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GENEVA GEMS

WELCOME TO THE 101st SESSION OF THE NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WELCOME TO OUR 2º CENTURY!

Last year we celebrated our centennial, so this year we celebrate the momentous FIRST year of the 2^{nd} century of NNESRE. That's not the only "first" in 2017...

- Donald Trump was inaugurated as the first billionaire to become U.S. President
- Viola Davis became the first black person to ever receive an Oscar, Emmy, and Tony for acting
- Alaska elected its first openly LGBT officials, Felix Rivera and Christopher Constant, into the Anchorage Assembly

And since our theme is about "sharing our treasures," It wasn't just during milestone years that "gems" appeared in our archives. The year after our Golden anniversary (50th), the 51st session of 1967 had some familiar names that prove our traditions are timeless. Tom Weston led singing at meals and elsewhere, Siftars led dancing in the barn, Kohs brought social action to the forefront, Rowes helped create history, and one "treasure" to share showed up in the first issue... here's the welcome from the Dean in the 51st session, Bob LaCamera:

Grace be to you and peace. We hope this week will be an opportunity to each of you to renew your understanding of the traditions of our religious heritage and to learn of the newest concepts of religious thought. Look at each and every approach with an inquisitive mind. Be willing to listen to what seems new and startling and what seems old and familiar. This is a school where we can learn something from everything. Enjoy the study, the conversation and debating, the relaxation—alone or with each other. All will help to make the whole conference a meaningful religious experience. We extend a warm welcome to you for this special week in our history.

Welcome [back] to Winni!

Schedule of Events for Saturday 4

3:00 – 5:00	Welcome & Registration
3:00 - 5:00	Waterfront open 🗘
3:00 – 5:30	Scoop Shop open
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner
6:15 – 7:00	Ed School open house – <i>visit your child's classroom</i>
6:45 – 7:00	Evening Watch with Chaplains Kevin & Diane Smith (in the Meetinghouse main room)
7:05 – 7:30	Ice Cream Social (outside the Meetinghouse; lobby if raining)
7:30 – 9:15	Opening night orientation (Meetinghouse main room) – includes singing, opening ceremonies by our esteemed Deans, important brief announcements, community building for all & intro faculty
9:15ish – 10:30	Barn Dancing (in the Barn with Barb, of course!)

& Menu for Sunday &

Breakfast – French toast, sausage, boiled eggs, fruit, oatmeal, chocolate chip muffins

Lunch – Soup du jour, deli buffet, roasted zucchini, hummus, goat cheese on flatbread, watermelon, potato chips, fresh baked cookies

Dinner – Hamburgers & hotdogs, veggie burgers, corn on the cob, watermelon

All meals have vegetarian & gluten-free options

GREETINGS FROM THE DEANS!

Welcome to Winni, 2017! We are so glad you are able to be with us here at Geneva Point Center for the 101st meeting of the Northern New England School of Religious Education (NNESRE). Whether you are one of our old timers - (we have folks who have attended for over 50 years!), a lifetimer (i.e. You were born into Winni and have never left) or are here for the first time -- as your Deans, we want to welcome you and help you to have a great week.

Make no doubt about it, this community here is special. Because of the longevity of the conference, its traditions, its evolution in structure, and most especially - because of the commitment of its community members to attend year after year and welcome new friends. This is an essential part of our theme this year of "Live Winni: Sharing Our Treasures" - Winni is one of the treasures we share with others.

I often caution folks to introduce Winni to friends when they think they are "developmentally prepared" for it - but I really am not so sure what that means myself. Because each year is a new expression of the sum of all of our attendees - although we have many traditional events like the

Hoot - we can expect for it to be different every year (er... maybe not "Who's On First"...). And I never like to assume that every year is the same for each person - whether you are a newcomer or old timer, we all arrive with life issues that boost and burden us - and camp becomes a place for us to rest, recreate, and to put those issues in context.

So, this week I invite you to share your treasure - be a gift to someone else by making a friend, sharing a meal, lending an ear, helping with a kid, sitting with your Deans (!), looking for an unfamiliar face at a campfire or in the barn and inviting them to join in conversation or an injurious party game. And I also encourage you to seek out the treasure you may need this week. Whether it is solitude or community, music or silence, reflection or conversation - Geneva Point Center is just a place - Winni is the space that we create here to let the magic of community happen.

If there are ways that we can be helpful to you this week, please seek us out at the "head" table at meals by the dining room door.

WELCOME TO WINNI!

Bill and Joann Milford Co-Deans



101st Winni Week At-a-glance *

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Orientation	Barb & Bill & Co. Concert	Winni BazaarWeston Family Campfire	 Family Feud & Scavenger Hunt 	Memorial ServiceSoftball gameTrustees Executive CommitteeHoot	Trustees meetingWinni SwimmiCoffeehouse	Seed-spittingClosingCeremony

^{*} This schedule is subject to change due to weather, better ideas, or just because we wrote it wrong the first time

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- ☆ Sunday Nominating Committee Meeting Sunday, 1:00 on the Inn Porch. See Leslie Ganley with questions.
- Monday Winni Bazaar (see Amy Bruch by Sunday afternoon to book at table)

Your 2017 (101st) Winni Course Schedule

Ooh, look! The class times changed!	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
Location	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55
Meeting House: Main		Robert Campbell: The New Politics	Robert Campbell: The New Politics
Meeting House: Screened Porch	Bill Roberts: Lost Rites: Ancient Wisdom for the 21st Century	Bill Roberts: Lost Rites: Ancient Wisdom for the 21st Century	Bill & Joann Milford: Dean's Drop-In
Meeting House: Lower Level - Classroom #6 (Fireplace)	Marilyn Kendrix: Myers-Briggs	Marilyn Kendrix: Myers-Brigg s	
Meeting House: Upper Level - Archive rm.		Travis Leap: Capturing Treasures, Creating Memories	Fran Silvestri: Videography and Seeing
Meeting House: Lower Level B	Ron Kittel: Confidence in the Midst of Chaos	Ron Kittel: Confidence in the Midst of Chaos	
Chapel	Jo Bentley: Mindfulness	Jo Bentley: Mindfulness	Jennifer Brosious: Yoga
Barn	Barb Siftar & Bari Prince: Folkdancing	Lynn Adler & Lindy Hearne: Breakthrough Songwriting	Lynn Adler & Lindy Hearne: Breakthrough Songwriting
Gibbes Lounge		Hope Luckie: Radical Hospitality for a New Year	Hope Luckie: Radical Hospitality for a New Year
Dining Tent (Path side back corner)	Reinaldo Cruz III: Wood Carving	Reinaldo Cruz III: Wood Carving	
Chapel Line			Susan Nisson & Melissa Goldstein: Workout for the Ages

To find out about all of the 2017 Program courses, go to: www.campwinni.org/courses.html

& Daily Schedule &

6:30 AM – 10:00 PM	Scoop Shop open (except during meal times)	Scoop Shop	
7:00 AM – 7:45 AM	Morning swim	Beach	
7:30 AM – 7:45 AM	Morning Watch	Outdoor Chapel	
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	BREAKFAST	Dining Hall	
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Singing for Ed School	Outdoor Chapel	
8:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Ed School classes (note details below)		
9:00 AM – 9:55 AM	1 st period courses	See schedule, pg. 3	
10:00 AM – 10:55 AM	2 nd period courses	Saa sahadula ng 2	
	(Ed School Nursery to be picked up at 10:55)	See schedule, pg. 3	
	3 rd period courses		
11:00 AM – 11:55 PM	Ed School (K or older) to beach	See schedule, pg. 3	
	Ed School (PreK) to Siftar playground		
12:00 PM	Ed School pick-up	Flagpole (beachgoers)	
		Siftar playground (PreK)	
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM	LUNCH	Dining Hall	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Quiet Hour	Throughout camp	
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Waterfront open	Beach	
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	DINNER	Dining Hall	
6:45 PM – 7:15 PM	Evening Watch		
7:30 PM - ?	Evening Activities (Check Gems for listings of	Locations TBA	
	evening activities)		

& Help Wanted &

Don't Let Us Have All of the Fun

We here at the Gems just want to remind you that you are all welcome to contribute thoughts, news, and witticisms that you feel can make our newsletter even better than it is now (not too difficult to do). So...

Don't be shy

Stop on by

Bring us your news

And together we'll lie

(About the news, we mean. Get your mind out of the gutter, Mike Nisson. This is, after all, a family camp.)

** All GEMS submissions are needed by 10:00 the morning of that day's publication

(And don't forget to bring the dang chocolate!!)

It's <u>STILL</u> not too late to "Give A Shift"

Please click the link below to offer the possibility of contributing at some point this week. (You are always free to decline and choose what you like to do.)

Click here:

surveygoldcloud.com/s/5D2A5E69B42B4082/223.htm

Morning Watch



Please let Diane or Kevin Smith know if you'd like to share your "treasures" during a morning watch this week!

& Ed School: Things to Know &

Welcome to Winni! The Ed School teachers have planned a lot of fun for the youngsters of our community. Please take note of the following important information:

Ed School Open House TONIGHT 6:15-7:00 in your child's classroom

o Infants/Toddlers: Kathy Pike + Alex Eskra St. Louis Meetinghouse Main floor

o Ages 3-4 (Preschool): Katie + Robbie Wilcox-Smith Siftar Cottage

o Grades K-2: Rachel Gundersen + Blythe Bentley Shaw Cottage (front)

o Grades 3-5: Kate Milford + Cierra Whitlock Lake View Lodge Common Room

Grade 6-8: Allie and Melissa DiTucci + Will Abbot Pine Haven

High School: Allison Milford + Tré Davis Meetinghouse upper level (Archives room)

Daily Schedule

8:30-8:45	Singing in the Outdoor Chapel
8:45-10:50	Ed School classes meet (except High School), Infant/Toddler pickup in classroom by 10:50
10:50-12:00	Preschool supervision on Siftar playground (parent pickup at Siftar playground by 12:00)
10:50-12:00	Beach for K-8th grade (parent pickup at flagpole at 12:00)
	Rain location: Gibbes Common Room
1:00-3:00	High School meets in Meetinghouse archives room

If your child will NOT attend the beach (or 3rd period playground for Preschool), parent must pick up by 10:50.

Special Notes:

- Sunscreen must be applied prior to arrival each day
- Feel free to send your child with a water bottle and/or snack.
- High Schoolers are encouraged to attend Adult classes in the morning



Photo Credit 1: Rachel Gunderson

If you have any questions, let us know--we look forward to answering them! Looking forward to a terrific week!

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NNESRE = Winni

Help make this week happen!

There are many positions that have been created over the years to make sure that we *all* have a memorable week. See below the positions and if you're interested (or know someone who would be great), please connect with someone on the Nominating Committee (below) as they meet Sunday at 1:00:

Nominating committee: Trevor Morrissey, Haley Nisson, Robbie Wilcox-Smith, Mike Nisson, Leslie Ganley, Bobbie Davis (this committee includes 3 Trustees & 3 self-selected non-Trustees)

Trustees: Winnites who oversee the conference as a non-profit organization. These volunteers participate in 2-3 meetings a year (one during Winni) and make important decisions, like whose turn it is to mow the labyrinth. Trustees have officers that includes Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Officers of the School:

(The following positions, except for Business Committee Chair, include a full or partial "staff exemption package" that offsets cost of attending Winni)

- Dean responsible for overall program and implementation of Winni; leads orientation, meals, and other operational needs
- Chaplain plans and implements each night's evening watch and the memorial service, as well as coordinating people to lead morning watch each day before breakfast
- Business Manager deals with all things money, registration, etc.
- Business Committee Chair heads committee for the Trustees that deals with business and finance needs of NNESRE
- Program & Evaluation Chair head of committee that appoints faculty to lead courses, then facilitates evaluations of Winni week
- Ed School Director coordinates and hires teachers
 & assistants for morning classes for ages 0-18
- Ed School Assistant Director assists Ed School director with needs during the week
- Evening Coordinator organizes all activities that occur after dinner (except evening watch)
- GEMS Editor & Co-Editor create this newsletter every day
- Archives maintains the archives of all Winni documents over the history of NNESRE

Additional staff positions:

- Program faculty (10 positions) lead courses (2 periods/day) in the areas of: religious/spiritual, social/political, and or/ personal development
- **Ed School teachers** (~8 positions) lead activities for first 2 periods each day for specific age groups
- Ed School assistants (multiple positions) assist in activities such as for lead teachers of age groups, or supervising playground or 3rd period swimming

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AND OUR DEANS ALSO WANT TO REMIND YOU . . .

Tick Not Have*: As one might expect with any great outdoors space that has grass 'n woods 'n varmints - please be on the lookout for ticks. Give your loved ones a good look over for dark freckles that seemed to appear overnight or move. (*Small Buddhist reference here - please confirm with the Dean if you get it....:)

Have Garbage Bag - Will Travel: As they say in the camping world, if you take it in, take it out.... We want to keep our woods and especially our beach areas clean and beautiful. So, if you are transporting a party of fun anywhere, please be sure to bring a garbage bag with you to cart out whatever you bring in. Leave the garbage bag by any of the many receptacles on campus.

Quiet Time Required for Rest: This is a busy, active week for many people - especially those with kids. And as we will quickly find out, we all function better when we get a good night's sleep and/or afternoon rest. Please be aware of your surroundings and try to keep conversation to a gentle lull after lunch and after 10 PM. If you are having a hard time with noise coming from somewhere - might we suggest the following verbiage: "I am having difficulty with the amount of noise, would you be able to reduce the volume or move your conversations elsewhere?" Chronically noisy areas should be reported to the Deans for further follow up.

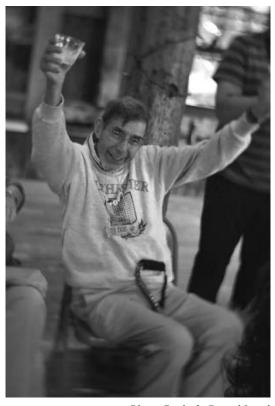


Photo Credit 2: Daniel Lynch

Red Cup Conditions: Please note that any and all adult beverages should be consumed in non-public areas and not in such places as the barn, chapel, meeting house, and dining hall. Please be mindful of our young people so that access to beverages is supervised and our behavior around said beverages is exemplary.

GPC Staff and Socializing: While we are here at Geneva Point Center, we are served by an incredible crew of folks who are often just here for the summer, and some, from foreign countries. We have welcomed them to our public events such as barn dancing, concerts, coffee house, hoot, etc. However, GPC staff are specific asked not to socialize, after hours, with any of the conferences during the summer. If you do see staff during the night or down by the beach - please give them a warm greeting and remind them of this prohibition if they appear to be settling in for an extended visit.



Photo Credit 3: Daniel Lynch

Welcome to Geneva Point Center (Speaking of rules....)

http://www.genevapoint.org/

Facebook: You can now find GPC on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/genevapoint.org

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Abbott Administration

Building)

Office Phone: (603) 253-4366 • Fax: (603) 253-4367

On Call Manager: (603) 253-4366 ext. 255 (5:00 p.m. – 8:00

a.m. for emergencies and urgent needs)

Beach Hours (Standard): 10:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There is no activity allowed in the lake unless it is where and when GPC Lifeguards are on duty. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian while at the beach.

Ice Cream Shop Hours: 2:00-4:00 pm and 8:00- 10:00 p.m.

Gift Shop Hours: To be announced.

Maintenance, Housekeeping or Other Needs: You can report a maintenance request by filling out a "pink slip" and turning it into the Office or to a GPC Staff Member. You can also call or stop by the office to report maintenance, housekeeping issues or other needs.

Quiet Time: 10:30 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Electrical System: Do not use things that get hot when you plug them in (hair dryers, coffee pots, toasters...). They are most likely to blow a fuse and potentially cause a fire hazard.

Toilets: Remember to "flush early and flush often" and if that does not work, call the office and ask for Sir Plunge-a-lot.

Smoking: There is no smoking in or on any building at GPC or within 50 feet of any building. If necessary, ask at our office about designated smoking areas.

Ice Machine: The Center's ice machine is located outside our guest laundry. Ice is available to our guests from 7 am to 9:30 pm. Please do not use the ice machine overnight so that the machine can recover for the next day. The ice machine does not have the capacity to fill coolers. Please limit your use to about one pound of ice per visit. That's about a 3-quart bucket full. If you anticipate using a lot of ice, please contact the Office one week in advance. We will be happy to order in a supply of 5-pound bags of fresh ice that may be purchased by members of your group very affordably.

Guest Laundry: Coin operated washers and dryers are located in the Guest Accommodations Building between the Inn and the Ice Cream Shop. Laundry soap may be purchased at either of the GPC shops or at the Office.

Lost & Found: Reports of lost articles should be made to the Geneva Point Office staff; all found articles should be brought to the office (see #1 on the site map) where a staff member will tag them. In the case of articles left at the Center, the office can be reached by phone at 603-253-4366. After 10

days, Geneva Point
management will donate
any unclaimed articles to
charity. If you get home and
discover you are missing
something, contact the GPC
Office. If we can find it, we



will contact you and arrange for its return to you. We will ship it to you for the corresponding postage or shipping charge or you can pick it up.

Health & Safety Tips

- An AED is located on the first floor of Malden Cottage
- Wear shoes that protect your feet (Flip-flops + Active Recreation = injuries)
- Watch out for Poison Ivy along path ways and roads
- Swimmer's Itch (aka. Duck Itch) can be avoided by...
- Avoid wading or sitting in areas with a lot of snails
- Apply sun screen, Skin-so-Soft or another "greasy" lotion before swimming
- Towel off immediately after swimming Check for deer ticks frequently
- Parents should help their children with tick checks

Supervision of Children and Youth: Parents (or legal Guardians) must provide for the constant supervision of their minor children. This is true at all times, and especially at the beach and at night time.

Campfires: Campfires and use of GPC fireplaces must be approved in advance by the Office and must always be in a designated fire site. A shovel and water bucket will be provided and groups are required to completely extinguish the fire when finished. NO ONE SHOULD BE BURNING A CAMPFIRE ALL NIGHT. Campfires should not exceed about one armload of wood burning at a time and should not burn more than three hours. FIRES MUST NEVER BE UNATTENDED.

Torches and Grills: Special arrangements may be made with the Office for the use of grills, portable fire pits and torches.

Unscheduled Activities: Before you use any room, building or area (like the 3rd Beach) that is not specifically reserved for you, always check with the office to avoid conflicts and unexpected fees.

Driving Safety (all motorized vehicles) and Parking

- Campus wide speed limit is 5 miles per hour
- Driving on campus is to be limited to only what is necessary such as to assist handicapped persons or when moving in or out
- Park only in main parking lot behind the office or other designated parking places (there is no

designated parking at the Inn, Dock Road, College Row, Chapel Line, Cottage F, Peat/Repeat or Pasture Line).

 All passengers must be safely seated at all times in accordance with the laws of New Hampshire.

Bicycles are great to have at and around GPC. But, it is very important to be safe. On GPC grounds, helmets are required for children and recommended for adults. On any black top roads, helmets are required for all by the State of New Hampshire. Children on bikes must be supervised by responsible adults.

Things that Live in the Woods (Animals and Bugs): Geneva Point is home to a wide variety of animals and insects. For your safety and the safety of the local wild life, please do not leave food or garbage unattended in any outdoor location. Mosquito repellent might be very appropriate at times, and tick checks a few times a day are always a good idea. Wear Your Shoes! GPC is a natural wooded setting with trees, roots, rocks, ground dwelling insects that sting and the aforementioned "Things that Live in the Woods." Foot injuries are the most common injuries that occur at GPC and are sometimes serious. Curiously, it is often those 18 and older who suffer these injuries. Shoes that stay securely on your feet and protect both your toes and heels are highly recommended. "Flip flops" and similar types of foot wear are not recommended.

Dining Room Life:

- Shirts and shoes must be worn and bathing suits not allowed.
- Meals are served at buffet lines, remember...
 - The responsibility of the first in line is to make sure there is enough to eat for the last in line.
 - The responsibility of the last in line is to make sure there are seconds for those who came before.
 - Buffet lines remain open not more than 45 minutes after the designated meal time for your group.
- Special Diets: If the GPC Kitchen has been made aware of important diet or allergy concerns in advance, they are usually able to accommodate such requests. Please introduce yourself to our dining room staff at or before your first meal so we can be well coordinated with you.

Alcohol Use: The responsible use of alcoholic beverages by persons 21 or over is permitted at GPC only in nonpublic locations such as in private living units. Like any other common space, aloholic beverages are strictly forbidden at all campfire sites, GPC beaches, Council Ring, or anywhere else

on the waterfront. In any situation, conduct related to the use of alcohol that is dangerous, illegal, inappropriate, and disruptive to other guests or damaging to property will not be tolerated.

Amplified Sound: Sound generated by any activity should not hinder or detract from the experience of others on site or by the friends of GPC on neighboring properties. Use of outdoor amplification equipment, such as PA systems, megaphones, or other such equipment must be reviewed by the GPC Office in advance. Sound generated by indoor amplification equipment should not interfere with the enjoyment of nearby buildings or adjacent outdoor spaces.

Geneva Point Center Emergency Information:

Fire

- Yell "Fire," tell a GPC Staff member.
- If you hear "Fire" or the siren, move everyone to safety.
- Call 911, then the Office or the On Call Manager (if at night).
- Gather on the "Green" (central lawn)
- Account for every member of your group.
- Report any missing persons to Office or On Call Manager (if at night).

Medical

- Assess the situation and approach the injured person only if it is safe to do so.
- If the situation appears to be life threatening, call 911.
- Give First Aid if you are qualified and get help:
- Talk to any GPC Staff member.
- Call for the Camp Nurse.
- Call the Office or On-Call Manager.

Severe Weather/Tornadoes/Hurricanes

- Weather alerts or warnings will be given verbally by radio, phone, runners, or megaphones.
- Be alert; don't wait to be told the weather is threatening.
- Move to Designated Shelters (Meeting House lower level lounge and hall way, the Inn Fireside Dining Room and Staff Dining Room, Gibbes House Basement).
- Account for everyone in your group.
- Report missing persons to the office or on-call manager.
- Wait for the "All Clear" or other instructions.

When Calling 911

- If you have a cell phone, dial 911 and report:
- Your Name and that you are calling from Geneva Point Center, 108 Geneva Point Road in Moultonborough.
- The specific Location of the fire
- Stay on the line until the 911 operator hangs up Then, immediately call ... GPC Office (8 am 5 pm).... (603) 253-4366 GPC On-Call Manager (5 pm 8 am) (603) 253-4366 extension 255