

Agenda for New York Quarterly Meeting for Business

July 19, 2025, 1:00 pm, at Friends Cemetery in Prospect Park, Brooklyn

1. Opening Worship with a [reading](#) from the clerk.
2. Friends will review and be asked to approve the agenda.
3. Quarterly Meeting reports:
 - a. Dan Seeger will read the [Trustees' report](#).
 - i. Friends will consider the Trustees' recommendation to immediately grant additional funds to the Relief Committee.
 - ii. Friends will consider a proposal to present the 2026 budget at the October quarterly meeting rather than in January.
 - b. Ted Bongiovanni will read the [Executive Director's report](#).
 - c. Scott Blumenthal will read the [NYQM clerk's report](#).
 - d. Bryan Oettel will read the [Nominating Committee report](#).
 - i. Friends will consider approval of the renewals and releases presented in the report. Please note that we will not consider the nomination in the report, as it may have been listed in error.
 - e. Margery Cornwell will read a [report from the Great Lakes Africa Education Committee](#)
 - f. Ed Elder will read a report from Concern for Quaker Living (CQL) Community Wellness Working Group.
 - i. Friends will consider the working group's recommendation to continue the Community Wellness Program and our partnership with University Settlement for a second year. If approved, Trustees will consider budgeting the program for the coming year.
 - g. Katherine Alford will read a [report from the Handbook Committee](#).
 - h. Bryan Oettel will read a [report from the Cemetery Committee](#).
4. Jess Hobbs Pifer will read a [report from the organizers of the Walk to Washington](#).
5. Friends will join in a short period of worship sharing on an advice and query from *Faith and Practice* of the New York Yearly Meeting:

[Advice #7](#): Friends are advised to work toward removing the causes of misery and suffering. They are urged to support efforts to overcome racial, social, economic, and educational discrimination; to bear testimony against all forms of oppression; to exert influence for such treatment of prisoners as may help reconstruct their lives; and to work for the abolition of the death penalty.

[Query #12](#): Do we foster reverence for life? Do we strive to find, to understand, and to remove causes of misery and suffering? Do we, in loving concern, extend assistance to those who require it?

6. Monthly Meeting Reports:

- a. Luisa Giuliano, Assistant Clerk, will read the [Fifteenth Street Meeting clerk's report](#).
- b. Margaret Mulindi is expected to read the Manhattan Meeting clerk's report and the Davanga Friends School Project report.
- c. A member of the Brooklyn Brooklyn Meeting Clerking Committee is expected to read the meeting's clerk's report.
- d. A representative of Staten Island Meeting is expected to read [the meeting's clerk's report](#).
- e. Scott Blumenthal will read the [Morningside Meeting clerk's report](#).

Note: No clerk's report is expected from Flushing Meeting.