

**Acting in Faith with AFSC FGC Gathering Events  
St Vincent 201**

**Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 to 3:15 pm**

- **Building the Movement for Racial Justice among Friends: Where are we?** A panel presentation – Panelists TBD

Many yearly meetings, monthly meetings, and Quaker organizations are working to shift their spaces to be more inclusive and founded on anti-racist principles. But there have been real struggles and setbacks. Four panelists with experience in working for racial justice among Friends will share their sense of the spiritual condition of the Religious Society with regard to upending white supremacy and share their sense of what is needed to move forward.

**Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm**

- **Quaker social change ministry: embrace Spirit-led activism while accompanying those impacted by injustice** – Lucy Duncan & Viv Hawkins

This workshop will introduce Quaker social change ministry and lead participants through a process to consider how to center the voices and experiences of people of color or those most impacted by injustice in our work for just peace. This will be an interactive exercise which invites participants to reconsider how to bring mystics and activists together to work for social justice while practicing the spiritual discipline of accompaniment. See more at [afsc.org/qscm](http://afsc.org/qscm)

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30 to 3:00 pm**

- **Sanctuary Everywhere: Interrupting injustice, building alternatives with Lucy Duncan, Gabriela Flora**

Sanctuary Everywhere is the simple idea that everyday people can come together to keep each other safe, especially in these uncertain times. Learn about this intersectional campaign, how you might engage with it: through congregational Sanctuary, through working to end policing in schools, or by interrupting injustice on the streets.

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 3:15 to 4:15**

- **Gaza Unlocked: Learn about a new campaign to end the Israeli blockade**

For over a decade, two million Palestinians in Gaza have lived under a brutal military blockade imposed by Israel. Media stories about Gaza primarily focus on violence and politics, while stories of how the blockade impacts everyday life remain largely untold. Gaza Unlocked gives you access to firsthand accounts from Palestine and opportunities to make a difference.

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 4:30 to 5:30**

- **Bystander Intervention Training**

This training focuses on ways to intervene in public instances of racist, anti-Black, anti-Muslim, anti-Trans, and other forms of oppressive interpersonal violence and harassment while considering the safety of all parties.

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm Interest Group in St Vincent's 201**

**Quaker Social Change Ministry:** Embrace Spirit-led activism while accompanying those most impacted by injustice (another opportunity to hear about this AFSC initiative)

**Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:30**

- **The Amazing Adventures of the Afterbirth of Jesus with Peterson Toscano**

We'll take a break from more serious considerations for a lighter look at Jesus's story and reflections on Jesus' life. Toscano says about this book, "What if on the heels of baby Jesus surging through the birth canal into the world, (cue the cattle and sheep, angels and Magi) another being pop out—a Super Placenta, fully animated, infused with the holy soup that marinated Jesus during those nine months of divine gestation?"

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00**

- **Working for Justice in Palestine through BDS and economic activism with the Quaker Palestine Israel Network (Steve Tamari, Sahar Vardi, Lucy Duncan, Glen Retief)**

This panel will explore BDS and economic activism as an approach to work to end the occupation of Palestinian territory. Curious about this effective (and much maligned) nonviolent strategy for change? Come hear from multiple perspectives and engage in conversation about the efficacy of this approach in building peace.

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 to 4:15**

- **Conscientious Objection: A History with Sahar Vardi and Oskar Castro**  
Sahar Vardi and Oskar Castro will discuss the history of resistance to militarism in the US, Israel, and around the world and give tips for actively resisting through conscientious objection and through other means.

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:30**

- **White fragility: What it is, how it operates to obstruct racial justice, how to break through it**

White fragility is a phrase coined by author Dr. Robin D'Angelo and is defined as "a state in which even a minimum amount of racial stress becomes intolerable, triggering a range of defensive moves." White fragility often shuts down conversations and gets in the way of real movement toward racial justice. Come examine it and learn how to interrupt it in yourself and others.

**Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:00**

**Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions? A Quaker Zionist rethinks Palestinian rights**

BDS? Should Quakers support the international nonviolent campaign for Palestinian rights? Join us for a reading and a conversation with Steve Chase, author of Pendle Hill's new pamphlet and the Manager of Academic Initiatives at the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict.