

2019 199th Annual Session Registrar's Notes

Navigating the Depths Through our Sacred Connections
Wed June 19th - Sun June 23rd at Earlham College.

To me this year is about connections, how complex and interconnected they are. I am always seeing that what might at first seem simple to me becomes much more interesting as I share and talk with others also interested in any topic. I am hoping we all take the time to listen carefully as we share deeply. We have so much to gain when we come together with love and trust and so much to lose when we try to stand apart in hurt and suspicion.

Most important, we have some major changes this year that I'd like to let you know about before you arrive.

1. Note that the G street entrance off College Ave will be closed due to construction. Therefore, you will need to enter the college from the main entrance and follow the directional signage to the CVPA parking lot. There is a map showing this route linked on the [Annual Sessions](#) Page, or via [This Link](#).
2. EC is redoing its cafeteria. Again. This means construction all around the old cafeteria. This year **we will be eating in the Comstock room** with overflow, if necessary, into Orchard. These rooms will not be available to any other events. We are assured that every effort is being made to make this a pleasant experience and draw upon our preferences for meals in past years.
3. Due to construction and its cascading affects we will not have Warren as our overflow dorm. Instead **Barrett will be our secondary dorm**. We will designate this for people preferring quiet and those with limited mobility needs. Please be sure to let me know in the registration form if you want to be in Barrett instead of Mills.
4. We are going to experiment with a version of **a healing center at sessions for the first time** based on the FGC model. We are seeking practitioners to volunteer who are experienced in massage, healing touch, reiki, compassionate listening, or counseling, etc. To offer your services or ask questions, contact Gloria Bruner (gloriabruner@gmail.com) or Deborah Jordan (djordan@fuse.net) or sign up on the Registration Form. Times, rooms and an initial planning meeting will be on the schedule.

Registration will begin on Wednesday after 1:30 as soon as I can get my table set up.

Most Recent and Up-To-Date Forms are on the OVYM website
http://www.quaker.org/ovym/index_files/annual.html.

Download the pdf to your computer by going to the web-page shown above and clicking on [E-REGISTRATION FORM](#). Do a "Save As" to Desktop. Edit, update and save it on your desktop, as convenient. When done, attach and email the completed pdf in an email to me. Be sure to save it and email the saved copy.

Pay when you get to OVYM. We are accepting cash and checks at the door when you arrive at OVYM. This means you don't have to snail mail anything *unless you want to*. We will not accept credit cards as we don't have the ability to process them. If any partial-charge person, youth (0-18) YAF, and staff won't be there for a meal, use the detailed form to save OVYM from being charged.

Anyone who has difficulty paying for the cost of attending Yearly Meeting should ask your monthly meeting if assistance is available. Miami Quarterly Meeting also has funds available to support

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attendance at Yearly Meeting through the Cincinnati Fund. Contact the Committee of Two - Richard Mitchell - (859) 277-6101 or Stephen Angel - (765) 962-0268 for information about this resource.

Lost Keys: Earlham College charges for lost key cards (\$75) or lost room keys (\$75). Anyone who loses a key will be asked to reimburse OVYM for this expense. Please ask for and keep all receipts for keys.

The **recreation center** will provide us a list of times and rates for using their services. Individuals will be responsible for their normal fees.

Volunteers needed. Check out the options for volunteering on the registration form and let us know so that leaders can contact you. All volunteers who will be alone with children must have submitted a background check to OVYM (contact Deborah Jordan ovymsec@fuse.net for information) and have taken the (Friendly Adult Presence) **FAP Training** once in the last 5 years.

FAP Training will be offered on Wednesday in the Arts Center rm. 150 from 1:30-2:45pm if you have not had the 5-year training. Please see the registration form.

Young Adult Friends and First Time Attenders are especially welcomed to Yearly Meeting, and a **50% subsidy of all costs** will be offered to them again this year.

The new **Coordinator** for the **Middle Youth and Teen program** this year will be **Kaia Jackson**. Direct any questions about these programs to OVYMYouthSecretar@gmail.com.

Display Tables: Anyone wishing to have table space for a display PLEASE indicate this on the registration form so we aren't scrambling at the last minute.

Housing: We will be housed (all rooms are air-conditioned) in Mills Hall with overflow in nearby Barrett Hall. Indicate roommate/suitemate preferences on the registration form. Room requests are welcomed. There has been a small \$4 weekly increase in Board but everything else remains the same.

- **Please bring** linen, sheets, towels, extra blankets or sleeping bags and pillows, pillowcases, and bath mat. AC can get rooms quite cool and bathroom floors get wet. Dorm beds are extra-long twins so keep that in mind for sheets.
- **How about?** Alarm clock, fan, small heater, reading lamp, umbrella, swim suit, sun screen, camera, binoculars, soap and other toiletries.
- Be advised: **Rooms are sparse.** Kitchen appliances are available, but there are no cooking/cleaning/eating supplies provided.
- **Help care for the earth;** carpool and bring a cloth napkin for meals.
- **Consider fragrance free** shampoo, soap and little or no perfumed toiletries.

Send your registration by email to Registrar.OVYM@gmail.com. Please include "OVYM" in your subject somewhere to allow my filters to get it to me faster.

If you have registration questions, please contact Eric Wolff; put "OVYM" anywhere in the Subject and email to: Registrar.OVYM@gmail.com

I'm looking forward to seeing you all!

Your registrar, *Eric Wolff*