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July Vital Friends: featuring Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, new interim bookstore manager, authors at Gathering, and more!



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Dear Friend,

We are excited to be seeing many of you next week at the FGC Gathering, July 3rd-9th in St. Joseph, MN. As we are invigorated by the summer, our time together, and the many other wonderful Quaker events, annual sessions, and monthly meeting picnics that are happening, we invite you to go a little deeper. In this issue, learn about an important FGC program nurturing the future of the Quaker faith, get an exciting update on what Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is up to, and even if you aren't attending the Gathering, experience the Gathering Bookstore with our 'Authors at Gathering' book list.

In the Spirit,
FGC Staff

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our monthly Vital Friends eNewsletter that highlights a Quaker meeting, organization, or individual Friends who work with FGC to nurture faith and Quaker practice. We're pleased to feature FGC affiliated Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for the month of July.

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[Returning to FGC](#)

FGC is pleased to announce that Marta Rusek will be our QuakerBooks Bookstore Manager for the FGC Summer Gathering, at the **College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota, July 3-9, 2016.**
[Read more about Marta Rusek.](#)

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[FGC Resource: Raising Conscientious Objector Consciousness](#)



The Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act has passed the Senate as of June 14th. This bill is of particular interest to Quakers in that one of the provisions would open the draft to all genders and require women 18-26 to register for the Selective Service, as men currently do at age 18. Failure or refusal to register for the Selective Service can result

in loss of various forms of federal aid. FGC offers a First Day School curricula resource for considering conscientious objectorship with young people in your

[Authors at Gathering](#)

Exciting books from authors who shared about their work at the Gathering Bookstore events!

[Read more here!](#)

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[Among Friends: The Quaker Women in Public Ministry](#)

Quaker Women in Public Ministry

October 21-23, 2016 North Andover, MA



Details and Registration at
<https://quakerwomeninpublicministry.wordpress.com/>

This excellent event will be October 21-23, 2016 in North Andover, Massachusetts. Quaker Women in Public Ministry's primary purpose is encouragement and building connections between Quaker women ministers. [Read more.](#)

[FGC Program Spotlight: Young Clerk Trainings](#)

Every spring, Friends General Conference holds a clerk training for clerks of the summer High School and Adult Young Friends Programs. This weekend training supports young Quakers whose clerking gifts have been identified by their peer communities at the Summer Gathering to truly flourish. Learn more about this program, [click here.](#)



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