

SCQM Quarterly Report

Fall 2017

Call to Fall Fellowship

November 4-5, 2017

Temescal Gateway Park

15610 W. Sunset, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272



Weathering the Storm Together:

Fostering Hope, Love & Grounding in Quaker Community during Tumultuous Times

“Stand still in that which is pure, after ye see yourselves; and then mercy comes in. After thou seest thy thoughts, and temptation, do not think, but submit; and the power comes. Stand still in that which shows and discovers; and there doth strength immediately come...Then ye grow up in peace and no trouble will move you.”

- George Fox

“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*

Dear Friends,

It is bewildering to see what is happening in the world, with our government, with other world leaders, and with the catastrophic effects of global climate change. It is all alarming, and questions abound.

In reflecting on the State of the Meeting reports, we noticed the need for rest & compassion in our lives and in our Meetings in these tumultuous times, and we ask: When we are in conflict, how can we listen with an open heart? How can we live our lives in compassion? What transformation may occur when we learn to listen through that which is eternal? May we be invited to be in a different space with those we disagree with?

In facing our work, how can we prepare to be rightly used? How does the Quaker community nourish our witness to the world? When we are overwhelmed, what do we do to find refreshment & renewal? Where do we find our spiritual grounding?

What can we all bring to this gathering that can help us be in the world now? When we are afraid, and losing grounding, how can we stay connected to the Spirit, and be loving, caring & kind, with ourselves, with each other & with the wider world?

Friends, we have a wonderful opportunity at this years Fall Fellowship to explore these questions together. As you may know by now, our keynote speaker will be Quaker theologian and author Ben Pink Dandelion, and he will be accompanied by his elder, Deborah Shaw. Please join us in welcoming them. Please join us in worship, discernment, sharing, fellowship, good food & hopefully, lots of fun on November 4th & 5th at Temescal Canyon. Registration info can be found below or at

<https://app.box.com/v/FallFellowship>.

Sarah Rose House-Lightner, Presiding Clerk, clerk@scqm.org

Fall Fellowship Schedule
Saturday Morning
November 4, 2017
(Subject to Change)

8:00-9:00 Stewart Hall	Check-In, Greeting & Coffee	All
9:00-9:30 Stewart Hall	Worship	All
9:30-10:00 Stewart Hall	Plenary I	Sarah Rose House-Lightner, Presiding Clerk
10:00-11:00 Stewart Hall	Keynote Speaker	Ben Pink Dandelion
11:15-12:30	Worship Sharing I (Locations will be posted)	Various Leaders as Arranged by SCQM Ministry & Counsel
12:45-1:45 Dining Hall	Lunch and Fellowship	Volunteers needed to come at 12:15pm for prep, and at 1:15pm for clean-up.

Saturday Afternoon

2:00-3:30	Interest Groups / Workshops (Locations will be posted)	Various Leaders as Arranged by SCQM Ministry & Counsel, Peace & Social Concerns & Clerks Committee (See further down in newsletter for interest groups that have been finalized so far).
3:45-5:15	Plenary II	Sarah Rose House-Lightner
5:15-6:00	Unstructured Time	Dinner Prep, Resting, Singing, Hiking, Fellowship, Games, Journaling, Tabling, Etc.
6:00-7:00	Dinner and Fellowship	Volunteers needed to come at 5:30pm for prep, and at 6:30pm for clean-up.
7:30 Stewart Hall	Community Night	Please join us for intergenerational games, music & fellowship in Stewart Hall.

Sunday Morning, November 5, 2017

Reminder: We go off Daylight Savings Time early Sunday morning, November 5. We gain an hour overnight in the switch to Standard Time.

7:00-8:00	Bible Study (Dining Hall) or Meeting for Healing (Stewart Hall)	Bible Study: _____ Meeting for Healing: _____
7:30-8:30	Breakfast	
8:45-10:00	Worship Sharing II	Various Leaders
10:00-10:30	Pack up and clear rooms	All
10:45-12:00	Interest Groups/Workshops (Locations will be posted)	Various Leaders
12:00-1:00	Lunch and Fellowship	Teen Program Assisting the Cook with Prep & Clean Up
1:15-2:15	All Ages / Closing Meeting for Worship	All
2:15-3:00	Final All Site Clean Up	Volunteers needed at Dining Hall & Stewart Hall for final deep cleaning & packing up.

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Children's Program Fall 2017

This year's Children's Program is planned with our theme in mind. We will explore the query "Weathering the Storm Together: Fostering Hope, Love & Grounding in Quaker Community during Tumultuous Times" with worship, music, arts and appreciation of nature. Our exploration 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 childrensprogram@scqm.org. 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 11/4/2017
9:00-9:30	Sign-in
9:00-12:40	Program
12:40	Parents please be prompt in picking up children.
12:45-1:45	Lunch & Fellowship
1:45-5:45	Program
5:45	Parents please be prompt in picking up children.
6:00-7:00	Dinner & Fellowship
7:30	Community Night
Time	Children – Sunday 11/5/2017
7:30-8:30	Breakfast
8:45-10:00	Program
10:00-10:30	Pack up and clear rooms
10:45-12:00	Program
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:15-2:15	All Ages / Closing Worship
2:15-3:00	Final All Site Clean Up

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 teensprogram@scqm.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.

Parking

Parking passes are given out at check-in, where maps, if available, may also be found. Vehicles without a parking pass, and/or that disobey posted parking signs, may be subject to tickets or towing.



Community Night

Please join us at
Stewart Hall
Saturday night
for intergenerational
activities, music &
games!



Fall Fellowship Registration

There is a file repository at <https://app.box.com/v/FallFellowship> with the most up to date information from our registrars, a fillable Registration Form and SCQM permission forms available for download. Please fill them out electronically, print and mail them to the address provided, along with your payment. Copies of these forms are also included at the end of this newsletter.

Volunteers Are Needed Before Fall Fellowship This Year

We **need** your help! Some of our Committees were a bit sparse this year. So, your Clerks Committee needs your help with Arrangements for Fall Fellowship!

Can you, your Monthly Meeting or your Friends organization volunteer to serve the Quarter in one of the following ways?

- Be the main point person to troubleshoot arrangements related issues as they arise during the weekend.
- Host refreshments at Stewart Hall (Main Gathering Hall).
- Arrive early and setup and cleanup Tables and Chairs at various locations around the site throughout the weekend.
- Help the cook setup the kitchen upon their arrival.
- Help the cook pack up the kitchen on Sunday afternoon.
- Conduct the final cleaning of the Dining Hall or Stewart Hall on Sunday afternoon.

If so, please email clerk@scqm.org.

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 during the weekend:

- I. **Meals:** We need a few people who can go early to the Dining Hall before each meal 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. Please consider signing up for one of these tasks when you arrive and register.
- 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 childrensprogram@scqm.org 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 teensprogram@scqm.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.

A Preview of Interest Groups at Fall Fellowship:

Our SCQM committees have an array of interest groups in store for you. Here is just a sampling of what you can expect:

- Ben Pink Dandelion, with time for more Q&A following up to his keynote address.
- Liz Baker & Chuck Orr from PYM's Discipline Committee leading a discussion on the revision of the PYM Faith & Practice.
- Joe Morris of Santa Monica Meeting with "Love Thy Neighbor And Thyself: Exploring Self-Compassion"
- Shan Cretin, former General Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, and former clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting with: "AFSC's Witness for Peace and Justice in a Divisive Time"

Community Agreements & Deadlines

In coming together, we agree to treat each other as we ourselves wish to be treated.

Pets, alcohol and recreational drugs are not permitted.

Smoking tobacco and vaping are permitted in designated areas only.

Everyone must register. Payment must be postmarked by October 16 or a 10% late fee will apply. No registrations will be accepted after October 23.

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. Email clerk@scqm.org if you have questions or would like to be considered for committee or position by our Naming or Nominating Committee.

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/>



Fall Fellowship 2017 Registration Instructions
Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center
15601 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades

Everyone attending must register. Payment must be postmarked by October 16 or a 10% late fee will apply. No registrations will be accepted after October 23 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 payment and mail or email your completed form to the addresses at the bottom of the registration form. If you need to arrange electronic or cash payment, please contact the Registrars directly (phone and email at the bottom of this page).

Accommodations will be in bungalows and cabins with bunk beds, showers, and toilets. Groups may be accommodated in separate cabins by request to the Registrars. Unless you give other instructions, teens will sleep 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 on your registration form. If you wish to sleep in a single-gender room, please check the appropriate box on the registration form and indicate your gender. 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, insect repellent, and earplugs. 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 tobacco and vaping are permitted in designated areas only. Pets, alcohol, and recreational drugs are not allowed at Fall Fellowship.

Arrival

Check-In will be at the Dining Hall on Saturday morning, where there will be Express Check-In for those whose registration has been paid in full. 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 at all times in a visible location under your windshield.

Cost

- Full Fall Fellowship includes lodging, Saturday lunch & dinner, Sunday Continental breakfast & brunch. SCQM pays approximately \$90 for every adult who attends all of Fall Fellowship. To encourage attendance by as many Friends as possible, there are three registration tiers. The only difference between the tiers is the amount you choose to pay. Youth are ages 2 to 17. Children under 2 are free, but must be registered.
 - Rock: \$60 for adults and \$35 for youth.
 - Paper: \$85 for adults and \$50 for youth.
 - Scissors: \$100 for adults and \$60 for youth.
- The Day Attender fee includes lunch. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth.
- Dinner on Saturday for Day Attenders is \$10.

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) or the Teen Program (Kate Watkins, kwatkinsmd@gmail.com). Registration fees may be waived for volunteers.

Download the registration form and fill it out on your computer or print it and fill it out by hand. Email your completed form or include it in when you mail your check. Addresses are on the form.

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

Please fill in this form using Adobe Reader and save before sending.

Fall Fellowship 2017 Registration Form

First Name	Last Name	Age	Gender*
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

*Needed if requesting single-gender sleeping accommodations.

Address _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Meeting _____

Is this your first Fall Fellowship? Yes

Sleeping accommodations: All gender Single gender

Special needs (diet, mobility, etc.)

Roommate preferences (other than people on this form)

Please calculate your fees using the worksheet below.

Accommodations and Meals	No.	Fee		
Number of adults for Full Fall Fellowship	_____ x	\$ _____	=	\$ _____
Number of youth for Full Fall Fellowship	_____ x	\$ _____	=	\$ _____
No. adult Day Attenders Sat: _____ + Sun: _____	_____ x	\$ _____	=	\$ _____
No. youth Day Attenders Sat: _____ + Sun: _____	_____ x	\$ _____	=	\$ _____
Number of Saturday dinners (Day Attenders only)	_____ x	\$ _____	=	\$ _____
		Subtotal:		\$ _____
		Late fee (after October 16)	10%	\$ _____
		Donation		\$ _____
		Total:		\$ _____

Please make checks payable to SCQM. Email registration forms to FallFellowship@ davidmackenzie.com or mail registration forms and payments to SCQM Registrars, 3017 Warren Lane, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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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 _____

(SCQM Medical-rev.9/09)

(Signature)

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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