



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



Today's Events

D-I-Y Origami Lanterns

3:15, Lower Level Gallagher

Zan Lombardo, the Junior Gathering Artist-in-Residence will be available to help you fold and create a lantern to be used in Wednesday's Plenary.

Quaker House Military Counseling Center

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

Come celebrate Steve and Lynn Newsom's retirement in September and meet the incoming Director, Kindra Bradley. Refreshments will be served! Quaker House is based in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the home of Fort Bragg. It provides counseling to service members who are questioning their role in the military; educates soldiers, their families, and the public about military issues; and advocates for a more peaceful world. Our mission now includes therapy for domestic violence, sexual assault, and moral injury victims; Alternatives to Violence Project training; advocacy for the recognition and treatment of moral injury and more. We will talk about last year's activities and about the important future work we are called to do during these tumultuous times.

Today's Query:

How much does it feel safe to open your heart? --From the Touchstone Groups

Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program

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

Education is making a difference in Guatemala. Come learn about this dynamic program that is making positive changes in the lives of poor, rural Mayans. One of our graduates is Vice Minister of Education. Hear about the 72 students we currently support, projects to preserve Mayan culture and languages, and advanced teacher literacy training. You can participate in our Teaching English Tour, a soul-satisfying week in beautiful, colonial Antigua with optional tour afterwards.

Visit www.guatemalafriends.org.

School of the Spirit

4:30, Dunleavy 219

A get together of everyone who has had experience with the School of the Spirit - Spiritual Nurturer class, contemplative retreats, and others.

Prisoner Visitation and Support

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

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS), a Quaker organization, provides visits to prisoners in Federal and Military Prisons throughout the USA. PVS needs more visitors. Visitors usually meet with several prisoners once/month for about an hour/prisoner. The same prisoners are visited monthly. Many prisoners have been incarcerated for decades and have never had a visit. (Prison locations can be found at <https://www.bop.gov/locations/map.jsp>) A video will be presented and information about PVS (prisonervisitation.org).

Quaker Voluntary Service

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

QVS is a year-long experiment at the intersection of spirituality and social change activism for folks in their 20's. Come meet current and former Fellows as you learn about the work QVS has done over the last 5 years and its plans for the future.

Bolivian Quaker Education Fund

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

Come behind the scenes with us and see what it takes to keep a small but vibrant international organization running effectively in supporting work at a distance. We'll tell the story of BQEF's work empowering education and service, describe some of the unexpected challenges, and invite participants to problem-solve how to effectively adapt to realities of cross-cultural and intra-theological landscapes.

Join Quaker Earthcare Witness for Early Morning Outdoor Worship

6:30am, Tuesday-Friday

Quaker Earthcare Witness has organized an opportunity for early morning, outdoor worship. Participants meet between St. Vincent Hall and the Alumni Chapel.

First Aid Clinic

Tuesday-Friday 1:30-2:30, 2nd Floor, Academic 220

Tuesday-Friday evenings, O'Donahue Lounge, call 716-336-0995 for an appt.

Shapenote Singing

Tues, Thurs, Fri 3pm, Dunleavy Porch
Singing hymns, anthems, and odes from the *Sacred Harp*, originally published in 1844 and still going strong even amongst Quakers.

Folk Dance Band Rehearsals

(Also seeking more musicians!)

3:15, Academy 228

The Folk Dance Band will be rehearsing Tuesday and Thursday at the above time and place.

YAF Climate Change Activism

7pm, St. Vincent 305

Join Kate and find out how Young Adult Friends are changing Congress! Young adults are organizing on climate change, and 400 YAFs will visit DC this March. Activate!

Announcements

Dining Hall Accessibility

People with accessibility needs, small children, and evening Junior Gathering work-grants are welcome to go to the front of lines in the dining areas. If this applies to you, please feel empowered to take care of your needs by doing this! If you observe someone doing this, please trust that they know their needs best and make room for them to go ahead.

Box Lunch Sign Up

Sign up for Saturday 7/8 early departure box lunch by Wed. 12pm (noon) at the Information Desk.

Got Hands? Lend-a-Hand Needs Volunteers

The Lend-a-Hand table is looking for volunteers to help set up, then clean up, Wednesday's "Make Ripples," Plenary. Generous spirits can sign up in Gallagher at the table on the lower-level.

Kite Flying--Warning

Please DO NOT fly any kites near the Power Vista. This is a highly restricted governmental area. Please abide by the signs of no trespassing.

Contact Information

Did you check your contact information in the attenders list? You still have time! Come Tuesday to the Information Desk and make sure your information is accurate. (The Attenders list will be for sale in the Bookstore later in the week.)

Family Place

1:30-4:30, Academic 130

We have blocks, legos, knitting looms and potholder looms, as well as balls and books available for borrowing.

Today's FP Activities

1:30, make and fly simple kites with Chuck Jones.

3:15, try some simple tai chi with John Smallwood.

Corrected Daily Bulletin URL

The URL in Monday's Daily Bulletin for reading the Daily Bulletin online was wrong. (It's from last year, and it was wrong on the advance program wrapper, unfortunately.) The correct (short) URL for reading the Daily Bulletin and Gathering handouts online is: www.fgcgath.org/handout

Daily Bulletin

An online version of The Bulletin can be accessed at: www.fgcgath.org/handout.

► Online Submissions (Preferred)

Online submissions can be made by: 1) accessing the submission form at: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/daily-bulletin-announcement-submission-form>, or 2) by sending an email (include a contact phone number) to gathbulletin@gmail.com.

► Paper Submissions

Paper submission forms can be filled out and left at the info desk in Gallagher.

The submission deadline is 2 pm Tuesday thru Thursday. Those received after the deadline may not be included.

Simple Meal

Right Sharing of World Resources is presenting a special lunch today featuring a world-inspired bean and legume dish (vegan and gluten-free) in Clet Dining Commons with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or plain cereal available for children. If you are not able to eat a simple meal and have registered for a regular meal, you will find the choices more diverse in Butler tent. This is an opportunity for reflection on the abundance and choices available to us and how we connect with others.

One Location Per Meal

Please choose one dining area and complete your entire meal including dessert in that area. We are charged per person that walks through each door.

Don't Overlook our Quaker Post Card Offerings at the Info Desk (and get free postage!)

Choose from three cards: "Inspired by Faith--To Build a More Equal World," "Inspired by Faith--To Build a More Peaceful World," and a third (designed specifically to be sent to other Quakers) that outlines various FGC Resources and Initiatives.

Touchstone Groups

Looking for a small group experience within the larger gathering? Touchstone Groups of roughly eight people are meeting Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday at 1:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. for worship sharing around queries and growth opportunities rippling from Spirit's movement in the Gathering and our lives.

Note: If you signed up for a Touchstone Group when you registered for the Gathering, the room/building number for your group is on the back of your name tag.

If you didn't sign up for a Touchstone Group when you registered but would like to join a group, leave a message for Peter West Nutting on the message board in Gallagher.

Wednesday Wear-A-Sarong Day

Wed. is the completely and utterly unofficial Wear-A-Sarong Day. Dress up to experiment with your gender expression, to be spectacularly colorful and fluttery, to receive the admiration of other attendees on your fabulous fashion sense, or for any reason whatsoever. Especially wear your colorful sarong, kain, shuka, laplap, kilt, skirt, lungi, izaar, kikepa, fouta, lavalava, kanga, or *any* other dress-like or skirt-like clothes to Making Ripples.

Half Gathering Check Out -Wed. 7/5

12-3pm, Gallagher Lower Level

Please strip your bed, leave the room unlocked, and bring your linens (2 sheets, towel, hand towel, washcloth, and blanket), hard room key, swipe card, and purple lanyard with plastic pouch to the NU table in Gallagher. Leaving earlier than noon?--talk to the info desk for directions.