

2021 FGC Virtual Gathering

Tuesday Afternoon Event Descriptions June 29, 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)

Quakers uprooting racism: Join a community of practice to build racial justice among Friends

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

Quakers uprooting racism (a coalition of AFSC, FGC, Pendle Hill, and Friends Council on Education) will bring together a community of practice of racial justice changemakers to build relationships with one another, 1) collectively name and develop strategies for radical change ("deeper change strategies"), 2) skill- build toward those change strategies and 3) support one another in working within our Religious Society of Friends to move toward the vision articulated above through mindful action within and beyond the Religious Society of Friends

Everence

What Does Socially Responsible Investing Look Like?

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

Socially Responsible Investing means different things to different people. We'll explore the possible ways you can have your money follow your faith and values, including ways your investments can influence culture and business and create positive change in the world.

FGC Spiritual Deepening Program

Building Spiritual Community Online with Spiritual Deepening eRetreats

4:30pm - 5:00pm Eastern

Now more than ever it's important to stay connected and grounded from afar. Spiritual Deepening eRetreats invite newcomers and Friends to build an online spiritual community through an exploration of Quaker thought and practice. Come participate in an experiential activity on the topic of Weaving a Wider Welcome and learn about upcoming eRetreat opportunities. This will be a concise 30 minute presentation.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

The Roots and Branches of Quaker Advocacy

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Alicia McBride*

Explore the intersections of Quaker theology, history, and advocacy through the lens of A Theological Perspective on Quaker Lobbying by Margery Post Abbott. Discuss and share your experiences of Quaker changemaking traditions and learn how FCNL's work fits in.

Info Desk 9:30am - 11:00pm Eastern

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

Gathering for People who have Recently Come Out

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

An opportunity for those who are newly out to gather and share space together during this time of exploration.

Healing Center

Healing Circle

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

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 & People of Color Center

People of Color Center: Reading to Kids of All Ages

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Laura Pickering-Ford*

Come to hear several Friends read stories aloud from children's books. We read to people of all ages, races, and ethnicities from books about and by People of Color.

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

4:30 Nontheism Among Friends,

5:15 How Different Personal Theological Views Strengthens the Religious Society of Friends.

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *John Hunter*

4:30 - A brief historic overview and a description of present day Quaker nontheists followed by a time for questions from participants. All Friends are welcome to attend.

5:15 - Brief presentation regarding personal theological differences among Friends and how that strengthens our religious society followed by discussion and sharing.

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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.

Prisoner Visitation and Support

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4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) (prisonervisitation.org), a Quaker organization, provides visits to prisoners in Federal and Military Prisons throughout the USA. Visitors usually meet with several prisoners once/month for about an hour/prisoner; the same prisoners are visited monthly. Many prisoners have been incarcerated for decades and have never had a visit. Can you spare less than a day a month to bring some light into a dark place?

Quaker Arts Center

Campfire Music

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Ben Griffith*

Ben Griffith will facilitate a music gathering. He says: "We will gather around a virtual campfire to hear Friends play music. This is not an open mic event as we only have limited time but if you feel willing and able, please contact Ben at benovym@icloud.com to participate.

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Activism, Prayer and Indigenous Allyship

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Jan Bronson*

Alaska Friends have joined the Gwich'in Nation in their all-out effort to protect Iizhik Gwats'an Gwandaii Goodlit (the Sacred Place Where Life Begins), the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge, from oil and gas development. We do this with humility, recognizing that a number of Inupiat people, who are also closely connected to these lands, do support oil and gas development. How do we walk this line? Alaska Friends are committed to right relations with Indigenous peoples and have taken multiple steps, in other regards as well. This session will be a chance to share what we are learning.

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Quaker Religious Education Collaborative

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Quaker Religious Education Collaborative invites you to come and share your ideas about religious education for all ages. What are you and/or your meeting doing with children, youth and adults? What are your joys and challenges? What materials are you using that you would like to share? We will show a short power point about our work, including a short tour of our online resource library and explain ways you can get involved with our work around the world to promote RE. This will be a relaxed session. Sorry we can't offer refreshments - you are welcome to bring your own.

QuakerBooks of FGC

Author talk: Dwight L. Wilson

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Dwight will bring his Quaker spirit to discuss the leadings behind his newest book, "Whispering to Babies" as well as the world opened up by his earlier writings.

School of the Spirit

The Way of Formation

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Scott Wagoner*

Through simple contemplative practices, sharing, and minimal content we'll explore the reality of how we are all being formed one way or another and what it looks like to be spiritually formed in the way of Spirit. Scott is a School of the Spirit Board Member, Quaker Pastoral Minister, and a practitioner/coach of the contemplative life.

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.

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