

Gathering Anew Focus Group 3: 9/7/22
Junior Gathering / Families

Agenda:

- Welcome (5)
- Worship (5)
- Introductions (10)

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- Purpose & grounding (5)
- Visioning (5) Imagine a vibrant community of young Quakers

- Break-outs - or group discussion (25)
- How can Gathering continue to focus on becoming an actively antiracist community?
- How can Gathering grow and sustain a spiritual community for youth?
- How can Gathering become fiscally sustainable?
- How can Gathering become ecologically sustainable?

- Jamboard (30)
- Closing (5)

Notes

“Florida Van” - Kody brought a group to YAY

Hopes and possibilities - where does it feel freeing to imagine Gathering in a different way?

Do young people need the continuity of something every year?

Idea of regional Gathering has come up in other places

How might regional meetings work? Be broader than YM, but still cross-pollinate?

Happen at another time of year so as to not compete with YM sessions?

I get hung up on young Q of color & other super-minorities - how do they get to be part of a peer group? Crucial that they meet others.

Need for accessibility - mobility & food. University campus is super expensive.

Camping could be cheaper but often comes with access issues

Northern YM uses a Lions camp built for handicapped children

Are there other ways besides meeting in person that might build relationship and community?

Other things to do virtually?

Somehow having game night or story-sharing network?.How could it not feel like school?

Ongoing year-round virtual experiences might be a possibility - a layered approach

