

2021 FGC Virtual Gathering

Friday Afternoon Event Descriptions July 2, 4:30 to 7 pm EDT



Zoom Links to these events are sent out by email to
Gathering registrants and also posted on our Sched Website

Bolivian Quaker Education Fund

Opening a Window on Bolivian Quakers and Their Educational Dreams and Accomplishments

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Helen Hebben & Jim Morgan*

Join us in a conversation with Alicia Lucasi and Ruben Hilari that will open a window into the lives of Bolivian Quaker families, their young adults who are university graduates contributing to society, and their experiences with Covid - experiences that were sometimes very different from what many of us experienced here. The session will begin with an introduction to BQEF and Bolivia, then proceed through Alicia and Ruben's sharing of their struggles and successes as they work to strengthen their world amidst ongoing challenges. There will be time for questions and answers. Join us in building relationships based on personal connection, information sharing, and openness to the experience of and sharing between other cultures. Learn directly from people whose lives have been changed by BQEF.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Why Is It So Hard to Cut the Pentagon Budget?

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Diana Ohlbaum*

This session will explore efforts to reduce Pentagon spending, the successes to date, the obstacles to further progress, and recommendations for the future - including what participants can do now to build pressure for reductions.

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns

Meeting for Worship under the care of FLGBTQC - All are welcome

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Worship hosted by Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns open to anyone who is drawn to worship with us. An hour of worship will be followed by quick business meetings for nominations.

Info Desk 9:30am – 11:00pm Eastern

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Healing Center

Healing Circle

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *jan stansel, Bruce Kanerak, Anne Pomeroy*

The Healing Circles will be much like the traditional Quaker Meeting for Healing. Any and everyone is invited to attend. All present will provide support for those asking for help. Grounding in Spirit. Holding in Light and prayer. verbal prayers. singing. energy work, all appropriate. Email gatheringhealingcenter@gmail.com to request Distance Healing individual sessions.

Junior Gathering

Open Mic

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Becky Marty*

An Open Mic musical extravaganza! We invite families to sing, perform and share a creative piece with the Junior Gathering community!

Ministry on Racism

Friends of Color Affinity Space (evening)

6:00pm - 7:00pm Eastern

A space for People of Color only to build community during the Gathering

Nontheist Friends

Spirituality and Theism: What's the Difference?

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Don Goldstein*

Spirituality arises from the deepest parts of our unconscious nervous systems and can influence us in ways completely independent of whether or not we believe in the existence of an external or independently-existing supreme being. Thus spirituality includes the possibility of theism but is not bounded by it.

Presentation and open discussion.

Open Hang Out Time

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6:00pm - 7:00pm Eastern

Open Hang Out rooms scheduled throughout the day will provide registrants a way to meet up with new and old Friends. When you join the Open Hang Out space, a Zoom Host will be present to give Friends a choice of breakout rooms to join or make new breakout rooms. See the Open Hang Out Announcement Board for pre-scheduled breakout room topics (you could request one). You can join the Open Hang Out Space zoom meeting at any point while it's open.

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People of Color Center

An Afternoon with the Institutional Assessment Implementation Committee

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Co-clerks Euclid Bautista, Regina Renee Ward, and the whole IAIC committee*

Come to hear an update about the work of FGC's Institutional Assessment Implementation Committee.

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Non-Violent Direct Action: Resisting the Line 3 Pipeline in Minnesota

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Andrea Beane, QEW Steering Committee and others*

A Panel discussion with Friends who have spent time being present and participating in non-violent direct action in northern Minnesota. This is in response to a call from the Anishinaabe community for supporters to join them. Line 3 crosses Minnesota; the proposed rebuilt pipeline would carry twice as much tarsands crude across sensitive wetlands, including crossing the Mississippi River twice. We will hear from Friends who were on site in February and other Friends who recently joined the Treaty Peoples Gathering in early June.

Quaker Parenting Initiative

The Testimonies as Guides for Our Parenting/Grandparenting.

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Harriet Heath & Emma Richter*

We will take one of the testimonies, simplify it, and relate it to a common parenting/grandparenting situation, namely gift giving, to demonstrate a process people can use to guide their parenting. Using a realistic situation, namely whether to buy a child/grandchild yet another much desired toy, participants will go through the process which involves defining the testimony, describing the situation, brainstorming ways of dealing with the situation and making a plan using the testimony as a guide. Participants will have time to relate the process to other testimonies and other situations.

QuakerBooks of FGC

Author Event! "Quakers: the Quiet Revolutionaries" - behind the scenes with the filmmakers

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Janet and Dick will take us into the inspiration and sweat as well as the artistry behind their award-winning documentary, "Quakers: The Quiet Revolutionaries." The event will include some teaser clips from the film.

School of the Spirit

Living From the Divine Center

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Christopher Sammond*

Most of us have had the experience of what Thomas Kelly refers to as living from the Divine Center. This session will explore that experience, and look at what internal blocks each of us carry which keep us from living that out more fully and consistently. We'll be using personal sharing, guided meditation, and journaling to encounter these blocks, and

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seeking next steps to move beyond them. Christopher Sammond is a member of Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, NYYM, and a core teacher in the Participating In God's Power program of School of the Spirit, the subtitle of which is "Living from the Divine Center; Opening to Transformation."

Worship

The Silent Center

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

The Silent Center is a place of quiet where Friends may pause and enjoy being in stillness. In the silence of this center Friends can rest, meditate, pray, write, draw or even nap. At FGC Gatherings when we meet in person there is a room set aside called The Silent Center. Here we are hoping to recreate it on Zoom.

Worship Subcommittee

Meeting for Remembrance

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Tony Martin, Head of Meeting*

The Meeting for Remembrance will be a time, in this season of loss, for Friends to unite in love and mutual support. As we mourn and honor lost loved ones and lost ways of life, we will hold one another and our grief in the healing light of divine love.

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