

CYM 2003: Lost and Found

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BRING ABOUT 200 FRIENDS TOGETHER FOR A WEEK OR SO of worship, business, learning, playing and eating in community and a few things are likely to be lost...or perhaps just misplaced. Many more than a few are often found again or discovered for the first time. Here's a sample list from this year's Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) in session.

List Number One

LOST

- Where is my room?
- Where is the meeting room?
- Where are the showers, lockers, computers, photocopiers?
- Where's my Mum / my Dad????
- ... a little patience
- Feelings of isolation
- Sense of strangeness in a new place

FOUND

- Old and new f/Friends
- More patience
- A warm welcome
- A sense of community
- A passion for peace
- New and renewed respect for simplicity
- Movement of the spirit in our lives

... And finally when (almost) all have packed up and left for home, there are always a few items still waiting to be claimed.

If you recognize anything in the found objects on List Number Two, please contact the CYM office and arrange to have it returned. Any items not claimed by April 1, 2004 will be sent off into the world to be recycled into service again.

List Number Two

FOUND

1. 1 child's blue bag about 6" x 12" "Girlie Girl"
2. 1 MEC blue towel
3. 1 pale green bath towel
4. 1 green bath towel
5. 1 wine-coloured bath towel
6. 1 beige bath towel
7. 1 blue/peach patterned bath towel
8. 1 pair black slip-on, backless, 'clog' sandals
9. 1 white/red peaked tennis sweat band
10. 1 pair child's pants, blue with red pinstripe, flared bottoms
11. 1 black hooded fleece cardigan, large
12. 1 'jump-rope-for-heart' t-shirt, medium
13. 2 pair purple/blue LA SENZA briefs
14. 1 white Eddie Bauer t-shirt
15. 1 pair white roots women's shorts, small
16. 1 short sleeved t-shirt blue stripes on blue
17. 1 purple comb
18. 1 black-handled Goody hair brush with golden brown curly hair
19. 4 pair socks
20. 2 individual socks
21. 1 short blue webbing strap with black connectors
22. 1 legal size clip board with some notes from the 'Turning the Tide' workshop
23. 2 soup spoons, 1 with red handle
24. 1 small pillow with a print cotton cover – green background, little boy in red asleep on a haystack and sheep playing all over.

Oh yes, and there's the "Piglets for Peace" t-shirt. I know where that one belongs and by the time you read this, it too will be safely back home. ❄

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