

2021 FGC Virtual Gathering

Monday Afternoon Event Descriptions June 28, 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)

Accompaniment as anti-racist practice: Living by the platinum rule

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

AFSC strives to center those most impacted by the issues we work on in all our work. But how do we interrupt patterns of white supremacy and the desire to be "in charge," so that the folks impacted can lead and we can support their visions for justice? In this workshop, you will learn how to listen deeply to BIPOC, what it means to be a co-conspirator in a lived, embodied way, and skills and practices that can support you in mindfully accompanying the communities and BIPOC led movements seeking justice.

Faith & Play Stories

An Introduction to Faith & Play Stories and Godly Play® for Friends

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern Melinda Wenner Bradley

This is a 90-minute introduction to the religious education resource Faith & Play Stories. The time will include a short presentation on the development of this work among Friends, a Faith & Play story session, and time for reflecting on that experience along with other questions. Friends who are interested in Faith & Play and Godly Play stories, who want to learn more about training workshops, or those interested in a story experience are encouraged to join!

FGC Christian & Interfaith Relations Committee

How to talk about religion with people of different faiths

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern Carl Magruder & Don Kewman

The FGC Christian and Interfaith Relations Committee represents FGC in several national and international interfaith organizations. Carl, a Quaker Chaplain, and Don, a retired psychologist will present ideas and experiences that facilitate deep, meaningful and positive interactions with people of other faiths regarding religious beliefs and traditions. Most of the session will be an opportunity to discuss these ideas and for participants to share their own related experiences.

Info Desk 9:30am – 11:00pm Eastern

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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.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

FCNL: Earthcare for All - Advocating for National Environmental Legislation

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern Clarence Edwards

This session will focus on FCNL's advocacy for the environment in the current Congress. FCNL sustainable energy and environment lobbyists will showcase recent progress made toward FCNL's vision of "an earth restored," the challenges and sticking points of FCNL's environmental policy priorities, and recommendations for what participants can do now to support a vision of environmental justice and earthcare for all.

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

Quathiast Mysticism

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern Robin Alpern

An exploration of the mystical side of Quaker tradition. Bring your personal stories!

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

Dismantling Racism on Your Bookshelf

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Regina Renee Ward*

Reading can disrupt, transform, and heal. Books and authors can influence our worldview. Join us as we identify ways that systemic racism shows up in publishing and other readers' advisory services. Reading diversely and with intention has the power to counter the mainstream narrative about marginalized and disenfranchised communities. Participants will be empowered to evaluate how their own reading practices impact progress toward becoming actively anti-racist. Resources will be provided for your personal anti-racism journey.

Quaker Arts Center

The Art of Writing

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Chuck Fager*

Chuck Fager will lead a writing art sharing which will include Edith Maxwells and Diane Faison. Edith is a writer of mystery novels, particularly a series featuring a 19th Century Quaker midwife. Diane Faison is an artist who does impersonations of Harriet Tubman. See a video trailer at: <https://www.dianefaison.life/> Questions from participants will be entertained.

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Coming Together, Sharing Wisdom

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Mary Jo Klingel*

As we are (hopefully) adjusting to a more post-pandemic world, this workshop invites us to look back and look forward. We may ask what we have learned, what do we need to strive for and how have our relationships changed - both to the Earth and to one another? Using the testimonies as a framework, we will be encouraged to seek our paths forward, mindfully, gratefully.

QuakerBooks of FGC

Author Event! Brent Bill

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

The "bad Quaker" is back, talking about his newest book, "Hope and Witness in Dangerous Times."

School of the Spirit

Kin-dom of Heaven

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Mary Linda McKinney*

Using worship sharing and a brief guided meditation, we'll explore the idea that "the commonwealth of God is among" us. How do we experience it? How do we live as if we are in it now? Long-time Friend Mary Linda McKinney has been on a spiritual sojourn amongst different faith traditions for the past few years; she is currently learning about God in a Hindu community.

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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.

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