

SCQM QUARTERLY REPORT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUARTERLY MEETING

of the

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

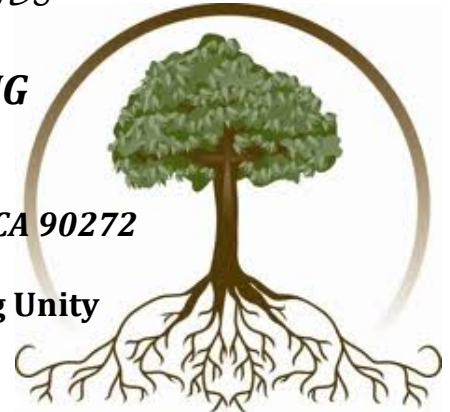
Fall 2013

CALL TO Fall GATHERING

November 2-3, 2013

Temescal Gateway Park

15610 W. Sunset, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272



Who Are We As Friends? Finding Unity

Calling *All* Friends

Our theme this year is Unity. In a world and society where differences and divisions define us, let's take time to consider what unites us. What brings us together as Friends, as people of faith, as seekers of Light?

Most of our monthly meetings include people with a variety of religious traditions. We use different language to express our faith. We believe different things about the divine. We embrace diversity, and try to do so in a way that also promotes unity.

This weekend we will take time to reflect on what spiritual unity means—with the Spirit and with each other. Marge Abbott will be our keynote speaker, and spend the weekend with us. She is the author of *To Be Broken and Tender: A Quaker Theology for Today*, among other books, and a member of Multnomah Meeting.

Please peruse the schedule for the weekend. The Clerks and Ministry and Counsel have tried to plan a weekend that will offer a chance for deep worship, reflection and sharing, as well as some new things we haven't tried before. We have several workshops for you to choose from, and we will have an all ages worship experience on Sunday. Of course there will be free time to spend with friends, old and new. I'm looking forward to seeing what activity the younger Friends will have for all of us to do together.

We are pleased to invite some Friends from outside SCQM this year, from College Park Quarter, and from other Friends traditions.

If you've never been to Fall Fellowship before and are thinking about it, please do come this year. The first step toward unity is being together. We old hands will welcome you (this is a cue to the chorus).

All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, and some sing higher.
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
And some just clap their hands, paws or anything they got.

Robin DuRant,
SCQM Clerk

Saturday

November 2nd

Time	Adult	Youth	Children
8:30-9:30 PDT	Check-in at dining hall, unload	Gather	Sign-in
9-9:45	Worship	Orientation	Program
10-11:15	Plenary I: Welcome, Roll call, Marge Abbott	Program	Program
11:30-12:30	Worship sharing:	Worship sharing: in the manner of teens	Worship sharing: in the manner of children
12:30-1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30-2	Lunch clean up, open time		
2-2:45	“Unity” activity led by teens&/or children	“Unity” activity led by teens &/or children	“Unity” activity led by teens &/or children
3-4	Finding Unity Speaker forum with Marge Abbott Unity with Spirit: Prophetic ministry(convener tbd) Hallmarks of Unity: Clerking workshop with Steve Smith	Program	Program
4:15-5	Plenary II--Business	Program	Program (parents please be prompt)
5:30-6:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
7-8	I (4) Community Night*	I (4) Community Night	I (4) Community Night
Afterwards	Late night movie: Friendly Persuasion		

*Integrated, Interactive, Intergenerational, Interesting

Sunday

November 3rd

Time	Adult	Youth	Children
6:30-7:30 <u>PST</u>	Meeting for Healing Bible Study		
7:30-9	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30-10:30	Worship Sharing	Program	(9:15)Program
10:45-11:45	All Ages Meeting for Worship	All Ages Meeting for Worship	All Ages Meeting for Worship
12-1	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1-2	Pack	Pack	Pack
2-3	Interest Groups: Quaker innovative practices: sabbatical, family worship, work as spiritual discipline, outreach	Program	Program
3-3:30	Worship	Worship	Worship

Reminder: We go off Daylight Savings Time early Sunday morning, November 3. We gain an hour overnight in the switch to Standard Time.

Youth Fellowship Program

Come join us at Temescal Canyon for a weekend of fun and fellowship! We will have a children's program, middle school program and teen program, and plenty of time for hanging out and visiting with each other and the adults as well. Temescal Canyon in the fall is beautiful—golden-green hills and tall trees and paths for climbing and hiking. If you are new to Quakerism or to the larger Quaker community, fall fellowship is a great way to get to know people and strengthen the bonds of trust and community that bring us together.

Our theme is "Who are we as Friends?: Finding Unity". We will explore this theme in art, outdoor activities and good, old fashioned just hanging out and talking together. Through sharing our individual journeys we will get to know each other better, while having fun and reflecting on what we each bring to our community. All are welcome, whether you are new to Quakerism or a long time member/attender.

Please remember to either mail or bring your **medical form, parental consent form** and a **copy of your health insurance card**. These forms are available at the end of this newsletter or on the SCQM website <http://scqm.org>.

A Note About the Children's Program:

Parents are expected to sign their children into the Children's Program or have them in their own care. Children in their parents' care need to be directly supervised by a parent or to have a specific agreement whereby parents and children know exactly where to find each other at any time. The Children's Program is offered during worship, plenary sessions, worship-sharing, and interest-groups.

THE TEEN PROGRAM

"TEEN PROGRAM (ages 13-18 years) includes fun activities, interest groups, community service, and worship-sharing, as well as supervised, gender-specific group sleeping arrangements. Teens share meals and most activities with the whole Quarterly Meeting and have other activities on their own. Bring a camping pad, sleeping bag, pillow, and clothes and walking shoes you can get dirty during the service project.. Teens are expected to either participate in the teen program whenever it is in session or to be under supervision of parent, guardian, or adult sponsor. Contact Kate Watkins at kwatkins@rand.org for more information.

The Stop Sign of Doom

On the road entering Temescal Canyon, there are a couple of stop signs. Each has a camera that will take your car's picture and send you a startlingly expensive ticket if you don't stop completely. So we suggest that when you come to a stop sign, make a complete stop, breathe slowly two or three times, and then go. On Saturday morning, a volunteer will greet you at the stop sign and give you a parking pass and a map. Proceed to the Dining Hall parking lot to check in.



Community Night

Saturday Night is Integrated, Interactive, Intergenerational Interesting Community Night! Please join us in Stewart Hall at 7 p.m. for Community Night with a Twist: we encourage interactivity. The kids will offer their dramatic rendition of *The Trial of William Penn*. The teens will offer activities and performances that include audience participation. Following the program, we will show the classic film *Friendly Persuasion*, our Late Night (at least it is for Quakers) Movie.

Volunteers at Fall Fellowship

The conviviality and success of Fall Fellowship depends on our volunteers. Your participation is greatly needed and appreciated. Consider if you would like to help out in one of these areas:

- I. Meals: Again, all meals are used by Quakers to raise funds for various groups. We need a few people who can go early to the Dining Hall to set up and to serve food. Then we need a larger clean-up crew to wash and dry dishes and to wipe tables and to sweep floors.
- II. Children's Program: The children's program offers a chance to come and play with the kids. The Children's Education Committee guides the activities. The kids will again be in the fenced area near Stewart Hall. Those who volunteer to be a Children's Program Teacher can select one or more of these sessions: (1) Saturday morning, (2) Saturday afternoon, (3) Sunday morning, or (4) Sunday afternoon. (See the schedule for exact times.) Please contact Jennifer Carr at Jennifer.Carr@unlv.edu about serving as a volunteer during one of the sessions or as a Teacher, for which you may receive free meals and lodging, in the Children's Program.
- III. Teen Program: The teens can always use supportive adult company. As with the Children's Program, volunteers can join the teens at the sessions described above. Please contact Kate Watkins at kwatkins@rand.org about serving as a volunteer or as a FAP, a Friendly Adult Presence, who may receive free meals and lodging in compensation for your service.

TIPS AND GUIDELINES FROM THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

REGISTRATION:

This year REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Everyone—even guests and those not paying—must register. To assure that there will be beds and food for everyone, and to fulfill the requirements of our liability insurance, we must know in advance who and how many will be attending. You also need to register in order to receive a parking pass. Without it, you will risk a \$100 parking ticket. Please mail your payment along with your Registration Form and any permission forms needed for minors.

CHECK-IN:

At the check-in table outside the Dining Hall you will receive your nametag and your cabin assignment. Park where advised and display your parking pass.

COSTS:

Again this year SCQM will subsidize the Gathering. Our largest expense is lodging. Each cabin costs us \$200 per night. Yet each occupant pays about \$20 for his or her bed. We want to keep Fall Fellowship affordable while offering as much comfort and privacy as we can. And so, when each cabin has fewer than ten occupants (nearly always the case), then SCQM chips in the difference between what the occupants pay and what Temescal Canyon charges. If you feel so led, please make a donation that will help to keep our rates low. See the Registration Form to donate.

You can reduce your cost of attendance in a couple of ways. Remember that scholarship money is available from your local Meeting. Or you can serve as a Friendly Adult Presence (FAP) in the teen program or as a Teacher in the children's program. In compensation, you will receive free meals and lodging. Please contact Kate Watkins at kwatkins@rand.org about becoming a FAP with the teens or Jennifer Carr at Jennifer.Carr@unlv.edu about becoming a Teacher with the kids. And remember to check the FAP/Teacher box on the Registration Form.

LODGING:

Each cabin has one shared bathroom with a shower. Large cabins have bunk beds arranged in either one or two bedrooms. Smaller private cabins sleep two to six. If you want to request a private cabin, we will make that assignment on a first-come-first-served basis and you will be charged \$200. On the Registration Form, indicate special requests in the Comments section on the back of the form. Let us know right away if there are problems with your room.

BRING:

You must supply all bedding (including a pillow), towels, and toiletries. Flashlights are helpful at night, as are earplugs. Smoking is permitted in certain areas as long as there is NOT a red flag warning. No camping is permitted.

If you have any questions or concerns about registration, please email Gary Wolff at registrar@scqm.org. Or contact Joe Franko at franko@ix.netcom.com.

Comments and Special Requests:

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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:

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 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: _____

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