

# Nontheist Friends Events

All Friends Are Invited to Attend

Friends General Conference Gathering 2015  
Cullowhee, North Carolina

## *Events held in Killian, Room 118*

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| Monday, July 6    | 1:30 PM | <b>Nontheism among Friends:</b> Nontheism is one of many forms of diversity among Friends and is even widely varied under that rubric. Where do we fit in as we seek to support all Friends? Presentation, Q&A, and discussion.<br><i>John Hunter</i>  |
|                   | 3:15 PM | <b>Caring about Quakerism:</b> A nontheist Friend looks at important caring relationships through the work of philosopher Milton Meyeroff. –Presentation followed by sharing and discussion.<br><i>Tim Brennan</i>   |
| Tuesday, July 7   | 1:30 PM | <b>The Bible as Rhetoric. “I wrote this to persuade you.”</b> A literary view of biblical analysis examines rhetorical elements of the early evangelists crafting the gospel.<br><i>Jim Crocker-Lakness</i>  |
|                   | 3:15 PM | <b>Drop-In Session.</b> –All Friends are invited to drop by to meet and greet and join informal conversations. –Bring lots of questions.   |
| Wednesday, July 8 | 4:00 PM | <b>Meeting for Worship.</b> –All Friends are invited to join in worship for an hour and, if desired, to stay afterwards for discussion.  |
| Thursday, July 9  | 1:30 PM | <b>Friends' Testimonies: Challenging Language for Nontheists?</b> As we work to support our traditional testimonies, all Friends would like the descriptive language to feel inclusive. How might this be approached?<br><i>Rosemary Coffey</i>  |
|                   | 3:15 PM | <b>Discussing Quaker Nontheism.</b> –Join us as we explore how nontheism fits into the spectrum of diverse Quakerism. Bring your personal insights and questions.<br><i>Margaret Conrow</i>  |
|                   | 4:30 PM | <b>Drop-In Session.</b> –All Friends are invited to drop by to meet and greet and join informal conversations.   |
| Friday, July 10   | 1:30 PM | <b>A Report from Young(er) Friends.</b> –High school and young adult Friends who have attended the Nontheism workshop this week report on their experiences. All Friends are welcome.<br><i>Elaine Ruscetta and Hanae Togami</i>   |
|                   | 3:15 PM | <b>The Importance of Diversity within Quakerism.</b> – Diversity of all sorts within the Religious Society of Friends (including personal theological views) can be seen as a great asset going forward for Quakerism as a strong sect. Presentation followed by discussion.<br><i>John Hunter</i> |
|                   | 4:30 PM | <b>Quaker Nontheists: What's next?</b> – An open discussion of what lies ahead for nontheist Friends covering both general and specific issues.<br><i>Rosemary Coffey</i>  |