



Southeast Regional Gathering

January 3-6, 2008

Hosted by Jamaica Yearly Meeting

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. –John 14:27 (NIV)

Friends everywhere are invited to join us for a unique experience of worship, community and learning at the Madge Saunders Conference Center near Ocho Rios on the northeast coast of Jamaica. We will explore the contribution of Quakers to the history of Jamaica and the importance of Friends' peace testimony in contemporary Jamaican (and US) society. Resource people include Horace Hall, MD and clerk of Jamaica Yearly Meeting; Mary Langford, archivist for JYM and author of a history of Friends on the island; and Susan Hefte, director of the Alternatives to Violence Project/USA.

The conference will begin with registration Thursday afternoon, January 3, and continue through lunch on Sunday, January 6, with optional stay-over until Monday morning, January 7. The following schedule is subject to change but will give you an idea of what is in store:

Thursday, Jan. 3

Noon to 3 pm	Registration and check-in
4 pm	Young Friends Praise and Worship Team
5 pm	Dinner
7 pm	Waiting worship; welcome message by Dr. Horace Hall
8 pm	Plenary address by representative of local non-violence group

Friday, Jan. 4

7 am	Worship led by represented Yearly Meeting
8 am	Breakfast
9 am	Plenary: Quaker Peace Testimony
10:30	Workshop led by Susan & Darrell Hefte, AVP/USA
Noon	Lunch
1:30	AVP workshop, continued
3:30	Worship
5 pm	Dinner
7 pm	Keynote address by Mary Langford
8 pm	Small group discussions

Saturday, Jan. 5

7 am	Worship led by represented Yearly Meeting
8 am	Breakfast
9 am	Excursions: Northern Quarterly Meeting and/or Port Royal
3 pm	Jamaica Gospel concert by young Friends
5 pm	Dinner
7 pm	Free time

Sunday, Jan. 6

8 am	Breakfast
9 am	Worship led by Jamaica Yearly Meeting
10:30	Community walk in Ocho Rios distributing non-violence flyers
Noon	Lunch
1:30 pm	Departures or trip to beach/falls.

The conference center offers a variety of housing options. At the low cost end is a large dormitory facility with flexible partitioning and shared bathrooms (cold water only). No linens are supplied. Moderately priced are 12 rooms with ceiling fans, each with twin beds. These are grouped in suites of two bedrooms sharing a bathroom (hot and cold water) and kitchenette. Sheets, blankets and towels are provided. On the upper end of the price range is a similar suite with two air-conditioned rooms, and a short walk from the main campus are three villas of four air-conditioned bedrooms each (double occupancy) with private baths, linens and a pool, overlooking the ocean.

There will be no children's program at the gathering; children are parents' responsibility. Children may sleep on the floor of their parents' room at no extra cost. There is a large outdoor playground.

Food will be served in the conference center dining hall. Meat and vegetarian options will be available. The kitchen can accommodate special dietary needs if you request it.

The conference center has internet access and a copy machine. It is located a short distance from a commercial and tourist center, so there are stores and other accommodations with a few miles.

We encourage Friends arriving by air to fly into Montego Bay on Wednesday, January 2, or Thursday morning. We will arrange an overnight stay at an inexpensive motel or guest house if you request it. A charter bus will leave Montego Bay (location to be announced) for the conference center at 11 am Thursday. If necessary, a second vehicle can bring later arrivals. Similarly, we will provide transportation from the conference center back to Montego Bay on Sunday afternoon, arriving at the airport about 4:30 pm. Or Friends may stay over Sunday night and get a ride to the airport Monday morning, arriving about 10:30 am. The cost of this transportation and the Saturday excursion is included in your registration fee. Jamaica is on Eastern Standard Time. There is a \$27 exit tax.

Note to Jamaica residents: Do not pay the registration fee. Send in the registration form only if you want to sign up for housing or meals. You can also purchase meal tickets when you arrive. Contact Edwin Bobby Coleman (876.429.5676) of Highgate Friends Meeting for further instructions.

Jamaica is known for its perfect climate. Expect warm (85-90) days and cool (65-70) nights. Afternoon showers are common but short. The exchange rate is about 1 US dollar to 70 Jamaican dollars. Consult a travel guide or web site such as www.visitjamaica.com or www.lonelyplanet.com for more information.

Ocho Rios is a high-tourist area, and risk of infectious disease is low. However, you should seek advice from your physician and/or a specialist in travel medicine 4-6 weeks before your trip. You should be up-to-date on routine vaccinations and may need to be vaccinated for Hepatitis A and Typhoid. If you are planning to visit Kingston, the Centers for Disease Control recommend malaria medication. For more information see <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationJamaica.aspx>.

Once you register you will receive updated information about the program and travel arrangements. Please consider making a contribution in addition to your fees. Extra funds will allow us to help more local Friends attend. We need to give the conference center an accurate estimate of attendance by December 1 or risk not getting the facilities we need, so there is a late fee for registering after November 26.

For the planning committee,

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Southeast Regional Gathering Registration Form
Thursday January 3 through Sunday January 6, 2008
Madge Saunders Conference Centre, Jamaica

A. Contact Information – Please print

Provide name and address for use by registrar.

Name	
Address	
City	
State ZIP	
Meeting/Org.	
Phone	
E-mail	

B. Travel Plans

This assumes arrival & departure from Montego Bay. (If otherwise, attach note.)

Arrival Date _____ Time _____
 Airline _____ Flight _____

If arriving on Jan. 2: ___ Reserve a room for us in Montego Bay (about \$60)
 ___ We will make our own lodging arrangements

Transport to Centre: ___ We will take the 11:00 bus on Thursday.
 ___ We would like a ride later on Thursday.
 ___ We will make our own arrangements.

Departure Date _____ Time _____
 Airline _____ Flight _____

Transport to airport: ___ We would like a ride Sunday afternoon.
 ___ We would like a ride Monday morning.
 ___ We will make our own arrangements.

C. Attendees

Registration fee is \$150 for non-Jamaicans age 13 and up. This fee pays for meeting space, resource people, and your ground transportation and helps local Friends attend.

#	Last Name	First/Preferred Name	M/F	If youth, give age	Fee
1					\$
2					\$
3					\$
4					\$
5					\$
Total Registration:					\$

D. Housing

Fill in your room choice and mark the nights you will stay. Figure cost at right.

Room choice: V = Villa, \$40 per person per night (double occupancy)
 A = A/C room, \$40 per person per night (double occupancy)
 F = Fan room, \$32.50 per person per night (double occupancy)
 D = Dorm bunk, \$28 per person per night

#	Name	Room choice	Nights: Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total per person
1							\$
2							\$
3							\$
4							\$
5							\$
Total Housing:							\$

If you show an odd number of adults in a double-occupancy room, you must either pay the cost of the unused bed or accept a roommate.

___ Assign me a roommate Preferred roommate: _____

E. Meals

Mark the meals requested by each person. Use 'M' for meat, 'V' for vegetarian preference. Figure the cost in the right-hand column.

B = Breakfast, \$8 L = Lunch, \$13 S = Supper, \$14

#	Name	Thu		Fri			Sat			Sun			Mon	Total Per person
		L	S	B	L	S	B	L	S	B	L	S	B	
1														\$
2														\$
3														\$
4														\$
5														\$
Total Meals:													\$	

F. Special Needs

Give name of person and describe in detail any situation that may require special attention (accessibility issues, non-English speaker, etc.).

Medical Information – Is there anything we should know if we have to take you to the emergency room?

G. Summary of Fees

Registration (from Part C)	\$
Housing (from Part D)	\$
Meals (from Part E)	\$
\$30 late fee (if mailed after 11/26/07)	\$
Contribution	\$
Total Due	\$
Amount enclosed	\$

Make check payable to
“North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative”

Mail check and completed form to
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