

Acting in Faith with AFSC



American Friends
Service Committee

FGC Gathering Afternoon Events

Location: The Catamount Room (215) in the University Center

MONDAY, JULY 6TH

- 1:30 **The Courageous Many:** Undoing Racism as a Spiritual Practice featuring Clark Reddy, Gabbreell James, David Etheridge, and Raed Jarrar, moderated by Lucy Duncan
- How might we move from a religious community in which there are a courageous few to a religious community in which we are a courageous many? How do we center our faith communities more powerfully on ending racism? How do we practice and support one another in working for the Beloved community? Come hear a panel of presenters speak about their work to disrupt racism and how they ground that work in the Spirit.*
- 3:15 **Breaking down the Box:** Torture in US Prisons film by the National Religious Campaign against Torture, followed by discussion led by Laura Magnani
- “Breaking down the Box” examines the mental health, racial justice and human rights implications of the systemic use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons. It is a call to action for communities of faith to engage in the growing nationwide movement for restorative alternatives to isolated confinement that prioritize rehabilitation, therapeutic interventions, and recovery. Come watch and get involved.*
- 4:30 **Organizing with the Spirit:** Bring mystics & activists together to work for justice with Lucy Duncan & Greg Elliott
- Would you like to ground your activism in the Spirit? Would you like to practice transformative justice as you work to ease injustice in the world? Would you like to focus your energies on supporting the leadership of those most impacted by injustice? Come learn a model for working in powerful spiritual community focused on companioning grassroots community efforts to create social justice.*

TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

- 1:30 **Shared Security:** Shifting U.S. foreign policy at home and abroad with Aura Kanegis, Raed Jarrar, and Alissa Wilson
- What is shared security? It is a way of thinking and acting based on the interconnections of our human family, the interdependence of our world, and the acknowledgement that global problems of conflict, poverty and climate change require cooperative solutions. Come hear about ways the AFSC is working to bring this concept deeper into the public sphere and implement it in our work around the world.*
- 3:15 **Working for justice with the Quaker Network to end Mass Incarceration** with Laura Magnani, Diane Butler and other members of the network
- Last summer many Quakers concerned with addressing mass incarceration and criminalization came together to form the Quaker network to end mass incarceration. Since last summer we have launched a website, and held a conference in addition to gathering ourselves together for action. Come learn more about the network and how you can engage. Share what’s happening in your community.*
- 4:30 **Hurricane Katrina:** Working for justice in New Orleans 10 years after the storm with Vedisias Green
- It’s been ten years since Hurricane Katrina, but the impacts of the storm are by no means over, the problems the storm revealed are not solved. Come hear Vedisias Green speak about her work with the AFSC Piece by Peace program in New Orleans and how this work connects with broader movements for justice.*



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

AFSC's space will be open for informal conversations and connecting.

4:30 **Working nonviolently for peace with justice in Israel & Palestine** with Raed Jarrar & Lucy Duncan

AFSC has been working for peace with justice in Israel & Palestine since 1948. Come hear a bit about that history and the current work of the organization to support work for just peace in the region through nonviolent boycotts and divestment. Consider how you can support this work, joining with other Quakers who are a part of the Quaker Palestine Israel network.

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

1:30 **Governing under the Influence:** working to curb the political influence of big corporations with Arnie Alpert

Big corporations have a great deal of power, but people have power, too, when we are organized and focused. Learn how AFSC is applying people power to change the political discourse in the two states that get the bulk of early attention from presidential candidates. You might even get to practice your political skills. Arnie Alpert of the AFSC New Hampshire Program is Co-Coordinator of the national Governing under the Influence Project.

3:15 **Working for Migrant Justice:** What's moving in the movement with Pedro Rios, Chia-Chia Wang, and Lori Khamala

AFSC staffers from California, New Jersey and North will offer a brief overview of major issues facing immigrants across the country including: an update on the president's Deferred Action program, militarization on the US-Mexico border, campaigns for tuition equality for undocumented students, stories of family separation, and the basics about the out-of-control immigration detention system mandating that 34,000 immigrants be detained at any given time. The discussion will be heavily driven by interests of participants.

4:30 **Transformative Justice:** Working for a new paradigm with Laura Magnani & Jerry Elster

What could a justice system based on wholeness and healing look like? How do we authentically address the needs of all parties in a conflict so that there is true accountability, and people can move forward and thrive? In a society so addicted to violence and punishment, can we create space for a new paradigm?

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

1:30 **Walk with me:** Accompanying communities most impacted by injustice with Lucy Duncan & Greg Elliott

"Companioning is two people exploring the way forward together." —Staughton Lynd

Would you like to learn more about how to work for peace and social justice led by the people most impacted? Would you like to explore with other Friends what spiritual companionship feels and looks like? Come for a workshop session on how to walk with others toward peace with justice.

3:15 **Facing Fear:** A film about forgiveness, followed by discussion

Worlds collide when a former neo-Nazi skinhead and the gay victim of his hate crime attack meet by chance 25 years after the incident that dramatically shaped both of their lives. Together, they embark on a journey of forgiveness that challenges both to grapple with their beliefs and fears, eventually leading to an improbable collaboration...and friendship. Come see the film and stay for a discussion.

4:30 **Action planning with the Quaker Network to end Mass Incarceration**

Join the Quaker Network to end mass incarceration in a conversation about work Quakers are doing in different communities and how we might work most effectively together.

TUESDAY NIGHT INTEREST GROUP

Look for room assignment in your final program

7:00 **Nonviolent Activism for a Just Peace in Israel-Palestine**

Lucy Duncan with support from Raed Jarrar

Wondering how to support peace with justice in Israel & Palestine? Lucy Duncan will tell stories about Israel's occupation of Palestinian land, the bombardment and siege in Gaza, and the faith-based movement for justice through nonviolent boycotts and divestment. Discuss action options and connect with the Quaker Palestine Israel Network. Raed Jarrar will offer advocacy options.