QUAKER CENTER

2021 Program Calendar

January **TBD**	**Quakerism in the Age of the Internet** QuakerSpeak creator Jon Watts believes that the Quaker message is now more relevant than ever. What does Quaker witness look like in the age of the internet? Let's hone our skills and stoke the fire.	**Jon Watts**
February **26-28**	**The Gathered Meeting** An experiential workshop about the Gathered or Covered Meeting, and strategies for getting there. Using a variety of participatory methods, together we'll reflect upon the spiritual deepening of potentially moving from I to Thee.	**Stanford Searle**
March **22-26**	**Promptings of the Spirit: A Writers Retreat** Quaker writers and friends will give and receive support and inspiration, sharing collective wisdom and techniques for fiction, memoir, poetry and more. We'll seek and respond to nudges of the Spirit from lived experience, trail walking, writing prompts, sharing stories, and worship, among other activities.	**Bob Fisher and Dwight Wilson**
April **16-18**	**Choosing Peace** We will explore stories of nonviolent transformation from around the world, reflect and reconnect with our internal sources of motivation, and share ways we can choose peace.	**Bridget Moix**
May **21-23**	**Listening to Nature's Wisdom on Equity, Inclusion and Letting Go** Let's look to nature's wisdom for how to grow equity and inclusion, while releasing what no longer serves. Worshipful activities and stories from Quaker writers and Mexican/Native traditions will nurture our exploration of these issues.	**Mica Estrada**
June 26 – **July 3**	**Quaker Service and Art Camp** Rising fifth to ninth graders will learn about Quaker faith and practices, share time in nature and build community through art, service, singing, games, hikes and more.	**Camp Staff**
July 30 – **August 4**	**Family Work Camp** A camp for all ages! Improve and repair things at Quaker Center. Create community while building, repairing, painting, cooking, and cleaning. Deepen community by worshipping, playing, hiking, singing and relaxing.	**Jesse Keesaw and Quaker Center Staff**
September **3-5**	**Spiritual Care for Quaker Communities** Understanding the common spiritual needs of individuals and communities transforms how one understands one's own spiritual life and the spiritual needs of others. Providing spiritual care begins with discerning these needs. We will learn from stories from Quaker witness, tradition and scripture.	**Michele Shields**
October **1-3**	**Journaling as Meditation** This course will provide an introduction to journaling as a spiritual practice, combined with learning how to make a hand -bound journal. The leaders will help participants become closer to God/Spirit/Light through journaling.	**Iris Graville and Deborah Nedelman**
October **25-29**	**Practices in Supporting Faithfulness** We'll experiment with practices to help each other pay attention to the divine presence within. We'll explore what can block our whole-hearted response, form Faithfulness Groups, and offer support for following the leadings of the Spirit.	**Marcelle Martin**
November **19-21**	**Quakerism Encounters African Traditional Religion** There is much to learn from Kenyan Friends! As the numbers of Quakers in the West decrease, the increase in Africa should be a cause for celebration and encouragement among Western Friends. We'll go deep, uncovering the wealth of spiritual practices in the contributions of traditional African religions to Quakerism.	**Chagala Stanley Ngesa**
December **3-5**	**12th Annual Music and Dance Retreat** A joyful, simple, reduced-cost weekend of music with various styles of group singing, folk dancing, instrumental jams, and a community dance on Saturday night.	**Participant Leaders**
December 28 **– January 1**	**Solitude and Celebration: A Year-End Retreat** Continuing Revelation through Creative Expression and Appreciation: Spend the last days of 2021 at Quaker Center. Greet the coming year among friends in the redwoods, in a spirit of reflection, fellowship, hope and celebration.	**Susan Wilson and Bob Fisher**

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