

2021 FGC Virtual Gathering

Wednesday Afternoon Event Descriptions June 30, 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)

Community safety beyond policing

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Mary Zerkle*

We want everyone in our communities to feel safe - and be treated with the dignity and respect we all deserve. But how can we make that happen? This training explores how we can create safe, healthy communities without law enforcement. We will take the community through stories, information sharing and exercises that explore these questions. Small group sessions are included.

Faith & Play Stories

Faith & Play Stories: Getting Started

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

In this session, we'll explore getting started with Faith & Play and Godly Play stories in a meeting. What is the discernment around training for storytellers and gathering the support of the whole meeting? Where do we begin with making materials and how do we create a space for stories in a meeting, especially in non-traditional or shared spaces? How do these stories weave into a religious education program and support the spiritual lives of all ages in the meeting?

First Time Attenders Committee

First Time Attenders Open-Hang Out Time

6:00pm - 7:00pm Eastern

If Gathering 2021 is a new experience for you, please join us for all or a part of this Open Hang Time. You'll have an opportunity in this Friendly Space to meet, greet, and connect with other new folks. Or maybe you have a question or comment to share. Please join us.

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.

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 Radical Love in the Meetinghouse: the nuts and bolts of being an inclusive, religiously diverse Friends meeting or organization.

5:40 "Drop-in" Opportunity to talk with nontheist Friends.

4:30 pm-6:0pm *Os Cresson*

4:30 - Presentation and discussion about being a inclusive and religiously diverse meeting.

5:40 - All Friends are invited to join the Zoom for open discussion and questions or concerns about nontheism among Friends or just to get acquainted.

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 1

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Join us for a collaborative activity to help catalyze your Meeting's anti-racism work. We will divide into breakouts according to Yearly Meetings and reflect on the landscape of racial justice work in each Meeting. With the support of volunteer facilitators from each Yearly meeting, groups will locate their meeting on Crossroads' continuum of anti-racist transformation and identify the forces that accelerate and hold back this work in our communities. Participants may benefit from reviewing the continuum ahead of time on the FGC website.

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Quaker Arts Center

Photography as Witness

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Blair Seitz*

Blair Seitz will share his story of "Photography as Witness" and he will be joined for discussion by two other photographers who consider their work a witness to their values. A photojournalist now living in Reading, PA, Blair has had ten years of work in many African and Asian countries. He is editor of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (FQA) arts journal. There will be a Q and A period.

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Environmental Justice in a Rapidly Changing World

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Beverly Ward*

This year, we are at an important juncture with regard to climate change and ecological collapse. The Story has gotten both more hopeful and more critical. Ecological crises are magnifying and happening more rapidly than predicted. At the same time, people are waking up to the crises, technology has caught up and we are starting to evolve our relationship with nature. Environmental injustice is holding us back - We have a history of using primarily BIPOC communities as dumping grounds for pollution, toxics and degraded landscapes. Join us to explore our changing world view - we are all related.

QuakerBooks of FGC

Author Event! Edith Maxwell mysteries

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern

Edith will concentrate on her newest book, "A Changing Light."

This is the seventh in her popular Quaker Midwife mystery series, whose appeal is no mystery at all.

School of the Spirit

Moving With Spirit

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *Joann Neuroth and Catherine Bly Cox*

Experiment with us as we adapt meditative walking practices to Zoom's shared presence. Find a place (indoors or outdoors) where you have 10-30 (modest) paces of open space, bring others of us there on your "device," and invite Spirit to move in and with you and through us all. The session will be led by Catherine Cox and Joann Neuroth, who are members of School of the Spirit's governance board and share a love of contemplative rhythms as a doorway into communion with the Mystery.

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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Worship Subcommittee

"Consider the Lilies of the Field: Worship with Attention to Wonder"

4:30pm - 6:00pm Eastern *David L Foster, Healing Art Nature Photography*

David Foster (Honolulu MM) will lead a semi-programmed worship entitled: "Consider the Lilies of the Field: Worship with Attention to Wonder." This worship will include a mix of David's nature images, guided meditation, queries and worship sharing. In a manner similar to visio divina (divine seeing), the worship will use images of nature's wonders to open us in new ways to the Spirit moving within and among us.

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