

2021 FGC Virtual Gathering

Thursday Afternoon Event Descriptions July 1, 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

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

Conversation about Quaker call to abolition and creation

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Lucy Duncan*

Lucy published "A Quaker call to abolition and creation" in the April, 2021 issue of Friends Journal. Come to hear excerpts from the article, consider implications of the history told, what abolition means for contemporary Quakers and how to get involved. This will be a fairly informal conversation, if you can please read the article in advance.

Everence

Financial and Estate Planning for Friends

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Dennis LeFevre*

Financial planning and estate planning work together to provide support for ourselves and make sure our family and organizations benefit at our passing. We'll cover the basics of estate planning and some tools available to get us on the proper path to sustainability and generosity.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Speaking Truth and Building Power: The Role of Advocacy in Grassroots Movements

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Sarah Freeman-Woolpert*

What role does advocacy play in movements for lasting social change? How can we lean into our leadings to "speak truth to power" and change the policies that affect our lives? In this workshop, we'll examine how an intersectional approach to advocacy can build more effective, equitable campaigns to transform our communities and our country. We will practice applying this approach to issues participants care about through an interactive exercise, and share ways to take this work forward in our everyday lives.

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

Caregivers of Queer Kids

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

A space for Parents/Guardians of queer children to come and get support from each other as well as ask questions to a few members of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns.

Info Desk 9:30am – 11:00pm Eastern

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

Gathering for Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender Nonconforming Friends

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

A space for those who identify as Transgender, Nonbinary and Gender Nonconforming to come together. Youth and High Schoolers are welcome.

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.

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

Remembering Those We Have Lost and Living Without Them

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Margaret Conrow*

A time to share experiences of loss of a loved one. Worship Sharing format will be used so all Friends may offer their experiences.

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.

People of Color Center

Racial Justice Work in Your Meeting - Part 2

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Building on Wednesday's session, we will strategize together about how to move anti-racism work forward in our meetings. We will organize breakouts according to which stage of anti-racist transformation participants' meetings are in. In each breakout, participants representing different meetings will strategize together based on their shared context of their meetings' level of engagement with anti-racism work.

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Quaker Earthcare Witness

Listening to Trees... and Spirit

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Cai Quirk*

In this time when so many people are disconnected from the natural world, when science is giving plenty of facts about the world changing around us but few are listening, how can we reconnect with the earth and each other? How can we listen to our human and beyond-human kin, listen with our hearts, our bodies, our souls? Stories, poems, and metaphors invite knowledge that is deeper than the brain, reaching into the heart, emotions, body, and soul. They encourage connections that span across distances, time, even to other realms or layers of the spirit world. In this workshop, Cai Quirk will share their own poems and writings which invite us into places of deep listening to the natural world, and worship sharing. We invite you to join from a place where you can see nature, whether that is a tree outside your window, a plant on your table, or being somewhere immersed in nature (you may join by phone if you wish).

Quaker Parenting Initiative

The Quaker Parenting Initiative: Who we are. What we do. and What we have to offer?

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

Our discussion will start by reviewing the rich insights and guidance Quakerism with its beliefs, testimonies and practices Quakerism has to offer parents. These we will relate to typical parenting situations. The workshop will review a brief history of the Quaker Parenting Initiative with a description of what we do and how we can support Meeting Programs particularly Outreach and Religious Education committee work.

QuakerBooks of FGC

Author Event! Margery Post Abbott and Carl Abbott

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Our two sought-after Friends will share how they have brought to life what Quakers offer ourselves and the world. They'll tell us about their new book, "Quakerism: the Basics" sharing how they worked together to fashion an accessible and appealing book that's sure to be a help to seekers new and not so new to the Society of Friends.

Sparklers Working Group

Religious Education Networking Session

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Erika Mittag, Anne Collins, Sally Farneth, Susan Hopkins*

This is an annual gathering of Friends interested in religious education in the home and meeting to share ideas and resources and to ask for support.

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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

Art as Worship

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Jennifer Elam & Zan Lombardo in memory of Arthur Fink*

Silent art contemplation, then worship with attention to active creation, followed by worship sharing.

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