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Peace
in our Hearts,
Justice
in the World

2019 FGC Gathering

A week of Quaker worship, workshops,
and community for all ages.

June 30 to July 6, 2019
Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa



Welcome from the Conference Coordinator

Mondays at the Gathering are so exciting! Almost everyone has arrived and we are stepping into a week of exploring faith and community. May each of you experience at this Gathering a blend of refreshment, Guidance, and compassion. It's a blessing to serve you, Ruth

Emergency Number: 641-269-4600.

Blessed Community

The FGC Gathering intends to be a blessed community where all feel welcomed and affirmed – a goal we have been consciously working on in recent years to some good effect.

And yet, there is still much to learn and we can still easily hurt people in the first encounters of meeting them.

Let our good intentions to speak and behave lovingly with one another be balanced with our willingness to hear if our words and actions have caused harm. Let us be slow to defend our good intentions. Let us be open to learning about our differences by being slow to impose our unspoken invisible norms on those around us, when we hear someone is hurt, angered, or upset by our words or deeds.

Peace Place Monday Query:

Transmute Violence Against the Earth into Earthcare

What specific important action would you take to safeguard planet Earth if you knew you could not fail?

“Compose yourself in stillness. Draw your attention inward. The wisdom you seek lies within.” -The Bhagavad Gita

See with the eye of your heart...

Be gently welcoming in your words and actions. Not everyone at Gathering welcomes physical contact – ask before hugging, touching hair, or giving backrubs.

Let us be more explicit about the breadth and depth of the Beloved Community that is brought together at Gathering, including experiences across race, class, ability, gender, sexual orientation, and other identities.

Questions about gender identity, unasked-for advice about parenting choices, questions about a disability, requesting forgiveness for your family's racial prejudice: these create an unwelcoming environment.

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Don't assume anything about a person's racial identity, country of origin, sexual orientation or gender, or how long they've been Quaker. Do ask if you are genuinely interested.

Let's celebrate what connects us as Quakers. Here are some suggestions for getting-to-know-you questions:

- Which workshop are you taking?
- Tell me about where you live and your meeting.
- When did you first know that the Quaker way was right for you?
- What do you like to do for fun?

From the co-facilitators of the Gathering for Fellowship for European Americans Addressing Racism, meeting daily at 4:30 - 5:30 in HSSC: N2118. Open for people to drop-in throughout the week, one time, multiple times, or for the full week.

Daily Bulletin

► **Deadlines:** Submit notices by 4 pm on Monday; 2 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Submissions made after the deadline cannot be guaranteed. Due to space limitations, we ask that announcements appear only once.

► **Online Access:** The online version of the Daily Bulletin can be found at <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/handout>.

► **Online Submissions (Preferred):** Online submissions can be made either by accessing the submission form at: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/daily-bulletin-announcement-submission-form>, or by sending an email to gathbulletin@gmail.com.

► **Paper Submissions:** Forms and dropbox for paper submissions are on the info desk in the JRC.

Today's Events

First Aid Station

1-3 pm JRC 209. The first aid station will be open every day at these hours. A first aid person will be available at all times at the first aid phone number at the top of the bulletin. In an emergency call 911 and campus safety 641-269-4600.

12 Step Organizational Meeting

4:30pm Noyce 1245

Bringing Compassion to the Border

1:30pm Kershaw 2248. Sit in with an interview with Tim Reed about compassion at the New Mexico/Mexico border.

Book talk by author Michael Luik-Thrams

1:30pm JRC 101 "Out of Hitler's Reach: the Scattergood Hostel for European Refugees"... reading, questions and book signing.

What is the ministry of a Quaker school today?

3:15-5:30 pm, HSSC Room N1116. How do our classrooms shape children and emerging adults? A discussion for grads, future students, parents, staff, educators, and supporters.

Memorial Meeting

The Healing Center will hold a Memorial Meeting for Richard Lee during their regular worship time at 7:30AM **Tuesday** in the HC

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in Main. Richard brought forth the Meeting for Healing in the manner of Friends from obscurity and taught its practice.

Round Singing

3:15pm HSSC N1130 Daily.

Announcements

Location, Location, Location:

Gathering for Fellowship - European American Addressing Racism

4:30-5:30pm daily now in room HSSC: N2118

Workshop Room Changes

- Opening to the Heart of Worship #21 is now in room JRC: 225
- Reading the Qur'an as Friends #23 will be in JRC 225.

Family Place

All Family Place and Multi-Gen events (originally scheduled for Clark Lounge) have been moved to Cowles Lounge, which is wheelchair-accessible.

First-Time Attenders Tables

Get to know other first timers by sitting at the designated tables near the outside windows of the Dining Hall. Second timers and long timers are always welcome to share conversation.

Let's Beat the Heat Together

We are aware it is hot. There are a few things you can do to help beat the heat at the Gathering. 1) Hydrate yourself often. 2) Cool down

your room as well as possible. Open your windows in the evening while propping your doors to create a cross breeze. Also, close blinds and windows in the morning before you head out for the day. 3) All classroom buildings have A/C so make sure to find a cool place to socialize and cool off while hydrating yourself during the day. 4) Each night by dinner, staff will decide if the bed rolling options and AC spaces are open that night. Please check the signs at the Dining Hall and Info Desk for that announcement.

Water bottles and Fans are for sale at the bookstore. Fans are pay as you are led. If you have medications that need to stay cool, contact Rebecca Cole Sullivan, Access Coordinator (610-551-8439).

Travel Minutes

Friends who wish their travel minute to be endorsed: please leave it at the Info Desk by Wednesday 6pm. Endorsed minutes are available at the Info Desk after noon, Thursday.

Qmart

Visit Qmart consignments for handicrafts, clothing, jewelry, used books, and much more. Near info desk in JRC. Monday-Thursday 12-7pm. Friday 12-5pm.

Golf Cart Training

Drivers needed! Training at 1:30pm in JRC.

Golf Cart Service

7 am - 10:30 pm (641-260-6445). Other hours when requested in advance. Golf cart transportation is primarily for Friends with any condition that makes it difficult to get around campus. Such Friends are encouraged to pick up Priority Rider Cards at the Access Resources table or at Golf Cart Central in the

Student Union, lower level.

Want to Organize an Event?

Go to the Information Desk in the JRC to book a room and time in the Scheduling Book. Then submit the details to be printed in the Daily Bulletin. Please do not submit events to the Bulletin until the room sign up is done.

Internet Access Limitations

Grinnell staff are working on our wifi network in the dorms so connectivity will be limited on the following days/times. Lazier, Monday 9 – 11, Kershaw, Monday 2 – 4, Rose, Tuesday 9 – 11, Rathje, Tuesday 2 - 4.

Fragrance Free

Please do not use the soap in the dormitory bathrooms. Only use the fragrance free soap provided at FGC registration. Supplies are limited, so please share with your suitemates.

Laundry Rooms

Laundry Rooms are located in the following dorms and are for use by people in that cluster. Each one is in the basement of the dorm. East: every dorm, South: Main, North: Langan (Langan is not on the FGC map. It is between Smith and Rawson).

Carrying Food Out from Dining Hall

Friends are welcome to carry a piece of fruit or hand-held dessert out of the dining hall to continue enjoying at the end of the meal. Please do not take extra tea bags, heaps of fruit, or other “snacks for later.”

What the Healing Center Is and Is Not

The Healing Center serves as a safe and sacred space to address and explore our woundedness and our longing to be whole/holy. It

is staffed by skilled volunteers who give an hour or more of their time, as their schedule and family duties permit at Gathering. Beyond their skills in body work, energy work and compassionate listening, the volunteers are here to experience what Spirit-led healing work in a communal setting feels like for them, as ministry.

The FYI page, “What to Know about the Gathering,” mentioned under “Where to find Support or Connection” that the Healing Center (in Main) “offers free massages.” **This is not the intent or purpose of the Healing Center.**

We do not have a full-time massage therapist. Most volunteers offer energy work. If you are feeling led to come to the Healing Center and to see what it might hold for you, please do come, and let’s talk. I will be there at 1 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to meet you. Healing Center is open 1:30-5pm on Monday. --Kathy Slattery 716-984-4854.