

INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING
42st Annual Gathering
June 10-17, 2018
Ghost Ranch
Abiquiu, New Mexico

CALL TO INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING 2018
February 10, 2018

Dear Friends,

Please come to the annual gathering of Intermountain Yearly Meeting! So much about our 2018 gathering will be new, different and fresh, I hope you can come experience worship, fellowship and business among Friends of all ages from Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and maybe even Wyoming. Our Early Days seminars and fellowship time will be June 11-13; Regular Days of business, interest groups and youth programming will be from the evening of June 13 through morning worship on June 17.

We want you to attend the annual gathering of IMYM no matter what you can afford. With our new method for funding our annual gathering, Friends are encouraged to Pay as They Are Led. Registration materials will be available at imym.org in March, and they will provide more information. Suffice to say, we encourage Friends to prayerfully consider what they can afford – leading some to be generous and some to allow others to support their attendance. **There is no need to ask Monthly Meetings or the Yearly Meeting for scholarships.**

The Program Working Group has created a fresh approach to our Keynote presentation as well as Early Days Seminars and Interest Groups. Keep reading for all the latest. Soon will we be able to announce our Heberto Sein visitor from Mexico City Meeting, and then there will be the surprises....

I look forward to fellowship with you this summer.

Peace,
Molly Wingate
Presiding Clerk, IMYM

2018 IMYM Theme and Keynote Speaker(s)

“Faith and Practice, Practice, Practice!” Eileen Flanagan will share stories from her own spiritual journey, from becoming a teacher of discernment at Pendle Hill to the time of spiritual discouragement that cleared the way for a new calling as a climate activist. Eileen will encourage us to stay present to the many and changing ways that Spirit can guide us through our lives. Her presentation will be followed by a panel of Friends from IMYM, Leslie Stephens, Gretchen Reinhart and Anastacia Ebi, to reflect briefly on how Eileen’s words resonate with their own experiences of faith into practice—a theme we are each invited to explore during the week.



Biography of Eileen Flanagan

Eileen Flanagan explores the connection between faith and practice through her writing, teaching, and activism. A former Pendle Hill teacher, Eileen's first two books were about spirituality in everyday life. (*The Wisdom to Know the Difference* was endorsed by the Dalai Lama.) Her most recent book, *Renewable: One Woman's Journey to Simplicity, Faithfulness, and Hope*, is about her midlife leading toward climate activism with Earth Quaker Action Team, where she has served as clerk for the past five years. Eileen shares what she has learned about effective and spiritually grounded activism through her online courses. She is a member of Chestnut Hill Monthly Meeting in Philadelphia and is married with two college-age children. You can read more at eileenflanigan.com.

Early Days Seminars and Regular Days Interest Groups

Early Days, June 11-13, will include morning seminars with a variety of opportunities to focus on our faith, including inviting IMYM Friends to meet together to share their faith experiences. Afternoons during Early Days are reserved for fellowship, contemplation, recreation and family time.

The Program Working Group is trying something new this year with Interest Groups. Rather than asking for proposals for presentations, IMYM Meetings and Friends will be asked to come together for roundtable discussions on topics of concern they are actively working on. This will be an opportunity to share and learn from other Meetings about what is going on within IMYM on issues such as Immigration and Sanctuary, Racism, Homelessness, the Peace Testimony, Spiritual Formation, Youth and other topics.

More information will be forthcoming. If you have an idea for something you would like to offer during Early Days please contact Nancy Dolphin at nandol@gobrainstorm.net.

Friends in the Arts at IMYM

Friends in the Arts is planning workshops, projects and art opportunities at the Arts Center. They hope Friends will share their gifts, skills and inspiration to lead or assist the coordinators. Please contact Caroline Rackley, IMYM arts coordinator at designultd@newmexico.com for guidelines.

IMYM Bookstore 2018

The bookstore at Intermountain Yearly Meeting's annual gathering aims to serve Friends by providing:

- A set of resource publications supporting the theme, keynote address, seminars & interest groups
- A marketplace for IMYM artists, crafters, and musicians to sell their creations
- A place to read the *IMYM Documents in Advance* (replies to queries, reports, epistles, proposed minutes, etc.)
- A gathering spot for small group activities (information sharing, committee meetings, piano playing, etc.) outside of bookstore hours
- A shipping address for Quaker organizations sending materials to the yearly meeting sessions

If you are a seminar or interest group leader and would like us to stock a particular title, contact the bookstore coordinator (David Nachman, dnachman@mac.com) by 4/13/2018. We will order the requested items through the FGC Quaker Bookstore online, and they will arrange to have them shipped to Ghost Ranch.

If you are an IMYM author, artist, or musician and would like us to display your creations for purchase, please plan to set up in a space 30” front to back and no more than 24” left to right. Clearly label the prices, and prepare an envelope with your name on it so Friends can leave payment. These sales will work on the honor system – bookstore volunteers won’t record your sales or handle your money.

If you are a representative from a Quaker organization and would like to set up a literature display at IMYM, contact the Peace & Service Committee (Jamie Newton, jnewton@sfsu.edu) to reserve table space in the Lower Pavilion. Please arrange to have your shipment arrive at Ghost Ranch during the week of 6/4-8/2018.