

Living as Friends: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

2013 Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Sessions

July 31 – August 4

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Sessions are five days of spiritual refreshment, intellectual stimulation, and Quaker community as OVYM's monthly meetings gather at Wilmington College to participate in activities designed to support and sustain the spiritual lives of Friends.

As a member of your monthly meeting, you are also a member of the yearly meeting and are warmly invited to participate in the 2013 meeting sessions. Friends from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky gather for all or part of the sessions, with attendance swelling as Friends arrive for Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning sessions.

Meeting for worship with a concern for business is at the heart of the yearly meeting sessions, beginning on Wednesday evening. Thursday and Friday will also include workshops each afternoon and plenary speakers in the evening. Small worship sharing groups meet each morning to discuss queries related to the theme of the sessions. Shared meals provide informal opportunities to exchange ideas and experiences, and to continue discussions beyond the workshops and business sessions.

The Yearly Meeting bookstore offers opportunities to examine books for sale by and about Quakers and Quakerism not commonly found in a single location. Included are those authorized by or chosen by plenary speakers and workshop leaders. Pick up a few books for your own reading or to add to your meeting's library.

For youth and teenagers, there are separate recreational opportunities that include canoeing, bicycle trips and swimming as well as programming to encourage the exchange of ideas with peers and adult leaders concerning their lives and religious faith. Child care, preschool and elementary offerings are also included. During the week each age group helps prepare several acts for the Saturday evening talent show. This is an event participated in, and enjoyed, by everyone.

In spite of a full schedule, you will still find time for quiet walks around Wilmington's campus or a short nap. Friends with special interests are encouraged to post notices on the registration bulletin board for late evening interest groups. Bring an instrument to play in the Variety Show or later in the Afterthoughts Cafe. Take time to look at the exhibit tables and gather for group singing after dinner. Volunteer to join the teens on a canoe trip, to go swimming with the children, or to join the middle school youth in a game or art project.

For the third time, the yearly meeting sessions will begin with a Service Project , this year with the Grow Food Grow Hope program right on the Wilmington College campus. 10 am to 2 pm on Wednesday has been set aside for this and more information will be coming later.

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After June 1, registration details on <http://ovym.quaker.org>.

Please do not contact Wilmington College for information.