Agenda for New York Quarterly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

October 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm, at the meetinghouse of the Flushing Monthly Meeting

1. Opening worship with a reading from the clerk.
2. Friends will be asked to approve Jason McGill as the Recording Clerk for this meeting.
3. Friends will review and be asked to approve the agenda.
4. Friends will be asked to approve the minutes of the last Quarterly meeting.
5. Ted Bongiovanni will read the Executive Director's report
6. Bill Guy will read a report from the Nominating Committee. A roster of NYQM committee members as of October 18, 2026, is available for reference.
7. Friends will be asked if they approve the following nominations to serve the Quarter: Jason McGill for Assistant Clerk, Jon Mehlhaus and Susan Hannigan for Ministry and Counsel, Pat Donohue for the Relief Committee, and Bryan Oetell for a third term with the Cemetery Committee.
8. A special meeting of the Corporation of the New York Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends will be held at 2pm. Friends will consider the election of two Trustees of the Corporation.
9. Dan Seeger will read the Clerk of Trustees report.
10. Ted Bongiovanni and Mike Phillips will present the proposed 2027 budget on behalf of NYQM Trustees.
11. Friends will seek unity on approving the proposed budget.
12. Scott Blumenthal will read a report from the Handbook Committee, which will include a second reading (with revisions) of a proposal to transfer budget responsibilities from the Audit and Budget Committee to Trustees, create a new Audit Committee to ensure that Trustees fulfill their fiduciary role, and lay down the Audit and Budget Committee.
13. Friends will seek unity on accepting the Handbook Committee's proposal.
14. Pam Wood will read a report from the Education Fund Committee.
15. Sally Campbell will read a report from the Downtown Manhattan (Outdoor) Allowed Meeting Committee.
16. Ed Elder will read a report from the Witness Funds Committee.
17. Scott Blumenthal will read the NYQM clerk's report.
18. Monthly Meeting Reports:
    a. Hugo Lane is expected to read the Flushing Monthly Meeting clerk's report.
    b. Barbara Barnard will read the Fifteenth Street Meeting clerk's report.
    c. Gloria Thompson or Margaret Mulindi is expected to read the Manhattan Meeting clerk's report and a report on the Davanga School.
    d. Dianne de la Veaux of the Clerking Committee will read the Brooklyn Monthly Meeting co-clerks' report.
    e. Ted Lochwyn is expected to read the Staten Island Meeting clerk's report.
    f. Scott Blumenthal will read the Morningside Monthly Meeting clerk's report.

19. Announcements to the meeting will be heard, including an announcement that NYQM's January meeting for worship with a concern for business will be held on the fourth first day (January 24, 2027) rather than the third.

Note: The order of the agenda may be modified in order to hold the meeting of the Corporation of NYQM as close to 2pm as possible.