

Southern California Quarterly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends

Fall Fellowship

November 6-8, 2020

Via Zoom

Hearts Open Wide:

Breathing into the Gap Between Reality and Possibility

With Keynote Speaker:

Wess Daniels

*“If we want to live nonviolent lives,
we must learn to stand in the tragic gap,
faithfully holding the tension
between reality and possibility
in hopes of being opened
to a third way... [of breaking our]
collective hearts open
to justice, truth, and love.”*

~ Parker J. Palmer in A HIDDEN WHOLENESS

“Any great change must expect opposition
Because it shakes the very foundation of privilege.”

~ Lucretia Mott

Dear Friends,

We will be gathering, just after the election on November 3rd, and while we may not know the results, we know that the long struggle of working to create a better world where love, compassion, equality, and justice for all will continue. Can we open our hearts wide and walk together in the Light as we face the threats of racial injustice, Covid-19, the deep political divide, and a warming planet?

We are heartened that [Wess Daniels](#), author, blogger, Director of Quaker Studies and the Friends Center at Guilford College, will be our keynote speaker. Wess queries in BETWEEN REALITY AND POSSIBILITY: LEADING INTO THE GAP...

...how do we build communities that allow for the tension created by our differences to be transformative and heart-opening? How can we make our faith communities into spaces where we foster empathy for one another and see within each other the possibilities presented through God's grace working in our lives?

Wess will be with us all weekend responding to our concerns and bringing to us his latest ideas about empire and how, through our communities, we can bring light and hope to our country at this time.

Highlights: Fall Fellowship is a time for f/Friends to gather and deepen our faith and connections with each other. Many f/Friends repeatedly name **worship sharing** as a treasured part of Friends' gatherings. We plan on offering two worship sharing sessions and a community sharing time in addition to our **plenary meetings**.

We will have **interest groups**, **bible study**, and a **children's program** on Saturday afternoon, a **sing-along concert with Annie Patterson and Peter Blood** from Rise Up Singing on Saturday night, a **Meeting for Healing** and **Wess Daniels' keynote address on Sunday morning**, prior to our closing **intergenerational worship on Sunday afternoon**.

Can we come together and breathe into the liminal space of the gap between what is and the beloved community we envision? Can we become more comfortable with uncomfortable feelings and tension, build empathy, be present with each other for healing, support, post-election reflection, and inspiration? Can we listen inwardly and collectively for Spirit to lead us forward?

Please join us at our virtual Quarterly Meeting, November 6-8, 2020. We look forward to sharing fellowship with you!

In gratitude and service,

Jane Blount clerk, Southern California Quarterly Meeting

Notes on Fall Fellowship

A Virtual Gathering: We are heartened by the meaningful connections, worship, and work that is being done online via Zoom within Quaker communities and are excited and grateful that Andrea Harmann has agreed to be our Zoom coordinator!

Fall Fellowship 2020 Registration Instructions:

Everyone attending must register, and registrations must be completed by November 1st. Registrations will not be accepted after November 1st. Payments should be postmarked by November 2nd. Please complete one online registration form per person.

Registration fees:

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend Fall Fellowship, regardless of ability to pay, and we are asking Friends to pay as led. We suggest an amount between \$25 and \$40. Please consider contributing the amount that you are able to pay.

[Click here to complete 2020 Fall Fellowship registration form\(s\)](#)

You will receive an instant email confirmation when your registration form has been successfully submitted (please check your spam if it is not in your inbox). We'll send out Zoom links and password details a few days prior to Fall Fellowship.

Online payments can be made via **PayPal** at:
<https://www.paypal.me/scqmtreasurer>

Payments by check can be made payable to "SCQM" and mailed to:

**SCQM Treasurer
c/o Gary Wolff
1020 El Sur Ave
Arcadia, CA 91006-4529**

Please contact the Registrar at **scqmsignup@gmail.com** or 949-349-0976 (no blocked numbers, please), if you have any questions, concerns, or difficulties.

Worship Sharing: You'll be asked on the registration form about your worship sharing preferences.

Children's Program: Children are welcome and invited to join in our Fall Fellowship virtual program! We had a lot of fun together at last April's Spring SCQM Gathering and look forward to being with the children and families again this November. We will join the grown-ups Saturday morning for Family Worship, do community building activities and games on Saturday afternoon, and take part in the Intergenerational Community Night. Ahead of the gathering, we will send a list of supplies commonly found at home to have available for the activities.

Fall Fellowship Proposed Schedule

Friday Night November 6, 2020 (Subject to Change)

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Time and Location	Event(s)	Activity Leaders or Other Important Information
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Zoom Tech Q&A	Andrea Harman – Zoom Host
7:00 – 8:30pm	Welcome & Worship Sharing I	
8:30 – 9:30pm	Intergenerational Games led by JYM teens	

Saturday November 7, 2020 (Subject to Change)

Time and Location	Event(s)	Activity Leaders or Other Important Information
9:00-9:30 Zoom	Family Worship	All
9:30-10:00 Zoom	Plenary I	Jane Blount, Presiding Clerk
10:00-10:30 Zoom	Introducing our Theme	Wess Daniels
10:30 – 11:00	BREAK	
11:00-12:30	Worship Sharing II	Various Leaders as Arranged by SCQM Ministry and Counsel
12:30-1:00	Optional Sharing from Worship Sharing Groups with Wess	Wess Daniels
1:00 – 2:00	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00-3:30	Children’s Program / Bible Study	
4:00-5:30 Zoom	Interest Groups	Various Leaders as Arranged by SCQM Ministry and Counsel and Peace and Social Concerns and Clerks Committee
5:30-7:00	DINNER BREAK	
7:00-8:30 Zoom	Intergenerational Community Night Sing-along Concert	Annie Patterson & Peter Blood

Sunday
November 8, 2020

7:30 – 8:30	Meeting for Healing	Lawrence Alderson and Angelina Carpenter
8:30 – 9:30	Breakfast Break	
9:30 – 11:30	Keynote Address and Community Sharing	Wess Daniels
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH BREAK	All
12:30 – 2:00	Plenary II	Jane Blount, Presiding Clerk
2:00 – 2:30	BREAK	
2:30 – 3:30	All Ages / Closing Meeting for Worship	All

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A FEW OF THE INTEREST GROUPS IN THE WORKS.... <i>(Subject to</i>	
<p>SATURDAY AFTERNOON:</p> <p>Reflections with Wess Daniels: Deepening the theme of Wess' talk.</p> <p>Racial Justice: Holly Anderson will lead a discussion where Monthly Meetings within the Quarter the work and activities they've been doing to address racial justice concerns.</p> <p>Accompaniment and Immigration work – led by Mary Watkins: Mary will share about her work with accompaniment and recent immigration policy developments.</p>	