Murray Pastor, Children & Youth
- Paul Bock Pastor, Worship & Community Life
- Erim Hampton Administrative Assistant
- Cherice Bock Media & Website Administrator
- Noel Carey Children's Education Assistant

## CHURCH OFFICE

### Hours:

- Monday 8:30 am-12:30 pm
- Wednesday 8:30 am-12:30 pm
- Thursday 8:30 am-12:30 pm
- Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Sunday:** 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
- 9:30 am Unprogrammed Meeting
- 10:45 am Programmed Meeting

*North Valley Friends is a Quaker community of ministers who seek to follow Jesus Christ faithfully, love each other deeply and continue His ministry in the world.*

## VISIT US ONLINE:

**NVFC:** [www.northvalleyfriends.org](http://www.northvalleyfriends.org)

**NWYM:** [www.nwfriends.org](http://www.nwfriends.org)

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