

# SCQM Quarterly Report

Southern California Quarterly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends

## Call to Spring Gathering

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ☞ 9:00am – 4:45pm

Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting  
2012 Chapala St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Gather and Greet at 8:30 AM

*“As Quakers, we are part of community rooted in the experience of transformation. This transformation is inward, it is personal, and it is collective.”*

- Ben Pink Dandelion, *Open for Transformation: Being Quaker*

*“We need each other, to help each other along, in our faithfulness in everyday life, in our discipline or discipleship, in our activism...”*

*What, then, is our corporate calling? What is God calling us to do? And is it really something we need to do privately so only the most determined get to our doors? What is wrong with communicating our insights and growth? What is our good news?”*

- Ben Pink Dandelion, in an address he gave to FGC and reprinted in Friends Journal titled “Quaking with Confidence”<sup>1</sup>

Dear Friends,

These are insights and questions that speak to me, and that I think speak to us as a Quaker community as well. We will have a lot of opportunity to explore these, and other themes, in advance of Ben Pink Dandelion’s visit with us as our keynote speaker at Fall Fellowship in November.

When I wrote to you last fall, the theme of our gathering was “Where is the Love”? I feel as though I could share the same call to you as I wrote then and the queries and reflections would still be as timely. But they would, of course, speak to us differently.

It’s a bold understatement to say that a lot has transpired in our lives since November, individually, in our Worship Groups and Monthly Meetings, in our work together as a Quarterly Meeting, and of course, in the world around us.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.friendsjournal.org/2009133/>

As we write our State of the Meeting Reports, we are in a time of reflecting, on our collective joys, our leadings, our troubles or our challenges and whether we are seeking change. We are examining how we put our faith into action. And, we hope you will join us as we will do that together as a Quarter during Spring Gathering.

**For those of you who are new to the Quarter**, Spring Gathering is a lot different from Fall Fellowship because it's only one day instead of two, and because we are doing the important work of inward reflection with having worship around our State of the Meeting Reports. We do some business in the morning, and some business in the afternoon, and because of limits on our time and physical space, we do not have small group worship sharing. That said, I hope you will find the opening and closing Meeting for Worship to be deeply nourishing, along with the joy that can come with reconnecting, or connecting for the first time, with the wider Quaker communities outside of our home meetings.

**If it's been a while since you've come to Quarterly**, we welcome you back with open arms. We're really looking forward to seeing you again.

**Children, teens and young adults**, we're eager to see you too.

**If you are a "regular"** who loves connecting with other local friends at Quarterly events, we would love it if you could help spread the word about this community and support our upcoming gathering by bringing a friend or driving a group from your meeting. Also, we wanted to let you know ahead of time that we're experimenting this year with how we will be presenting the State of the Meeting Reports. Get ready for just a little change.

We sincerely hope you'll join us, Friends, for a day of worship, fellowship, work and play.

Sarah Rose House-Lightner, Presiding Clerk  
Southern California Quarterly Meeting

P.S. In addition to the information about Spring Gathering, please also see the new, extra section on News from the Quarter at the end of this newsletter.

## Schedule & Registration Information

We will meet at Santa Barbara Meetinghouse from 9:00 AM to 4:45 PM. Plan to arrive at 8:30 AM for coffee, fellowship & to get settled. See the schedule below for more information. Lunch will be provided by members of Santa Barbara Meeting and we are asking for a donation of \$8.00.

Please register using the Doodle Poll at the link below. Each person should register separately, providing your name, and if you are under 18, your age. Please also be sure to check the check box under April 29th. Children & teens are encouraged to come and should be registered by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Without a quorum of participants, formal programs will not be arranged, but basic childcare / supervision will be provided. The parental consent and medical forms found in this program must be submitted, along with a copy of the child or teen's medical insurance card.

<http://doodle.com/poll/vywfscctxksrxpq4>

# SCQM Spring Gathering

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting

## Draft Schedule

*(Subject to Change, Continuing Revelation!)*

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| 8:30-9      | Gather and Greet   |
| 9-9:30      | Opening Worship  |
| 9:30-10:45  | Reflection on the State of the Meeting Reports – Session I*  |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break  |
| 11-12       | Plenary I  |
| 12-1:15     | Lunch  |
| 1:15-2:30   | Reflecting on the State of the Meeting Reports – Session II*   |
| 2:30-3:15   | "Dialogue and discernment: How do we put our faith into action -- Is there a collective message from our Quarter?" |
| 3:15-3:30   | Break  |
| 3:30-4:15   | Plenary II   |
| 4:15-4:45   | Closing Worship  |

*Schedule Version 2.0 4/2/17 SRHL*

\*\*\* As noted in the clerks call above, we are *experimenting* this year with how we will be presenting the State of the Meeting Reports. Get ready for *just a little change*. Copies of all Reports will be available at and after Spring Gathering. \*\*\*

A Friendly Reminder:  
State of the Meeting Reports and photos  
from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups  
must be submitted no later than Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
to Lawrence Alderson at [aldersonld@gmail.com](mailto:aldersonld@gmail.com).

## Children & Teens

Formal programs for children and teens will not be provided at Spring Gathering this year. However, SCQM can provide basic childcare. SCQM also welcomes any and all teens to come and participate with the adults in participating in meeting for worship, our plenaries and listening to and reflecting on the state of the meeting reports.

If children or teens do come, parents are asked to please bring their medical and consent forms and health insurance information.

Formal programs will be provided at Fall Fellowship and we hope to see you there!!!

## Meal Planning

Our hosts at Santa Barbara Friends Meeting will be making arrangements for our lunch & refreshments. A basket will be set out to collect donations to offset their costs. Suggested donation is \$8 per person.

## A Note from Nominating:

CAN YOU OFFER YOUR ABILITIES TO SUPPORT THE WIDER QUAKER COMMUNITY?

Southern California Quarterly Meeting brings together Friends from across Southern California, Mexico City, and Guatemala, to worship, work, and have fun together. Like our Monthly Meetings, SCQM depends on the work of committees to keep things running smoothly; and participation in an SCQM committee is an excellent way to connect with Friends beyond our own Meetings and enlarge our Quaker horizons. View our SCQM Job Descriptions on the bottom of our webpage under "Archives" for more information about what each officer, committee clerk, and committee member do for the quarterly meeting. **Please contact our Nominating Committee Co-Clerks to notify them of your interest &/or to ask questions:**

Trudy Freidel  
Shayne Lightner

## SCQM CLERKS COMMITTEE 2016-2017

*Note: An updated roster will be sent out after Spring Gathering as some of these Friends will be rotating out of their positions in 5/2017.*

### **Presiding Clerk**

Sarah Rose House-Lightner  
[sarahrosehouse@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahrosehouse@hotmail.com)

### **Ministry & Counsel Co-Clerks**

Gail Thomas [quakergail@gmail.com](mailto:quakergail@gmail.com) &  
Lawrence Alderson [aldersonld@gmail.com](mailto:aldersonld@gmail.com)

### **Children's Program Clerk**

Winnie Sunshine

### **Teen Program Clerk**

Kate Watkins-Shaw [kwatkins@rand.org](mailto:kwatkins@rand.org)

### **Directory Committee**

Dan Strickland [danstrickland2001@yahoo.com](mailto:danstrickland2001@yahoo.com)

### **Nominating Committee Co-Clerks**

Trudy Freidel  
Shayne Lightner

### **Naming Committee (names Nominating Cmte)**

Lawrence Alderson, Kate Watkins, Winnie Sunshine

### **Treasurer**

Peter Neumann

### **Finance Committee Clerk**

Sharon Gates

### **Peace & Social Concerns Committee Clerk**

Anthony Manousos

### **Website & List-serve Clerk**

Kerwin Flowers

### Website News:

Our website is back up and running!  
We're considering a remodel, but in the meantime,  
check in periodically for updates!

<http://www.scqm.org/>



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**SCQM TEEN AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MEDICAL HISTORY & INFORMATION**

One form per minor. This form **and** the Parental Consent for Minors form must be turned in before your minor may attend any SCQM children's or teens' program.

**MINOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTHDATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

Medications, dosage and schedule \_\_\_\_\_

Are there serious consequences if meds are skipped? \_\_\_\_\_

Other information (medical / physical / emotional issues) [use additional sheet(s) if necessary]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL HISTORY/CONCERNS**

Date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Minor's doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy holder's name \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

If an HMO, please give name and telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' EMERGENCY NUMBERS DURING EVENT:**

Parent 1 / legal guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 / legal guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE EVENT THAT PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CANNOT BE CONTACTED, CALL:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Please enclose a photocopy of minor's Health Insurance card.  
This form must be completed for each minor and for each event**

Date completed \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parental Consent for Minors (age 17 and under)**

**One form per minor.** This form **and** the Medical History & Information form must be turned in before your minor may attend any SCQM children's or teens' program.

**Permission to Attend**

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or person having legal custody/guardianship of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, give permission for this minor to attend the children's programs and/or SCQM Teen Program of the Religious Society of Friends.

**Authorization for Third Party Consent to Medical Treatment of Minor Lacking Capacity to Consent**

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or person having legal custody/guardianship of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, do hereby authorize any personnel or any staff person(s) or volunteers of SCQM of the Religious Society of Friends, as agent(s) for the undersigned to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and hospital care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of any physician and surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of any hospital, whether such authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, but is given to provide authority to the aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which a physician meeting the requirements of this authorization may, in the exercise of his/her best judgment, deem advisable. This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California. I/We hereby authorize any hospital which has provided treatment to the above-named minor pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California to surrender physical custody of such minor to my/our above-named agent(s) upon the completion of treatment. This authorization is given pursuant to section 1283 of the Health and Safety Code of California.

**Field Trip Permission**

In addition, the above minor has my/our permission to participate in the program of SCQM of the Religious Society of Friends organized for his/her age group. This includes permission to go swimming and to go on field trips in buses or private cars. It is SCQM's policy that all passengers be seat-belted in street-legal vehicles and all drivers have appropriate automobile insurance.

**Parents' and Sponsor's Signatures**

These authorizations shall remain effective for the duration of this program, unless sooner revoked in writing. The undersigned agree to hold SCQM of the Religious Society of Friends and its officers, agents, teachers and other volunteers harmless of any claim by the undersigned arising out of any medical treatment given by or attempted in connection with any medical emergency.

**Parent / Legal guardian / Person having legal custody (circle relationship)**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsorship Permission**

If a parent/guardian is not going to be present for any or all of the time/dates that the child is present, that child must have a sponsoring adult present on site. If that is the case, then this portion must also be filled out.

I/We do hereby authorize the adult named below (SPONSOR) to sponsor the above-named minor during SCQM of the Religious Society of Friends Programs, when I/we will not be in attendance.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor**

I will be attending the event described above at the same time as the above-named minor, and I agree to accept responsibility of sponsoring the minor.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor

# Clerks Corner: News from your SCQM Clerks Committee

## The Directory

An electronic version of the 2016 directory has been finalized and distributed to Monthly Meeting Clerks and SCQM Reps via email. To request an e-copy for yourself, please email [danstrickland2001@yahoo.com](mailto:danstrickland2001@yahoo.com). The 2017 version is in process and we hope to have it finalized and in hard copy by PYM Annual Gathering this summer.

## Peters Legacy Fund

A reminder of the history and purpose of this fund, as well as a copy of the request form, is shared further below in this newsletter.

## SCQM Fall Fellowship

Quaker Theologian Ben Pink Dandelion will be our keynote speaker at Fall Fellowship this year. Please save the dates: November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at Temescal Canyon State Park in Pacific Palisades, CA.

## Quaker Workshops in SCQM and Monthly Meetings

You are invited to these upcoming workshops hosted by SCQM, one of our committees and/or monthly meetings. Flyers and registration info will be sent out soon, but in the meantime, please save-the-dates!

## SCQM Spring Workshop on Immigration with Pedro Rios from AFSC

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Orange Grove Meetinghouse

More information coming soon.

Questions? Email Holly Anderson

[hollysueanderson@gmail.com](mailto:hollysueanderson@gmail.com) or

Anthony Manousos [interfaithquaker@aol.com](mailto:interfaithquaker@aol.com).

## Visit to Southern California by George Lakey, Quaker & Author of Viking Economics, sponsored by SCQM Peace & Social Concerns & Santa Monica Meeting

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Santa Monica Meetinghouse

More information coming soon.

Questions? Email Gail Thomas

[quakerrgail@gmail.com](mailto:quakerrgail@gmail.com) or

Anthony Manousos [interfaithquaker@aol.com](mailto:interfaithquaker@aol.com).

## Minutes of Concern:

We ask that you bring these minutes to your Monthly Meetings for consideration.

## Minute on Hiring an Administrative Assistant

In the spring of 2016, SCQM received a minute from Santa Barbara MM recommending that we

hire an administrative assistant. Clerks Committee & Ministry & Counsel seasoned the minute and hosted a threshing session at Fall Fellowship in November. There was a clear leading among those gathered that *something* different must be done to ease the administrative burden on Clerks Committee and to help complete crucial tasks, such as the website, directory & other administrative tasks. Since then, Clerks Committee has continued to discern this concern and will report on their work on this issue at Spring Gathering. We are working on a set of proposals which may be part of that report. Stay tuned and please contact us if you have any questions ahead of time.

## Minute on Income Inequality, Economic Justice and Social Justice recently approved by Santa Monica Monthly Meeting

See further below in newsletter for more info.

## Ethical Banking

Local Friends at the Yearly, Quarterly and Monthly Meetings have been discerning whether to move their funds from institutions like Wells Fargo to organizations that have values more in line with our own, like credit unions. Has your meeting passed a minute on ethical business? Please let us know by reaching out to Anthony Manousos [interfaithquaker@aol.com](mailto:interfaithquaker@aol.com).

## News from Pacific Yearly Meeting

### PYM Young Adult Friends Clerking Workshop

May 26-28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Sierra Friends Center

Registration deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>

Scholarships available

Questions? Email Rebekah Percy & JT Dorr-

Bremme at [pacym.yafclerks@gmail.com](mailto:pacym.yafclerks@gmail.com)

### PYM Unity with Nature Mini Grants

PYM Unity with Nature **Mini-Grants** support Quaker projects having a primary purpose of benefiting the natural world and/or promoting ecological awareness and education in the community. Friends' organizations — whether a school, meeting or other group—are eligible to apply. Projects in which the Meeting (or other Friendly organization) matches the expenses and/or Partnerships with non-Quaker groups in the community are encouraged. See the website for application and further details.

<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/committee-newsletters-and-reports/unity-with-nature-committee/>

## **Introduction to Minute on Income Inequality, Economic Justice and Social Justice recently approved by Santa Monica Monthly Meeting & Request for Consideration**

Dear Friends,

In December 2016, Santa Monica Monthly Meeting approved the attached Minute on Income Inequality, Economic Justice and Social Justice.

We are distributing it now for broader seasoning among Friends in Southern California Quarterly Meeting. Please forward it to your Peace & Social Concerns Committee, or, if you don't have one, please consider bringing it to your monthly meeting for worship on occasion of business for consideration.

We would like to know how Spirit is moving among Monthly Meetings with respect to this issue.

In Peace,

Sarah Rose House-Lightner, SCQM Presiding Clerk  
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Anthony Manousos, SCQM Peace & Social Concerns Committee Clerk  
[interfaithquaker@aol.com](mailto:interfaithquaker@aol.com)

Kate Watkins-Shaw, Santa Monica Monthly Meeting Clerk  
[kwatkins@rand.org](mailto:kwatkins@rand.org)

### **Minute on Income Inequality, Economic Justice and Social Justice recently approved by Santa Monica Monthly Meeting**

Minute on Income Inequality, Economic Justice and Social Justice

Friends (Quakers) believe that there is a divine spark in everyone, and on that basis we believe in the equality of all people. That belief leads us to create community among ourselves, foster community in the broader society and promote equal justice and equal opportunity.

We find that the laws, tax structure, and regulations of our society now disproportionately

favor and reward the few, while disproportionately impoverishing the many. Wealthy special interests have used their resources and access to influence politics, the courts and regulatory agencies to redistribute wealth to enrich themselves at the expense of the middle class and the poor, who now experience declining wealth, declining earning power and declining levels of education. Our society now experiences rising poverty, homelessness, mental illness, drug addiction and environmental degradation. These factors in combination result in the weakening of our democratic institutions and our social fabric. We also find that this inequity is reversible, with correction of the tax codes, regulations, laws, and political reform.

We call on Friends to teach themselves and others about the truth of economic inequality. We call on Friends, people of other faiths and people of good will to recognize the need to change our tax code, our regulations, and our electoral processes to restore our social safety net and our educational systems to create a more just, healthier and more sustainable society based on principles of equality and respect for our fellow human beings. We call on Friends, people of other faiths and people of good will to work to reduce income inequality in our society by supporting actions that redistribute the fruits of our economy more broadly and equitably in order to build a stronger, more just, more rewarding and more stable society.

Economic inequality is at the root of many of the social ills we now see. We seek to reduce income and wealth disparity, while recognizing that success in doing so will not cure all social ills. Our goal is to reduce economic stress in our society to the point that people of modest means may lead happy, productive lives and realize their God-given potential. We seek to restore the social fabric and respect for the inherent dignity of all.

Our goal reflects our Quaker testimonies on simplicity, equality, peace, community and integrity.

*\* A bibliography accompanies this Minute. It will be sent out with a copy of the Minute to the SCQM list-serve, to Monthly Meeting Clerks and Reps, and in time, will be posted on the SCQM website. It is available upon request but is several pages in length which is why we are not including in this newsletter.*

## Peters Legacy Fund Reminder & Application Form

The Peters Legacy Fund was created through a generous donation by Ruth Ann Kloepfler Peters in 2014 “to support the spiritual life and to build community in SCQM”. An ad hoc committee was appointed to develop the proposal for how to administer the fund and help fulfill its goals.

The Quarter subsequently agreed to establish an annual budget line item of \$4,000 to support children and youth activities and programs, providing resources to enrich SCQM adult programs and activities, and promoting attendance at Quarterly events. A form was created (copies are available below) for requesting funding.

Here are some examples of activities that may be supported through the Peters Legacy Fund:

- ★ Speakers or facilitators at retreats
- ★ Financial support for youth events and fellowship
- ★ Supplies for intergenerational activities
- ★ Subsidize attendance at Quarterly gatherings
- ★ Special priority given to new projects, activities and events that deepen the spiritual life or promote community within the Quarter.

Applications for project funds are generally to be submitted through the Monthly meeting of the requester and may also be sent directly to a Quarterly committee. Requests are first seasoned by a Monthly meeting or Quarterly committee before submission to SCQM Ministry and Counsel. Applications by groups come through a committee of SCQM.

At the 2015 Spring Gathering, a minute was approved to “endorse interchange actions that can draw us closer to understanding better our neighbor Mexico and to draw on Quaker-oriented resources to do so.” A budget of up to \$3150 annually was approved for three years to fund travel expenses for volunteers to the Casa de los Amigos and to bring a staff or board member from the Casa or member of Mexico City Friends Meeting to attend and participate in Quarterly meetings.

SCQM Ministry and Counsel wishes to actively promote this valuable resource to the Quarter and increase utilization of the fund in fulfillment of the Peters Legacy Fund goals. For further information, please contact Gail Thomas [quakergail@gmail.com](mailto:quakergail@gmail.com) or Lawrence Alderson [aldersonld@gmail.com](mailto:aldersonld@gmail.com).

# Ruth Ann Kloepfler Peters Memorial Fund

## Request for Funding

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Email

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Benefit to the Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Cost \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Funds Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Funding from other sources \$: \_\_\_\_\_

List other sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting or Committee that Seasoned Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting or Committee Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Section below to be completed by Ministry and Counsel

Date

Seasoning Body Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

SCQM Finance Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

SCQM Ministry and Counsel Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Funds Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Project Report Received by M&C: \_\_\_\_\_