

Friday/Saturday, July 7-8, 2017



2017 FGC Gathering

A week of Quaker worship, workshops, and community for all ages.

July 2 to 8, 2017

Niagara University, Niagara Falls, New York



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Evening Plenary

7pm, Upper Level Gallagher

Pamela Boyce Simms

Eco-Justice, Equality, and Earthcare

Response to Clerks' Apology from Members of the People of Color Center:

We appreciate the apology from the Clerks of the FGC 2017 Gathering, especially the reminder that "being inclusive requires steady attention to our habits or patterns that exclude others." We are still saddened by the missed opportunity to experience the richness of the Quaker family that would have come from lifting up the voices that are silenced in White Supremacist culture. In order to avoid diminishing our Quaker identity we encourage gathering facilitators to use the "Liberated Stacked" method, in which people are called upon based on the degree to which their voices are not heard in society. This would mean taking questions or comments first from People of Color, women, differently abled people, LGBTQ people, the Youth and then finally white men. If we want a world that is inclusive we need practices in place that include all.

Today's Query: What steps have you taken in your life to change destructive human relations based on gender, class, and racial domination? What steps have you taken to heal your relationship to the earth?

Numerous Volunteers Needed

Help Jr. Gathering Pack Up Friday

Join us at St. Vincent's 112 after Plenary, at 9:15pm. We'll work until we're done.

Final Campus Sweep Saturday

Starting at 12:30, we will need volunteers to go through and check all the rooms and dorms for lost or forgotten items. Sign up on the door of the Gathering Office (lower level Gallagher). Look for Suzanne Cole outside Gallagher on Saturday.

Help the Gathering Office Pack Up

Looking for a few good people Friday 7:30-10pm and Saturday morning early.

Bookstore Volunteers Needed

4pm Friday we need to pack books into boxes. Please help!

Friday Events

Community Worship

8:15am, Upper Level Gallagher
Today's Worship will be semi-programmed and led by Quaker Earthcare Witness and Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts.

Bolivian Quaker Education Fund Lunch Table--Join Us

12pm, Clet, Large Dining Room

Releasing Ministry Alliance

1:30-3, Dunleavy 212
Following a leading? You don't need to go it alone. Learn about Releasing Ministry Alliance and a website to support ministries.

Local Love Brigade

1:30, Gallagher, near bookstore
Come make artful support postcards to send to recent hate crimes victims and learn about the Local Love Brigade.

Family Place

1:30-4:30, Academic 130
1:30 Yoga practice with Ann Ritter
3:15 Sing-along with Simon James

Gathering Committee 2017

3:15, Dunleavy 212
All 2017 Gathering Committee members are encouraged to attend the meeting today!

Tri-College Collegial Tea

1:30, O'Shea Room 700
Anyone associated with Bryn Mawr, Haverford, or Swarthmore Colleges--students, alums, faculty, staff, family, friends!--are invited to an informal tea, as per tradition. Hot water provided. Bring your own mug and tea bag. Questions? Call Stasa: 267-241-5993.

The Seed House

1:45-2:45, Dunleavy 228
"What happens in Kansas, there goes the country." With music by Laura Dungan, Aaron Fowler, and the Seed House. Reflect on Kansas, hope, and broader movement.

Su Penn, Author Reading

2pm, Dunleavy 219
Su Penn will be reading from her novel, *Everyday Gay, a Kissing Book*. It's hilarious, sweet, romantic, and gay, much like Su herself. Come have fun.

Therapy Dog

2-3:30, Academic 350 (Healing Center)
Bella, with companion Aaron, will be available in the Healing Center Lounge for unconditional love and just hanging out.

Whole-Hearted for God

3:15, Dunleavy 219
Marcelle Martin will describe the transformative spiritual journey that enables Friends to open greatly to the Power of God and participate in major social changes.

Open AA - All Are Welcome

4:30, Dunleavy 208.

2018 Workshop Idea?

1:30, Dunleavy 329

Do you have an inkling of a workshop that you might be led to offer in next year's Gathering? Come speak with experienced leaders about how to grow it into a successful proposal.

Quaker Arts Center

1:30-4:45, St. Vincent 315

1:30 Grace Moses and Judy Ballinger

3:15 Closing reception with snacks

Friends are invited to celebrate creativity as spiritual practice and meet exhibitors.

3:30pm Mey Hasbrook, poetry from Kathy Ossmann, and presentations by most exhibitors. We close with Zan Lombardo accompanied by members of Junior Gathering.

Quaker Earthcare Witness Special Presentation and Film

4:30, St. Vincent 306

Lee McCasland, Ottawa tribal elder, will talk about energy projects from an indigenous perspective. Plus, we will view a Mayan film on logging in Belize.

Pre-Plenary Sing

6:30-6:55, Upper Level Gallagher

Simon James and Damon Motz-Storey will be leading pre-plenary singing today. (Other YAFs may be joining them!)

Canadian Friends & NYYM

New York YM invites Canadian Friends to attend Summer Sessions: July 23-29 in Silver Bay, NY. Contact Helen Garay Toppins at 212-673-5750 or office@nyym.org. Campsites and other space still available.

Friday Announcements

Shape Note Singing Alert

Please join us to take the Parting Hand at 3:15, Dunleavy Porch. If a storm presents, we'll sing #62 in Dunleavy 211.

Institutional Assessment Working Group

Friends, if you missed the presentations on the FGC Institutional Assessment or you would like to receive a copy of the IA presentation to share with your home Meeting, please write: fgcia@outlook.com.

Final Sing Correction

The Final Sing (using *Rise Again and Rise Up Singing*) will be held at 9:15pm in Academic 350, NOT Academic 228.

Fragrance-Free Shampoo from Access Resources

Extra Gentle Fragrance Free Shampoo from Earth Science.

Dinner in the Tent Weather Alert

If there are severe rainstorms, Butler Food Tent will be closed. Clet Dining Hall will hold extended hours: 4:30-7:15pm.

Thanking Dining Staff

Please join us at 1pm on Friday in Clet Dining Commons and 6pm in the tent on Friday (weather permitting) to join our voices in thanks for all the work NU's dining services has done for us. We will sing "Thank You For This Food."

-----SATURDAY-----

CHECK-OUT GUIDELINES

Early Check-Out (Before 8:30am)

1. Strip bed, leave linens & towels there.
2. Place key, swipe card, lanyard on desk.
3. Leave the door unlocked.
4. Sign Departure List in Seton, O'Shea, Lynch, O'Donoghue, & Apts w/name and room #. For Varsity leave name on Info Desk Departure list. Campers and RV folks, please leave name and swipe card at Info Desk.

Saturday Box Lunches

If you ordered a box lunch for Saturday morning, pick-up will be available from 7:30a until 1:30p in the Clet Dining Commons annex. Please only pick up a lunch if you pre-ordered one.

Accessibility Equipment

By 12pm please return any equipment rented through or borrowed from Access Resources. Power scooters and manual wheelchairs should be returned to Kiernan. All other equipment should be returned to Access Resources in Gallagher. Golf cart service stops at 12:30.

**Safe Travels, Friends.
See you in Toledo in 2018!**

Regular Check Out (8:30-1:30)

Go to one of three locations, based on where you resided this week:

1. If you stayed in the Apartments, Lynch, or O'Donoghue, go to **Gallagher Lower Level**.
2. Seton Residents and tent campers, go to **Seton**.
3. O'Shea, Varsity Village, and RVs, go to **O'Shea**.

Please bring your swipe card, key and all linens to the checkout desk.

You will be asked to place your linens in a bin and return the keys/swipe cards to the person at the counter. Please stay patient in the line and we will be sure to get you through as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Lost item charges: Hard keys: \$50.00 /
Swipe cards: \$10.00 / Blankets: \$10.00 /
Bed sheets: \$7.00 / Hand towels: \$2.00 /
Bath towels: \$2.00 / Wash cloths: \$0.50.
Only payments in cash or by credit card will be accepted at check out.