



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



Friday Check Out

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 w/name and room #. For Varsity & Apts. leave name on Info Desk Departure list. Campers and RV folks, please leave name and swipe card at Info Desk.

Today's Events

Samburu Friends Mission--Kenya

1:30-2:30, St. Vincent 109

Presentation of Quaker Mission in Kenya.

Monteverde Friends School, Costa Rica

1:30-2:30, St. Vincent 209

Monteverde Friends School is celebrating 65 years of providing bilingual Quaker education in the cloud forest of Costa Rica. Co-Head of School Rick Juliusson will share the history and more recent updates from this unique Quaker school and community, and former students, teachers and residents will be invited to share stories and memories. This is a mix of information session and Reunion, and will be fun and inspiring for all.

Today's Query: Where do you find sanctuary--a safe place to regain your bearings, reclaim your soul, and heal your wounds? How has finding sanctuary helped you to return to the world and "carry on?"

Assisting Men to End Violence

1:30-3:15, Dunleavy 228

Presentation and discussion of strategies to assist men to become effective leaders in ending violence against women and girls. Led by Bruce Dienes. (Was Workshop 20)

Tour of the Trees

1:30, outside St. Vincent

Join Jim Rose for a short tour of the trees on this campus. Help find the Buckeye.

Zen and Quakerism

3:15-5, Academic 320

For those with experience in Zen or those curious about what Zen is and whether it is compatible with Quakerism.

Traveling Ministry Corps.

3:15, Academic 220

Come learn about a new program of FWCC: the Traveling Ministry Corps.

Quaker Religious Education Collaborative

3:15-4:15, St. Vincent 109

The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) is a grassroots network of Friends holding a sense of stewardship for life-long Quaker faith formation through religious education. We welcome Friends from all branches of our international Quaker family into our community of practice to share resources, skills, gifts, questions and insights, and support each other in the ministry of Quaker faith formation. Come see our new resource, "Quaker Meeting and Me: a children's guide to Quaker worship"!

10 Cultural Barriers to Multi-Age Inclusion and How to Flip Them

3:15, Dunleavy 204

Discover and discuss practical changes meetings can make to step closer to a true multi-age beloved community.

Seven Dragons Game

4:30, Dunleavy 211

Come play Seven Dragons, a simple yet intriguing card game, similar to dominoes. Can be played simply for those as young as six, but with enough intrigue to enchant adults. Or bring your favorite game to share!

Past Gathering Clerks' Meeting

1pm, Varsity Village 1

Public Education Open Forum

4:30, Vincent 212

An opportunity for persons to express their concerns and perhaps suggest actions re public school education in the U.S.

Open AA - All Are Welcome

4:30, Dunleavy 208

Friends Committee on National Legislation

4:30-5:30, St. Vincent 109

Thousands of new advocates are turning to Friends Committee on National Legislation for spirit-centered advocacy training and actions. We are using our decades of experience in relationship-focused advocacy to train and empower people looking to influence and change US policies. Last year, FCNL advocacy and lobbying in person grew by 50%; we are growing even more in 2017. Learn how we build connections with both sides of the aisles and persuade Congress to support key Quaker legislative priorities.

Labyrinth Walk

9:15pm, Labyrinth between Lynch and Lewiston Road. Pagan Friends are hosting a labyrinth walk for the almost-full moon. Everyone is welcome.

Sacred Circle Dances

9:15pm, Academic 127/129

Don't be scared! Come join the *sacred* circle dances, led by Maggie Moon. All are welcome, and each dance is gently taught.

Modular Origami

1:30, Academic 226

Learn how to fold one simple origami piece and by making multiples you can create many different geometric forms in 3-D. With Zan Lombardo, Jr. Gathering Artist-in-Residence.

Frank Lloyd Wright House Trip

1:15, Meet in front of Gallagher for departure. Drivers needed and may park in Castellani Lot (prior sign up required).

Quaker Arts Center

1:30-5:30, St. Vincent's 315

1:30-3:30 Grace Moses (photography, poetry) and Claire Simon (book arts)

3:30-5:30 Zan Lombardo (Jr. Gath. artist-in-residence) and Bill Hendricks (photography). Bill will be demonstrating zentangle. Last day for open-studio table.

FGC Institutional Assessment Working Group

3:15, Dunleavy 227

IAWG will provide a second opportunity for Friends to receive the status presentation that was given during Tuesday night's interest group sessions.

Walt Whitman Poetry Club

4:30, Dunleavy 212

Walt Whitman returns to FGC to celebrate "Leaves of Grass" and "The Last Bus to Camden," poetry by Rocky Wilson.

Pre-Plenary Sing

6:30-6:55, Gallagher Upper Level

Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, creators of *Rise Up Singing*, will lead the pre-plenary sing tonight, singing songs of hope and courage.

FCNL Activism

4:30, St. Vincent 109

Hungry for taking your spirit into advocacy? FCNL has 70 grassroots teams to bring Friends' concerns to Congress.

For Canadian Friends

6:45pm, steps of Castellani

Canadians are invited to smile for the camera. Over 70 of us are here. We'll make a fine family portrait. Spread the word.

Quaker Colleges

1:30-2:30, St. Vincent 307

Why attend a Quaker College? If I want to, how can I choose the Quaker College that is best for me? Meet with recent alums, current students, faculty and administrators. Representatives are expected from Bryn Mawr, Earlham, Earlham School of Religion, Guilford, Haverford, and Swarthmore. Everyone welcome.

Announcements

Gathering Store Help Needed

The Gathering store is closing at 4:00pm on Friday. We need volunteers to help us pack and load the truck. In exchange for help packing, volunteers can grab one free book from the \$2 sale table.

**"Chanting: Shelter for the Spirit"
Change of Venue**

Beverly Shepard's workshop will no longer begin outside, but inside in Dunleavy 127.

FGC Postcards--New or Sending

Completed FGC postcards that were distributed at the Monday plenary should be dropped off at the Info Desk in Gallagher before Friday night. Those that didn't receive a card, or others that may desire additional ones, can still pick some up at the Info Desk. BONUS--Free Postage!

Evaluations

How is your experience of access at this year's Gathering? Please let us know on your Gathering evaluation! Any additional feedback to Peg Bernstein (Access Resources Coordinator) and Stasa Morgan-Appel (Access Advisory Working Group) at pegbernstein@gmail.com and smorganappel@hotmail.com.

Fragrances Reminder

Please remember if you use fragranced products in a space (i.e. workshop, bathroom), you make it inaccessible to some people with chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, migraine). Thanks for helping everyone make Gathering accessible to *everyone.*

Labyrinth

Everyone on campus is welcome to walk/roll the new labyrinth laid out in white field paint in the circle of trees between Lynch Hall and the Niagara River.

Lost and Found

Various "misplaced" items are in the lost & found box at the Info Desk. Come by and claim yours.

Cards for Absent Friends

Friends are invited to stop by the Info Desk to sign cards for those registrants who had to cancel for health or other reasons.

All Gender Bathrooms

All gender bathrooms are available in three locations: St. Vincent's, Academic, and Dunleavy, all on the second floor.

Been There, Got the T-Shirt?

Did you forget to order a Gathering t-shirt? Don't miss out--a variety of colors and sizes of the "Ripples start where Spirit Moves" t-shirts are still available in the bookstore. Pre-paid t-shirts are at the registration desk.

Family Place

1:30-4:30, Academic 130

1:30 Amy Ward Brimmer will demonstrate some simple qi gong exercises.

3:15 Sing-along for all with John Scardina.

Seating at Evening Program

Due to plenary logistics and in consideration for the speakers and those already gathered, as well as the live streaming, late comers will be seated in a section that has been reserved and designated for late comers.

From the Worship Committee

During workshop time you are welcome to worship with others at Extended Worship in Gallagher 110. At anytime you can come worship, rest, do art work, journal, read, etc. all in holy silence in the Silence Center in the 2nd floor lounge of Seton.

Give a Ride/Get a Ride

The give a ride, get a ride message board is across from the Info Desk.

Gathering Attenders' List Available

The Gathering Attenders' list is available for purchase in the bookstore.

Quaker Cloud Cancellation

The Quaker Cloud User Group in St. Vincent's 205 has been CANCELLED. We apologize for the inconvenience.