

SCQM Quarterly Report

*Southern California Quarterly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends*

Fall 2014

Call to Fall Fellowship
November 1-2, 2014

Temescal Gateway Park
15610 W. Sunset, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272



“Spiritual Deepening: Opening Doors to the Spirit”

When I thought about the theme of this year’s fall fellowship, “Spiritual Deepening: Opening Doors to the Spirit,” I began to look for a way to describe what being deep in the Spirit feels like. As ever, Isaac Penington helped me out.

. . . Everyone is to sit still in his place (in his heavenly place I mean) feeling his own measure, feeding there-upon, receiving there from (Into his spirit) what the Lord giveth. Now in this is edifying, pure edifying, precious edifying; his soul who thus waits is hereby particularly edified by the spirit of the Lord at every meeting. And then also there is the life of the whole felt in every vessel that is turned to its measure; insomuch as the warmth of life in each vessel doth not only warm the particular, but they are like an heap of fresh and living coals, warming one another, insomuch as a great strength, freshness, and vigor of life flows into all.

The Clerks’ Committee, Ministry and Counsel, and the combined committees for children and youth have designed a weekend to help us all explore ways to find the incorruptible seed within, to allow ourselves to be acted upon by it, and then to allow it to act within us and through us in the world.

A few Friends will share their spiritual practices with you. You will then be invited to participate in some practical workshops and lively activities to help us send down deep roots, grow strong, and spread out fruitful branches.

In Hope,

Robin DuRant
Presiding Clerk
Southern California Quarterly Meeting



Fall Fellowship Schedule Saturday Morning, November 1, 2014

8-9	Registration, greeting & coffee
9-9:45	Worship
10-10:45	Plenary I--Panel presentations on Spiritual Practices: Journaling; mindfulness; centering prayer; leadings; silence
11-12:15	Workshop I: Journaling (Rachel Fretz) Mindfulness Meditation (Don Mc Cormick) Centering Prayer (Judy Leshefka) Leadings (Judith Favor) Silence (Robin DuRant)
12:30-1:30	Lunch and Fellowship

Saturday Afternoon

2:00-3:00	Worship sharing
3:15-4:30	Workshop II: Journaling (Rachel Fretz) Mindfulness Meditation (Don Mc Cormick) Centering Prayer (Judy Leshefka) Leadings (Judith Favor) Silence (Robin DuRant)
4:45-5:45	Plenary—Worship with attention to business
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7-	Open mic, Quaker commercials, skits, etc. Loose, sign up at the time

Sunday Morning, November 2, 2014

Reminder: We go off Daylight Savings Time early Sunday morning, November 2nd. We gain an hour overnight in the switch to Standard Time.

7-8	Bible Study, Meeting for Healing
8-9	Silent Breakfast—those who wish to talk may eat outside at picnic tables
9:15-10:15	Worship Sharing
10:15-11	Clean up, pack cars
11-12	All ages worship
12-1	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Interest Groups
2:45-3:00	Closing Worship

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 “Spiritual Deepening: Opening Doors to the Spirit.” 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>.

Children’s Program Schedule

Time	Children – Saturday 11/1/14
8:30--9:30	Sign---in
9--12:15	Program
12:15	Parents please be prompt in picking up children.
12:30--1:30	Lunch & Fellowship
1:30	Lunch Clean Up Open Time
2:00 – 5:45	Program
5:45	Parents please be prompt in picking up children.
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7--8	Community Night
Time	Children – Sunday 11/2/14
8-9	Breakfast
9:15--10:15	Program
10:15-11:00	Clean Up, Pack Cars
11:00-12:00	All Ages Worship
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Program
2:45-3:00	Closing Worship

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

THE 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.

Fall Fellowship Schedule for Teens November 1, 2014 Saturday Morning

8:00-9:00	Registration, greeting & coffee.
9:00-9:45	Ice breakers, then worship with adults from 9:30-9:45.
10:00-10:45	Plenary I--Panel presentations on Spiritual Practices: Journaling; mindfulness; centering prayer; leadings; silence. Teens will join adults.
11:00-12:15	Workshop I: <i>Teens will join adults.</i> Journaling (Rachel Fretz) Mindfulness Meditation (Don Mc Cormick) Centering Prayer (Judy Leshefka) Leadings (Judith Favor) Silence (Robin DuRant)
12:30-1:30	Lunch and Fellowship

Saturday Afternoon

2:00-3:00	Games and/or a hike. Capture the flag.
3:15-4:30	SoulCollage® leading into Worship Sharing
4:45-5:45	Teen business meeting. Teens plan what to do Sunday morning.
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:00	Open mic, Quaker commercials, skits, etc. Loose, sign up at the time

November 2, 2014 Sunday Morning

7:00-8:00	Bible Study, Meeting for Healing
8:00-9:00	Silent Breakfast—Music Breakfast
9:15-10:15	Free time—teens plan on Saturday.
10:15-11:00	Clean up, pack cars
11:00-12:00	All ages worship
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Children and Teen games and outdoor activities—Capture the Flag
2:45-3:00	Closing Worship

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

Please join us at Stewart Hall Saturday night for intergenerational activities including: music, skits, recitations, and other open mike activities.

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: 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 registrar@scqm.org

FALL FELLOWSHIP REGISTRATION FORM 2014
PLEASE REGISTER NOW.
NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Choice of Package Types	Price for Adults/ Children & Teens	Add Sat. dinner
A: Sat. lunch, dinner, lodging, Sun. breakfast, lunch	\$50 adults/ \$32 kids & teens	
B: Sat. & Sun. day use, Sat. & Sun. lunches	\$30 adults/ \$16 kids & teens	Add \$8
C: Sat. day use only, Sat. lunch	\$15 adults/ \$8 kids & teens	Add \$8
D: Sun. day use only, Sun. lunch	\$15 adults/\$8 kids & teens	
E: Freebies. Kids under 2 or Sun. worship only	\$0	

Family Name _____ Home Meeting _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Name of Partner _____

Is this your first Fall Fellowship? Y N Need a Friend to show you around? Y N

Need handicap---accessible lodging? Y N Need transportation while on site? Y N

Need lodging on Friday night before the gathering? Y

We will contact you to make arrangements.
 Please write your special needs or requests, including dietary, on the back of this form.

- I am attending on my own and will share a dorm space with others of my gender
- I am attending with my spouse/ partner but will share a dorm space with others of my gender
- We are attending as a couple or a family and prefer a separate space

First Names	Age of Minors	Choice: A B C D or E	Price
Help SCQM to defray cost of cabins		Optional donation	
		Total Cost Due Now	

I wish to serve as a compensated FAP/Teacher I wish to volunteer with teens or kids (circle one)
 Make checks payable to "SCQM".

Please send this form and your payment to arrive by mail on or before October 18 to:
Sherri Sisson,
3565 Fenn St.
Irvine, CA 92614-6621
Attention: SCQM Registrar
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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