

## **INFORMATION**

### **Yearly Meeting**

Yearly Meeting 2018 is being held in Mosgiel on the outskirts of Dunedin in the period 25 -28 May. The Local Arrangements Committee from Dunedin Monthly Meeting has booked accommodation and conference facilities at Burns Lodge at Holy Cross Centre, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin. Full details and access to a registration form are available on the Quaker website. Monthly Meeting Clerks will also have the information and form.

Please be considerate of the Local Arrangements Committee and register as early as you can because it does lighten the burden for them.

All members and attenders are warmly welcome at Yearly Meeting. If you are not currently in membership, please let your Monthly Meeting Clerk know so that you can be added to the list of those recommended by your Monthly Meeting for Standing Committee consideration.

Members of other Yearly Meetings are asked to give the YM Clerk the minute or letter of introduction from their home Meeting.

There will be a day of reflection and preparation at the Yearly Meeting venue on Thursday from 2.00pm and Friday morning and everyone is welcome to participate.

The broad structure of the Yearly Meeting programme is likely to be as follows:

#### **Friday**

2.00 – 5.30pm	Elders and Overseers
3.30 – 5.30pm	Standing Committee
6.00pm	Evening meal
7.00pm	Yearly Meeting Session 1

#### **Saturday**

9.00 – 9.30am	Meeting for Worship
9.30 – 5.30pm	Sessions 2, 3, 4 and 5
7.30pm	Quaker Lecture

#### **Sunday**

9.00 – 10.00am	Meeting for Worship
10.30am – 9.00pm	Sessions 6, 7, 8 and 9

#### **Monday**

9.00 – 9.30am	Meeting for Worship
9.30 am - 12.00pm	Sessions 10 and 11.
12.00pm	Lunch and departure

### **Documents in Advance**

Documents in Advance contain contributions from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups, as well as from the committees, trusts and individuals who carry out tasks on behalf of the Yearly Meeting. If you undertook a task on behalf of Yearly Meeting during 2017 and were not asked for a contribution please let the Yearly Meeting Clerk know as soon as possible.

All this material is offered for the information and discernment of Meetings, and minutes are invited on anything in Documents in Advance. Some contributions make special requests for responses from Meetings. These appear at the end of reports in **bold** font and in a text box.

The minutes from these considerations are due with the YM Clerk by 19 March and will be published in White Papers for Meetings to consider. White Papers will also contain any late contributions, accounts not yet published and responses of committees and trusts to Meeting minutes. Minutes of Monthly Meetings' consideration of White Papers are due with the YM Clerk by 7 May. These will be published in Gold Papers.

Where unity on an item has been reached through this process, this will be recorded as a decision of Yearly Meeting, and normally not considered further by Yearly Meeting in session. Matters for discernment by Yearly Meeting in session will have been generated from these contributions or will have come from a Monthly Meeting or a Yearly Meeting committee and have been considered by Meetings before Yearly Meeting.

The budget for 2018 has been approved and is included at the end of Documents in Advance for reference, not for further consideration.

Nominations and appointments are made during the year via the Yearly Meeting Clerk Letter and not as part of the discernment generated by Documents in Advance.

If any Meeting, committee or holder of a Yearly Meeting responsibility would like a matter included on the Yearly Meeting agenda, please let the YM Clerk know as soon as possible.

Murray Short  
Yearly Meeting Clerk