

IYMC Midyear Meeting

Fourth Month 12 & 13, 2025 (April)
Bear Creek Friends Meeting near Earlham, Iowa

The Fierce Urgency of Now: Quaker Discernment and Action for a just Peace in Israel/Palestine



Steve Chase is a member of the Friends Meeting of Washington and the Quaker Palestine Israel Network. He has also served as an interfaith ally of the DC Chapter of Jewish Voice for Peace. He is working on a book entitled Faith, Zionism, and Palestinian Rights: A Discernment Guide for Quakers and Other Peace and Justice Christians. He was Pendle Hill's 2024 Henry Cadbury Scholar to aid his research.

Publications by Steve Chase

- *Letters to a Fellow Seeker: A Short Introduction to the Quaker Way*
- Pendle Hill pamphlet - *Revelation and Revolution: Answering the Call to Radical Faithfulness*
- Pendle Hill pamphlet - *Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions? A Quaker Zionist Rethinks Palestinian Rights.*
- *Quaker Speak video / with Steve Chase* <https://quakerspeak.com/video/moving-closer-to-a-beloved-community-a-quaker-rethinks-israel-palestine/>

We welcome Ann Jerome, traveling ministry elder, to Midyear Meeting.

Midyear Sale-welcomes contributions of crafts, food and gently used items. Freewill donations will help support AFSC and Scattergood School.

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, Conservative

MIDYEAR MEETING

held at Bear Creek Friends Meeting
near Earlham, Iowa

Hybrid format- in person & online



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**Title: The Fierce Urgency of Now:
Quaker Discernment and Action
for a Just Peace in Israel / Palestine**

with Steve Chase

of the Friends Meeting of Washington

Location: Bear Creek Friends Meeting
18058 Bear Creek Road,
north of Earlham, IA

Mailbox: Bear Creek Meeting c/o Leckbands
19186 Bear Creek Road
Earlham, IA. 50072

Schedule - Midyear Meeting 2025

Hybrid format-will convene in person and online (Central Standard time)

April 12 (Saturday)

- 10:00 Welcome- in person (sign in, if joining remotely)
10:30 Meeting for Worship
11:30 Close meeting
Welcome from Bear Creek, Announcements
11:45 Lunch break*
01:30 **Session 1 with Steve Chase:**
Listening to each other on Israel/Palestine
03:30 Activities and break, fellowship
 - Interim Committee, in person or join remotely
 - Peace and Social Concerns, in person or remotely
 - Young Friends and JYM activities05:30 Supper break*
07:00 **Session 2 with Steve Chase:**
Quakers, Zionism, and Palestinian Rights: A discernment Journey
08:30 Music, singing, bring songbooks and instruments
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April 13 First Day (Sunday)

- 07:30 Breakfast, in person
08:45 Welcome in person (sign in, if joining remotely)
09:00 **Session 3 with Steve Chase:**
Pre-meeting on Apartheid-Free Communities
10:00 Break
10:30 Meeting for Worship
11:30 Close meeting
11:45 Lunch, in person and farewells.

Midyear Contact information

Registration, YF, childcare: Jackie Leckband, newharmony@earthlink.net
Online Registration: Carol Spaulding-Kruse, carol.spaulding@drake.edu
Tech Support: Thomas Hinshaw, thomas.v.hinshaw@gmail.com 402-770-0534
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Food & Tech: Russ Leckband-newharmony@earthlink.net, 515-758-2232
with Deborah Fink and Osa Bricker

Schedule- Midyear Youth activities

(Please register by March 30th)

Junior Yearly Meeting-grades 1-8

The JYM program will take place during the same time periods as adult sessions, with active outdoor time, quiet games, and projects. Wear clothes and footwear that are suitable for outdoor activity.

Bill Deutsch billbdeutsch@gmail.com (billb) 563-382-3699 (text/call)

Young Friends- high school age

YF are encouraged to attend sessions with adult participants. An activity for YF will be held at 3:30 Saturday afternoon. Please dress for an outdoor activity.

Childcare- Pre-school- K

Please register by March 30th to make sure childcare is arranged ahead of time. Childcare & Young Friends, contact Jackie Leckband, newharmony@earthlink.net

Lodging

Motel options are available within 20-30 minutes of Bear Creek Meeting- in Stuart, Winterset, Adel, West Des Moines. The KOA West, campground Earlham/Adel has several simple cabins (restrooms located in bathhouse nearby).

Support for Scattergood School and AFSC

There will be an opportunity to support Scattergood Friends School and AFSC with contributions in person during MYM, or donations may be sent directly to them online or mailed to the addresses below.

Scattergood Friends School
1951 Delta Ave.
West Branch Iowa 52358
<https://scattergood.org/development/>

American Friends Service Committee
637 S. Dearborn Suite #3
Chicago, IL 60605
<https://tinyurl.com/MidwestAFSCgift>

Health care protocols

The MYM planning committee encourages participants attending Midyear in person to wear a mask during sessions. Masks and tests will be available on site. There will be an area upstairs for social distancing with masks during sessions and meals. If you are not feeling well, please plan to join online or by phone. For online participation: Zoom information will be sent by email before Midyear meeting to those who have registered.