

SCQM QUARTERLY REPORT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
Spring 2012

CALL TO QUARTERLY MEETING SPRING GATHERING

Saturday 28 April 2012, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Hosted by Inland Valley Friends Meeting; To be held at Tikal Restaurant:
3975 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501

Please join us for a day of worship, fellowship, and fun as we seek the spirit together.

We are in the final planning stages for the Southern California Quarterly Meeting Spring Gathering. This year Inland Valley Friends Meeting has kindly agreed to host. Inland Valley is in the process of planning a meeting house on the property they recently bought, and we will have opportunity to hear about and see that process. Since their current quarters are somewhat cramped, we will be meeting in a Guatemalan restaurant a few doors down from the IVMM meeting house, and both Arrangements Committee and IVMM anticipate that we will find this an enjoyable venue.

We have on our agenda the worship-sharing time around state of the meeting reports from each monthly meeting. This gives all of us an overview of our community, and I hope stimulates conversations amongst Meetings sharing common problems and solutions. Please therefore remember to be frank and open with your reports, and be open to talking with others at the Spring Gathering.

Currently we have two Minutes to consider. These minutes have been considered in Quarterly Clerks' Committee, and after presentation at Spring Gathering will be seasoned and brought forward for consideration at Fall Fellowship. Please come prepared to comment on these minutes:

- ❖ Peace and Social Order is bringing forward a minute on the possibility of war with Iran, which is attached so that Friends may be informed in advance ("Minutes to be considered" section later in the newsletter)
- ❖ Dan Strickland as co-clerk is presenting a minute regarding the Quarterly nominating process: (also in the "Minutes to be considered" section).

Marilee Eusebio, Clerk of PYM will be speaking on efforts to improve the PYM Annual Gathering. I think a useful comparison of our structures, our testimonies and queries, is to music. I remember once at a practice of a symphonic choir in which I sang, the conductor held up the sheet music and said, "This is not the music, not the work of art. This is a set of instructions which the composer has laid down for us as musicians. With this we create a work of beauty for our audience, but it doesn't exist until we together create and sustain it." Likewise our structures, our Faith and Practices, are for us to use in creating and sustaining a spiritual community – and that spiritual community doesn't exist simply because of words on paper, but because we come together to sustain it. Please join us at IVMM to share our light and thoughts about how we can make our music swell and fill the world.

We will see you on April 28th in Riverside!
John Sisson and Dan Strickland, Co-clerks

MINUTE TO BE CONSIDERED: What can we do to prevent a war with Iran?

The following minute was prepared by the Peace and Social Order Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting and is being circulated for consideration at the spring gathering of SCQM as well as by monthly meetings. Please read it carefully and consider what we can do as Friends to help prevent a possible war with Iran.

Israel has threatened to bomb suspected nuclear sites in Iran, and the United States has also made it clear that such attacks are not "off the table." Many experts see parallels between the current US/Israeli approach to Iran and the run-up to the US invasion of Iraq. Some are predicting that a military attack on Iran might take place prior to the US elections.

We therefore make the following recommendations to Friends in hopes that some of you might feel led to take action or to bring forward a minute for consideration at the PYM annual session:

- As Friends, we oppose taking punitive actions, such as sanctions and preemptive strikes, against Iran based on the presumption that it may be developing nuclear weapons. We also oppose covert actions, such as the assassination of Iran's nuclear scientists or funding opposition groups to bring about regime change in Iran. We feel that such actions are tantamount to war and will destabilize the Middle East rather than promote an enduring and just peace.
- As Friends, we urge our elected officials to engage in diplomatic efforts rather than military threats when dealing with Iran and other nations that some define as our enemies. We support taking steps to insure that the Middle East become a WMD-free zone, as recommended in a 1975 U.N. General Assembly resolution (see <http://www.un.org/disarmament/WMD/Nuclear/NWFZ.shtml>).
- We also call upon Friends to dispel the poisonous stereotypes about Iran and Islam that are leading many people to believe that war is not only necessary, but inevitable. We recommend that Friends read books and films about Iran, reach out to their Muslim neighbors, and share truths about Islam and Iran as widely as possible. The vast majority of Muslims here in the United States and around the world are peace-loving, and almost all Muslims who have to immigrated to the US believe in democracy and religious freedom.
- We deplore human rights violations and persecutions of religious minorities that take place in some Muslim and other countries. We stand in solidarity with those who are seeking to promote human rights and religious freedom using nonviolent means.

Actions recommended:

- ❖ Ask the clerk of our Yearly Meeting to send a letter to elected officials based on the first paragraph of this minute.
- ❖ Encourage monthly meetings to do likewise.
- ❖ Organize book discussion groups and film showings about Iran.
- ❖ Explore other creative ways to challenge the demonization of Islam and to emphasize the humanity of Iranians.

Anthony Manousos (clerk of SCQM Peace and Social Order Committee), Jeff Kroeber (clerk of PYM Peace and Social Order), and Lucia Van Diepen

MINUTE TO BE CONSIDERED: Changes to Nominating Process

Committees of Monthly Meetings choose a member of their committee, preferably not the clerk, to be on the corresponding Quarterly Committee. For example, a member of OGMM's Children's Education would be chosen by OGMM to serve on the SCQM Religious Education for children committee. Where there is not a direct correspondence between the committees, they could be shuffled into other committees as needed and appropriate.

**Southern California Quarterly Meeting
MEETING FOR BUSINESS
28 April 2012 – Inland Valley Friends Meeting**

9:00 - 9:30 Settling in

9:30-10:00 Opening worship

10:00-11:15 Plenary I:

- **Worship Sharing Around State of The Meeting Reports (Part 1)**

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:30 Plenary II Business:

- **Peace and Social Concerns, proposed minute on war with Iran**
- **Presiding clerks, proposed change to nomination process**

12:30- 1:30 Lunch

1:30- 2:45 Plenary III:

- **Marilee Eusebio, PYM presiding clerk: efforts to improve the PYM Annual Gathering**

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00 Plenary IV Worship Sharing Around State of The Meeting

Reports (Part 2)

4:00-4:30 Closing Worship

TO BE HELD HERE:



Tikal Restaurant
3975 Mission Inn Ave
Riverside, CA 92501



Information

***Inland Valley
Friends Meeting***

4061 Mission Inn Ave,
Riverside, CA, 92501
(909) 882-4250 or
(951) 682-5364

Food: Guatemalan cuisine with veggie options, \$6-\$10. Place your order with SCQM personnel and meal will be served at lunch break.

Options: Traditional Guatemalan Chuchito, Traditional Guatemalan Tamale - \$2.25 each (vegetarian possible)
Traditional Guatemalan Pache \$3.25
Caldo (chicken veggie soup) \$7.50
Pupusa Platter (1) \$3.00/(2)\$6.00 served with pickled veggies
Rellenitos (stuffed plantains) \$1.25 each
Corn Drink (a lot like a sweet corn chowder)
Longansia Platter - pork, beans, rice, carrots \$8.50
Chili Relleno Plate - rice, beans, carrots and potatoes \$7.50

Registration:

To help our organizers plan for this event, we are asking everyone to use the following links to "register" if you or your children plan to attend & if you need hospitality. We have different links for adults, teens (A.K.A. Quaker Adventures), and children. This will help us to provide proper staffing and food levels for each program. For those in your Meeting that don't have access to the internet, we ask that at least one person from each meeting volunteer to compile a list of expected attender and submit those names at these links;

Adults -- <http://www.doodle.com/97uc4zcn8m3g5aic>

Teens (Quaker Adventures) -- <http://www.doodle.com/ra5wsba3tst88qb7>

Children -- <http://www.doodle.com/gvweeg6qpgz5rzmh>

If you do sign up as an attender, but later realize you can't make it, PLEASE remember to go back to these links and remove your name.

State of the Meeting Reports

State of the Meeting Reports – Sharing Sessions

State of the Meeting Reports

Want to gain some perspective on the way your Meeting responds to the challenges it faces? If so please plan on attending the plenary sessions when we listen and respond to

State of the Meeting reports from around the Quarter.

Explore with others how Meetings are endeavoring to open the way for the Spirit to move among us.

(For those preparing the reports, remember that they should be emailed to Lawrence Alderson (ldalderson@sbcglobal.net) no later than April 20.)

Hospitality

If you need hospitality the night before or the night of April 28th let Sue Scott know ASAP at sescott4@verizon.net

Include allergies and type of sleeping arrangements you need or can bring.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Thanks, Sue Scott, Arrangements Committee
sescott4@verizon.net

A Note About the Children's Program:

Calling the children!

The Children's program at this Quarterly Meeting will focus on playing games. There are many ways to play games--alone, together, to win, and to have fun. How do we use the rules? How do we change the rules? What are Aunt Darcy rules? We hope to see you there. Please ask your parents to go the registration site so we know you're coming.

Children's Program will be located at: Inland Valley Meeting House, 4061 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. Drop off children in parking lot behind Meeting House. No parking in front of Meeting House.

QUAKER ADVENTURES: THE TEEN PROGRAM

(PROPOSED RENAME: JUNIOR QUARTERLY FRIENDS)

This Spring Quarter offers Junior and Senior High School youth opportunities for fellowship, for planning and restructuring your program, and for some simple fun and perhaps hiking. We will gather with the adults for morning refreshments at Tikal Restaurant 3975 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501 on April 28th. IVMM has invited us to spend Saturday night with IV friends Michael and Linda Dunn. Sunday we will help with a group breakfast at the Dunns (250 E. Blaine, Riverside CA 92507), then attend Meeting for Worship with Inland Valley Friends Meeting at 4061 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA, 92501.

The Dunns advise us that "we will have two bedrooms available--one with a double bed and one with a single. If two people would like to sleep on the floor--one could be in the single room and one in what we use as an office. We have a big back porch and a yard for tents. We can supply one tent that would sleep 3 people and one that sleeps one person. We also have about 8 sleeping mats--but people need to provide their own sleeping bag--and their own towel--and their own mat if we have more than 8 people needing them.

We have several options for meals--fix at home (especially breakfast), there is an authentic middle eastern restaurant nearby--also a good Thai place plus fast food places. I could have lots of fruit available--drinks--etc."

Sleeping areas will be divided by sexes and Friendly Adult Presences will be sleeping with each group.

A service project, to be determined, will be offered. Linda Dunn has suggested "I am the Clerk of our Site Committee and think some committee members and some from IVFM would like to help with work on the site. We may not mow so much as pick up trash and palm fronds and cut big weeds with shovels. There may be some mending of fences, etc. Work on our new Meeting House Site would involve some adults from our Meeting--and we look forward to having help! Also, it would be interesting, once the youth see the site, to map our their ideas--we plan to build on one acre and turn the other into community garden, orchard, walking area, play area--lots of possibilities!!

Also, does anyone want to go for a hike? Those who want to go to the mountains near us would need boots and long pants--there are rattlesnakes there--but not a problem if a person is careful. We also have a great botanic garden on the UCR campus very close by."

WHAT TO BRING: SLEEPING BAG, SOMETHING SOFT TO PUT UNDER IT, PILLOW, TOWEL, TOILETRIES, a favorite game, cards, music, instruments, sunscreen, jacket, work clothes and shoes, a favorite snack to share with everyone,

REQUIRED - FILLED OUT: 1. MEDICAL HISTORY/INFORMATION FORM; 2. A COPY OF MINORS HEALTH INSURANCE CARD; 3. PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR MINORS. COPIES OF THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS QUARTERLY REPORT, OR AT: <http://scqm.org>

COSTS: THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS PROGRAM, EXCEPT THAT OF A LUNCH CONTRIBUTION TO IVMM FOR LUNCH and supper ON SATURDAY.

HOWEVER YOU MUST REGISTER by responding to the Doodle poll that has been sent out by SCQM list serve. Call Robin Durant if you have questions, problems or would like to help plan the weekend program with our QA Committee of adults and teens.

We look forward to seeing you.

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QUAKER ADVENTURES 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:

Mother / legal guardian's name _____

Telephone _____ Cell phone _____

Father / 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 Quaker Adventures of SCQM 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, anaesthetic, 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: _____

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