

# **Tuesday Night Interest Groups**

## **7pm, July 4th**

### **18-30 and Mobilizing Change, Quaker Style St Vincent's 305**

*Katie Breslin & Aurelio Anderson*

Are you 18-30 and ready to put your inner activist in charge?

Recruit local volunteers, Meet with members of Congress Write letters to the editor, op-eds, Learn the different ways you can join Friends Committee on National Legislation and put your creative, passionate, spirit-led self to work...and get paid a stipend!

### **Aging - It's What We Do St Vincent's 212**

*Callie Janoff*

We are all aging! Which is great, unless our aging compromises or capacity for living in joy. The ARCH Program of NYYM has built a model for supporting our oldest while avoiding burnout and fostering trust. Learn about the program, share experiences, and reflect on the needs of your Meeting.

### **BQEF: Friends Education and Leadership in Bolivia Dunleavy 212**

*Jens Braun & Vickey Kaiser*

We'll focus on how to nurture Friends who seek out education in Bolivia and who bring Quaker values into the workplace in their emerging nation buffeted by climate change. Through images, stories, discussion, and song we'll connect with the possibilities. Learn about travel opportunities among welcoming Friends in beautiful Bolivia.

### **FGC Institutional Cultural Assessment: Our Progress Dunleavy 127**

*Carolyn Lejuste & Marvin Barnes*

The need for an internal assessment of structural racism within Friends General Conference became clear at last year's Gathering. In October, FGC Central Committee (our board) approved taking up this work. We will review our progress, identify future activities, and discuss potential impact on local meetings. We invite your questions and expect a robust discussion.

### **Friends Economic Integrity Project St Vincent's 407**

*Stephen Loughin*

The Friends Economic Integrity Project focuses on our shared concerns for racial justice, climate change, and inequities in wealth distribution rooted in our economic system. With support from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Eco-Justice Collaborative, this project has produced a video which we will share and discuss with Friends.

### **How Can FGC Support Youth and Young Adult Clerks? St Vincent's 307**

*Elaine Ruschetta & Ellie Greenler*

The Youth Ministries Workgroup of FGC's Committee for Nurturing Ministries hopes to explore how FGC can support Young Friends and Adult Young Friends in clerking roles. FGC, currently organizes a workshop to nurture this vital skill for High School and AYF Gathering clerks, seeks to determine whether there is wider need for this support.

### **How Do We State the Peace Testimony Today? Dunleavy 228**

*Jane Zavitz-Bond & Matthew Legge*

How can people learn to avoid war if they don't have interesting resources to explain how it has been done? Heather Kirk's book *Seeking Peace: The Quakers* will be a take away resource from this interactive session with Canadian Friends Service Committee and CYM Archivist - *The Peace Testimony: a new formulation.*

### **How to Find Good Books for First Day School and How to Use Them St Vincent's 215**

*Sally Farneth & Anne Collins*

Using picture books and lesson plan models from *Sparkling Still*, we will help participants learn how to locate good books relevant to Quaker faith and practice. We will show participants how to create plans for sharing the books with children in First Day School. (Presentation, experiential exercises and discussion.)

### **How to Move Ahead in a Turbulent and Polarized Time Academic 127/129**

*George Lakey*

How can we act effectively for justice and equality even though the U.S. will likely become stormier in the years ahead? George Lakey will share success stories from similar situations before facilitating discussion. We'll explore the role of the Spirit.

### **Nourishing Quaker Leadership: Clarence and Lilly Pickett Endowment for Quaker Leadership St Vincent's 209**

*Mike Moyer*

Clarence Pickett (1884-1965) served as pastor, professor, and executive secretary of AFSC (1929-1950). This presentation will review eligibility for the Pickett Endowment annual grant, established in honor of Clarence and Lilly Pickett in 1991. The grant serves to nourish Quaker leadership across the spectrum of Quaker faith traditions.

### **Quaker Healer reads from his journals St Vincent's 311**

*John Calvi*

The facilitator has been reading from his journals at the FGC Gathering for two decades. Participants will hear about healing -especially in times where meanness and cruelty are dominant in public policy.

### **Quaker Pathways Forward: Rekindling the Fire of Fox St Vincent's 301**

*Pamela Boyce Simms*

Friends will explore the prospect of deep spiritual renewal to ensure 21st century Quaker relevancy. The convener invites Friends to model evolutionary responses to society's existential challenges. We'll explore how Quaker contemplative informed by scientific understanding of the language and architecture of the mind-brain increases clarity, - fostering unified vision.

### **Quaker Social Change Ministry: Reclaim collective justice work St Vincent's 201**

*Lucy Duncan*

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. Participants are invited to reconsider how to bring mystics and activists together to work for social justice while practicing the spiritual discipline of accompaniment.

### **Quakers are Advocates! St Vincent's 405/406**

*Christine Ashley*

Consider starting your own Advocacy Team where Quakers and friends from across the country use their power as constituents to build relationships with their members of Congress. With FCNL, we believe that Congress has immense power to effect positive change. It's our job to make sure they use it.

### **Reduce Climate Change through Food: A Campaign for Any Community St Vincent's 312**

*Lynn Fitz-Hugh & Jan Wright*

A significant portion of greenhouse gas (GHG) (9 -39%) comes from food production. How does eating local, organic, less meat and wasting less food help slow climate change? Learn how to do a "Food Challenge" in your community similar to ones we've run in Ann Arbor and Seattle.

### **Ripples in the Web: Sharing Worship & Business Meetings Remotely St Vincent's 306**

*Mike Shell & Gail Rogers*

Experience Quaker worship and discussion online using a real-time video conferencing service (Zoom <https://zoom.us/>). Participants can watch the Zoom session projected on the screen (or wall) and also use their mobile devices. We will open with worship and worship sharing, followed by discussion about this and other online venues for sharing the spirit online.

### **School of the Spirit St Vincent's 211**

*Jim Herr & Joann Neuroth*

Spirit moves in our On Being a Spiritual Nurturer class and in our contemplative retreats. The ripples move out to Monthly Meetings as people learn to nurture their own spiritual gifts and become better nurturers to others. Come learn more.

### **A Taste of Friends Couple Enrichment Academic 228**

*Merry Stanford & Peter Wood*

Come with or without a partner to see how deep listening and authentic speaking open hearts, reduce reactivity, and allow challenging issues to be addressed with love. Come see if this form of personal peacemaking might be of use to you and your Meeting. Parts discussion, demonstration, and experiential learning.

### **The Power of Goodness Dunleavy 211**

*Nadine Hoover & Janet Moles*

Power of Goodness collects true stories starting with from FGC's Lighting Candles in the Dark, taken to Moscow, then Chechnya during the war, where they added stories. It's now spreading around the world. We will share activities from our community, teachers' and counselors' training along with storytelling and children's illustrations.

### **The Strength of the Spirit: Moral Injury St Vincent's 206**

*Lynn & Steve Newsom*

"Moral injury" recognizes that an "invisible" wound of war to military personnel is emotional trauma over serious transgressions of moral, spiritual, or religious beliefs. Participants will learn about the nature of moral injury, and how they can support and minister to service members, veterans, and others.

### **This August's Total Solar Eclipse St Vincent's 205**

*Don Goldstein*

On August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse can be viewed in a narrow pathway from Oregon to South Carolina, the first viewable in the continental US since 1979. Learn where to go, what to bring, and what to look for in this phenomenon, which has spiritual impact for many.

### **Writing Death Row Prisoners: Rewards, Problems and Surprises St Vincent's 309**

*Rich Van Dellen*

The facilitator will share his experience writing and visiting two death row prisoners and witnessing the execution of one. He will discuss the benefits to prisoners who have few visitors and are often forgotten by families. Come and discover the rewards and challenges of interacting with death row prisoners.