

# SCQM Quarterly Report

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

*Fall 2015*

**Call to Fall Fellowship  
November 7-8, 2015**

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

**“Indwelling Spirit, Upwelling Action”**

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.  
James 2:26.

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.  
Romans 3:28

Truth will not lose ground by being tried.  
~ Isaac Pennington, 1616-1679

I am not sure I agree with James. Nor am I sure I agree with Paul. Lest the conflict rage, let's add Pennington, who puts it in perspective—for me, at least. Where do you find yourself leaning?

Sometimes our Meetings find tension between those who pursue social action, and those who tend to the worship life of the Meeting. We might look askance at each other and secretly think, “that activist lacks depth,” or “that person praying is doing nothing.” This weekend will give us a chance to explore the dynamic between our worship and our ministry, our faith and our practice.

We hope to address *your* condition by hearing from Laura Magnani, long-time activist with the AFSC in social justice work, as our keynote speaker. Then we have workshops for four places on the journey: experiencing initial nudges and inspirations, discerning spiritual leadings from good ideas, remaining faithful along the path, and knowing when to step back, or aside. In interest groups, we'll also have an opportunity to hear from many Friends active in the pursuit of a better world. (Details on the schedule.) Worship sharing groups give us a time to reflect together and build lasting bonds.

I look forward to seeing you!

Robin DuRant,  
Presiding Clerk,  
Southern California Quarterly Meeting

## Fall Fellowship Schedule Saturday Morning November 7, 2015

8-9	Registration, Greeting & Coffee	
9-9:30	Worship	
9:30-10	Plenary I	Robin DuRant
10	Keynote	Laura Magnani
11:15	Worship Sharing I	Various Leaders
12:30-1:30	Lunch and Fellowship	

## Saturday Afternoon

1:30-2:00	Icebreaker	Audrey & Bethany & Teen Committee
2:00-3:15	Workshops	
	Sensing the Spirit	Lynette Arnold & Judith Favor
	Testing Concerns	Marilyn Sequoia & Sue Scott
	Walking the Path	Laura Magnani
	Stepping Back	Blake Arnall
3:30-4:45	Interest Groups	
	Immigration	Laura Kohl & Lynette Arnold
	Climate Change & Divestment	Anthony Manousos
	Police Dialogue	Michelle White
5:00-5:45	Plenary II	Robin DuRant
6:00-7:00	Dinner	
7:30	Community Night – Contra Dancing	

## Sunday Morning, November 8, 2015

*Friendly note: We go off of daylight savings time is one week before Fall Fellowship so we needn't worry about it this year. That said, your editor needs this placeholder for next time around!*

7:00-8:00	Bible Study or Centering Prayer	Roena Oesting (BS); Judy Leshefka (CP)
8:00-8:30	Continental Breakfast	
8:45-10:00	Worship Sharing II	Various Leaders
10:00-10:30	Pack up and clear rooms	Everyone
10:30-11:30	Brunch	
11:45-1:00	Interest Groups II	
	AVP	Sue Rios
	Veterans for Peace	Jim Summers
	M&C: Caring for the Quarter	Judy Leshefka
	Making Decisions in the Light	Kate Watkins
1:15-2:15	All Ages / Closing Worship	All

## Children's Program Fall 2015

This year's Children's Program is planned with our theme in mind. We will explore our indwelling spirits with worship, music, arts and appreciation of nature. Our upwelling action will come in the forms of play, games, and outdoor activities. Quaker children sometimes feel isolated for their values; by interfacing with the Youth Program committee we seek to build an affiliation of likeminded individuals who can work together to live their beliefs. Our mission is to build a community among our younger members that they will carry with them throughout their lives.

We are hoping to create an intergenerational experience with the help of teachers and volunteers with a wide age range. Volunteers are welcome at any time. Teachers will have their registration fees paid and. If you have curiosity, patience, and a joyful soul you may be the person we are looking for! If you're interested in teaching, or just strumming a guitar so we can sing together, please contact **Winnie Sunshine** by email at [winsunsh@gmail.com](mailto:winsunsh@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing everyone at Fall Fellowship!

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 11/6/15
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	Icebreaker
2:00 – 5:45	Program
5:45	Parents please be prompt in picking up children.
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30	Community Night: Contra Dancing
Time	Children – Sunday 11/7/15
8:00-8:30	Breakfast
8:45-10:00	Program
10:00-10:30	Pack up and clear rooms
10:30-11:30	Brunch
11:45-1:15	Program
1:15-2:15	All Ages / 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](mailto:kwatkins@rand.org) for more information.

### Fall Fellowship Schedule for Teens November 7, 2015 Saturday Morning

8:00-9:00	Registration, greeting & coffee.
9:00-9:30	Gather, introductions
9:30-10:00	Community expectations
10:00-11:15	Keynote
11:15-12:30	Teens walk to the beach & play games. Are picked up & driven back to lunch.
12:30-1:30	Lunch & Fellowship

### Saturday Afternoon

1:30-2:00	Icebreakers
2:00-3:15	Worship Sharing
3:30-4:45	Laura Magnani's Presentation
5:00-5:45	Business Meeting (if needed)
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30	Community Night : Contra Dancing

### November 8, 2015 Sunday Morning

7:00-8:00	Sleep
8:00-8:30	Continental breakfast
8:45-10:00	"Chilling", maybe a hike?, Ultimate Frisbee?
10:00-10:30	Pack Up & Clear Rooms
10:30-11:30	Brunch
11:45-1:00	Art project/Conversations
1:15-2:15	All Ages / 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 Contra Dancing!

## 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 Winnie Sunshine at [winsunsh@gmail.com](mailto:winsunsh@gmail.com) 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](mailto: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.

**Fall Fellowship 2015 Registration Instructions  
Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center  
15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades**

Everyone attending must register. Payment must be postmarked by October 15 or a 10% late fee will apply. No registrations will be accepted after October 24 and there will be no on-site registration. Please complete one registration form per household, one consent form and one medical history form per minor. Mail your signed forms with your payment to the address at the bottom of the registration form. The registration form may be sent via email (preferred) to the Registrars at [FallFellowship@davidmackenzie.com](mailto:FallFellowship@davidmackenzie.com). A fillable PDF form can be found at <https://app.box.com/FallFellowship2015>

Accommodations include bungalows and cabins with varying numbers of bunk beds, showers, and toilets. All accommodations will be all-gender. Groups may be accommodated in separate cabins by request to the Registrars. Unless you give other instructions, teens will have accommodations in their program room and all adults and children on your form will be given accommodations together. If your teen prefers to sleep with your family, please note that in the "Special needs" box. Camping is not allowed at Temescal Canyon.

The weather in past years has ranged from cold and rainy to hot. Bring your own linens, including blankets, pillows, and towels. Things you will find useful include a flashlight and earplugs ([www.earplugstore.com/sleeping-ear-plugs.html](http://www.earplugstore.com/sleeping-ear-plugs.html)). There will be time for fellowship and for enjoying the natural beauty of Temescal Canyon, so you may want to bring walking shoes, musical instruments, sketch books, etc. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only.

### **Arrival**

As you drive in to the conference center, be careful to obey all posted speed limits and stop signs. Check-In will be at the Dining Hall on Saturday morning. Once the opening worship starts at 9 AM, Check-In will move to Stewart Hall. You will receive your cabin assignment, nametags, and parking pass when you check in. Park where instructed and display your parking pass in a visible location under your windshield. Speeding, failure to stop at the stop sign, or to display your parking pass may result in a very expensive citation.

### **Cost**

- Full Fall Fellowship includes lodging, Saturday lunch & dinner, Sunday Continental breakfast & brunch. The cost is \$50 for adults and \$32 for youth ages 2 to 17. Children under 2 are free, but must be registered.
- Day Attender includes lunch. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for youth ages 2 to 17.
- Dinner on Saturday for Day Attenders is \$8.

These prices do not cover the full cost of holding our Quarterly Meeting at Temescal Canyon. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the SCQM subsidy of Fall Fellowship, please note it in the space provided on the registration form.

If you wish to work in the Children's Program or serve as a Friendly Responsible Adult Presence (FRAP) to the Teens, please contact the Clerk of Children's Program (Winnie Sunshine, [winsunsh@yahoo.com](mailto:winsunsh@yahoo.com)) or the Teen Program (Kate Watkins, [kwatkinsmd@gmail.com](mailto:kwatkinsmd@gmail.com)). Registration fees may be waived for volunteers.

**Please contact the Registrars ([FallFellowship@davidmackenzie.com](mailto:FallFellowship@davidmackenzie.com), 949-478-3357)  
if you have any questions, concerns, or difficulties.**



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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