



# Seeking Wholeness 2015 FGC Gathering

*Daily Bulletin*

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## **Announcements**

### **Daily Bulletin Online Access**

The correct url for the online version of the Daily Bulletin is [www.FGCgathering.org/15documents](http://www.FGCgathering.org/15documents)

### **Wireless Internet Access**

Can't connect to the internet? Try Internet Explorer (IE). Since this is a large conference, there are internet congestion issues.

### **Lost Your Card or Key?**

If you lost your swipe card or key, go to the Info Desk to pay for the swipe card (\$35) or key (\$50) and get a receipt. Then contact Housing at 828-226-3292 to arrange to pick up the key or card. Take the receipt with you to the conference associate in Scott at the time you schedule.

### **Want to Organize an Event?**

Come to the Information Desk in the UC to book a room and time slot in the Scheduling Book for your event. Fill out a Daily Bulletin Submission Form or email your information to [gathbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:gathbulletin@gmail.com) by 4 pm on Sunday and Monday; 2 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you have multiple events, you may choose to announce the whole series once, or you may announce each event once. Due to space limitations in the Daily Bulletin, we ask that announcements appear only once.

### **Request from the ACCESS Table**

At plenaries in Bardo, Friends are reminded to reserve the front three rows for Friends (and their companions) with hearing and mobility challenges.

## **Today's Query**

Do all aspects of your life bear the same witness?

### **Moment of Silence at Meals**

There will be a moment of grateful silence one time per meal each day. Everyone is encouraged to take this moment, if they are present. Otherwise, we encourage you to take a moment for grace at your own personal table.

### **Signage**

WCU requests that signs put on all walls be attached with yellow "ticky-tac" available in the Gathering office, UC Dogwood. Blue painter's tape may be used on glass ONLY. Note: There are many bulletin boards and cork strips on which to put up signs.

### **ATTENTION DORM RESIDENTS!**

Please do not use the soap in the shrink-wrapped linens packages in the dorms. The university placed the wrong soap in the packages and will have fragrance-free soap available at check-in. Please return the unused deodorant soap to the marked box in your dorm lobby.

### **Nametag Dot Colors**

Blue - First time attenders. Connect with them, invite them to join you, ask open-ended questions, and help them feel comfortable.

Red - Someone who is available to help others about the Gathering.

Need a dot? They're available at the Registration table.



## **Announcements - Continued**

### **Travel Minutes**

If you have a Travel Minute you would like signed by the FGC Presiding Clerk, please bring it to the Information Desk in the UC by 2:00 pm on Wednesday. Signed minutes will be available for pick up at the Information Desk at noon on Thursday.

### **Service Dogs at Gathering**

This year there will be five working dogs at Gathering. The dog and dog's person depend on focus to be safe and effective. We as Gathering attenders can help by avoiding speech or actions that may distract the dogs. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Campers!**

Our Gathering experience is one of intentional community and adventure. Please feel free to share your contact info with other campers so we can better carpool to/from campus and care for our needs on the farm. Suzanne, camping coordinator (215-300-1652--texting preferred)

### **Blessed Community**

FGC Gathering intends to be a blessed community where all feel welcomed and affirmed. Yet we can easily hurt people in the first encounters of meeting them.

Let our good intentions to speak and behave lovingly with one another be balanced with our willingness to hear if our words and actions have caused harm. Let us be slow to defend our good intentions. Let us be open to learning about our differences by being slow to impose our unspoken invisible norms on those around us when we hear someone is hurt, angered, or upset by our words or deeds.

## **Blessed Community - Continued**

Be gently welcoming in your words and actions. Not everyone at Gathering welcomes physical contact -- ask before hugging, touching hair, or giving backrubs.

Let us be more explicit about the breadth and depth of the Beloved Community that is brought together at Gathering, including experiences across race, class, ability, gender, sexual orientation, and other identities.

Questions about gender identity, unsolicited advice about parenting choices, questions about a disability, requesting forgiveness for your family's racial prejudice: these create an unwelcoming environment.

Don't assume anything about a person's racial identity, country of origin, sexual orientation or gender, or how long they've been Quaker. Do ask if you are genuinely interested.

Let's celebrate what connects us as Quakers. Here are some suggestions for getting-to-know-you questions:

- Which workshop are you taking?
- Tell me about where you live and your Meeting.
- When did you first know that the Quaker way was right for you?
- What do you like to do for fun?

Liz O, Shani T and Walter S, co-facilitators of the Gathering for Fellowship for European Americans Addressing Racism, 4:30-5:30 daily. Forsyth, Room 114.