



Invitation to EMEYF Annual Meeting

Online, November 18th – 22st 2020

Dear Friends near and far,

While our Special Gathering still lingers in our mind, we would like to invite you to our next gathering: Annual Meeting, from the 18th - 22nd November!

Following the experiences of SG, and since COVID-19 continues to make international travel and gatherings irresponsible risks, Annual Meeting will be an online gathering. However, we recognize that some Friends might be willing and able to meet up locally and connect with Friends close to you. If you do so, please be aware of the restrictions and rules regarding Covid-19. If you are interested in this, you can use [this pad](https://edupad.ch/p/9m19AyAls3) (https://edupad.ch/p/9m19AyAls3) we have set up to help coordinate in-person meetings: Attached you will find the registration form – please register as soon as possible! Please send your registration to Paul Schock (schock@posteo.de)

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on nominations committee - please email George (george.thurley@posteo.net) with names of Friends who might be willing and able (or volunteer yourself ^.^) ASAP so we can make sure nominations committee has time before the gathering to start their discernment.

For a healthy work-life-Quaker balance, and taking inspiration from the Special gathering, we are going to spread Annual Meeting out a bit more than the usual weekend together, adding in some weekday evenings. Our first session will be on Wednesday evening, with some welcoming words, opening introductions, and a short overview of the business that awaits us. On Thursday evening we will provide a session dedicated to hearing from an EMEYF representative or a guest about what has been going on in the EMEYF universe this past year. Friday evening will be our main social hour – feel free to share your favorite online community building games with us, or let Leyna (mlgarrettson@gmail.com) know if you'd like to contribute to or coordinate a "bunter Abend".

We hope to spend a good chunk of Saturday with you, building around two shorter business sessions rather than one. Throughout the gathering we look forward to sharing meals and walks with you via jitsi or the signal messenger app.

Our last day of Annual Meeting will start with morning Meeting for Worship and close with the final business session including nominations returns.

We hope that by spreading out the program starting with shorter sessions during the week, we can use the longer days on the weekend to create a space for work and play. If you have anything you'd like to contribute to the program (daily offline activities, yoga, an activity, an epilogue, anything else) please let Leyna know. We will send you the necessary documents in advance soon.

Hope to see you all there!

In Friendship,

EMEYF Communications Committee:

Paul, Leyna, Pete, Lisa, George and Lisette

Agenda Draft AM:

Wednesday 18th November

19:00-20:30 Welcome and Introductions

Thursday 19th November

8:30-45 Early morning worship

12-2 Lunch drop-in

20.00-21.30 Report-block

21.35-21.50 Epilogue

Friday 20th November

9:00-15 Early morning worship

12-2 Lunch drop-in

19.00-21.00 Fun-stuff/social activity

21.15-21.30 Epilogue

Saturday 21st November

9.00 Early Morning Yoga

9.30-9.45 Morning Worship

11.30-13.00 Discussion on blended/online community

13-15 Lunch drop in

15-16.30 Business session 2

19.00-21.00 Social time 2

21.15-21.30 Epilogue

Sunday 22nd November

11-12 Meeting for Worship

13.30 -15.00 Closing business session

Please email Leyna (mlgarrettson@gmail.com) for program suggestions

Please use the form below to register for the gathering <3

Registration Form

Name _____

Email for AM related emails _____

Phone number for AM signal group _____

To assist planning certain content, please let us know which sessions you plan to attend

- Wednesday** Intro 7pm- 8:30pm
- Thursday** Reports 8pm-9:30pm
- Friday** Social 7pm-9pm
- Saturday** Discussion 11:30am-1pm
- Saturday** Business 3pm-4:30pm
- Saturday** Social 7pm-9pm
- Sunday** Business 1:30pm-3pm

Do you agree with pictures of you being shared with other participants?

Yes

no

Anything you would like to share for the program?
