

Request for Workshop Proposals 2023 Annual Meeting

We are excited that our Annual Meeting will be in person this year for the first time since 2019! The Program Committee of LEYM is requesting proposals for workshops at the 2023 Annual Meeting, to be held Thursday evening, June 15 – Sunday, June 18 at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. The theme of this year's gathering is *Navigating Anew*. The deadline for submission is February 22. We cannot guarantee that proposals submitted after that date will be considered.

Each workshop will last up to an hour and 30 minutes, and should have some relationship to the theme. There may be a few workshops presented by Zoom to Friends who are not able to attend in person. If you have a workshop that lends itself well to this format, please contact us about this possibility.

Please submit the following for each workshop proposal:

1. Name and monthly meeting of leader(s)
2. Committee or organization, if applicable
3. Title of your workshop
4. Preferred length of time (up to 90 minutes)
5. One or two paragraphs describing the content and format of the workshop, including its relationship to the theme of the annual meeting.



We hope that our theme engenders a spirit of new ideas to present to our fellow Friends. Workshops may take many forms from presentations to the experiential from indoors to outdoors. Let your mind and spirit run free when you consider your gifts and what you might offer. Our hope is that many workshops will be of interest to youth. Members of the Program Committee brainstormed some ideas for workshops we might enjoy, and hope that the following list inspires you—but does not limit you!—in thinking about what you might want to share.

- Becoming Zero-waste and other sustainability topics
- Urban archeology
- The Bible and today's world
- Children and teens in business meetings
- Various arts as spiritual practice (singing, music, visual arts, origami, zentangle, finger painting, etc.)
- Being a Quaker in my monthly meeting: how do we differ within the yearly meeting?
- Addressing conflict in our meetings
- Zoom, hybrid, in-person—spiritual and technical concerns
- Considering the gifts youth have to offer in our monthly and yearly meetings
- Physical activity as a spiritual practice
- Can you be a non-theist and a Friend?
- Pacifism at a time of war; pacifism in theory and practice.
- Creating, sharing and developing ideas for first day school

All workshop proposals should be sent to Greg Mott, mott@findlay.edu, no later than February 22. We look forward to receiving workshop proposals from individuals or committees and hope that Friends will have thoughtful and interesting ideas to share with all of us. If you have any questions about workshops or proposals, please feel free to get in touch with Greg at the same email address.

LEYM Program Committee: Clemence Mershon (Erie Worship Group), Clerk; Ellerie Brownfain (Birmingham); Susan Hartman (Ann Arbor); Barbara LeSage (North Columbus); Greg Mott (Broadmead); Bill Wartens (Birmingham); Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead)