

# QUAKER CENTER

## 2016 Program Calendar

<b>January 29-31</b>	<b>Gandhi and King</b> Climate change, mass incarceration, war and militarization. Do Gandhi and King offer a viable antidote for the violence pervading our time? This interactive workshop on the principles and application of Gandhian and Kingian nonviolence aims to find out.	<b>Chris Moore-Backman and Kazu Haga</b>
<b>February 26-28</b>	<b>Drinking Deep at the Well: the Passionate Spirituality of Early Quaker Women</b> The writings of early Quaker women are filled with imagery that engages the senses as well as the spirit. This retreat will explore lesser known journals and letters and use them to reflect on and enhance our own spiritual experience.	<b>Deborah Shaw</b>
<b>March 29 – April 3</b>	<b>The Practice of the Presence</b> The Presence is in every place and moment, and we are called to find it in ourselves and to act on its promptings. Daily patterns of worship, discernment, study, and service will be our way into the Presence felt within.	<b>Jim Anderson, Sandy Kewman, Diego Navarro, Bob and Kathy Runyan</b>
<b>April 29 – May 1</b>	<b>Nurturing Spiritual Formation: the Soul of Eldering</b> In this workshop we will explore the role of the Elder to sense, name and nurture the development of spiritual gifts, help anchor the minister so they neither outrun nor lag behind Spirit, and support heroic prophetic witness.	<b>Elaine Emily and Diego Navarro</b>
<b>June 3 - 5</b>	<b>Let's Go! Growing the Quaker Movement the World Needs Now</b> Are you hungry to be part of a more vibrant, life-changing spiritual movement? You're invited to a weekend of envisioning the Quakerism the world needs now, conspiring for change, building relationships, and taking steps into living the future of Friends today.	<b>Noah Baker-Merrill and Nia Thomas</b>
<b>July 24 – 31</b>	<b>Quaker Camp</b> for rising 4th through 6th graders Older elementary-school-age children explore Quaker testimonies through music, community building, time in nature, service, learning, and worship sharing.	<b>Anna-Lisa Chacon and Camp Staff</b>
<b>July 24 – 31</b>	<b>Service Camp</b> for rising 7th through 9th graders Middle-school-age children share time in nature and build community through spiritually grounded service for the greater community and Quaker Center.	<b>Anna-Lisa Chacon and Camp Staff</b>
<b>August 2 – 7</b>	<b>Family Work Camp</b> for all ages Building, repairing, prepping, painting, cooking, cleaning. Playing, hiking, singing, chatting. Building community through work as a spiritual discipline.	<b>Brad MacDonald, Kathy and Bob Runyan</b>
<b>September 2 – 4</b>	<b>The Power of Enough</b> What is essential? How much is enough? How is my use of time, energy, and “things” in right balance to free me to do God’s work and to contribute to right order in our world?	<b>Jackie Stillwell</b>
<b>September 30 – October 2</b>	<b>Do Quakers Mean Business?</b> Quakers once drove the industrial revolution, pioneered advances in engineering and worker welfare, built whole towns for their employees, and developed networks of finance and trade that bankrolled the Religious Society. What about today?	<b>Rob Pierson</b>
<b>October 28 – 30</b>	<b>Journaling as Meditation: From the Blank Page to the Divine</b> An introduction to journaling as a spiritual practice combined with learning how to make a hand-bound journal.	<b>Iris Graville</b>
<b>November 18 – 20</b>	<b>Primitive Quakerism Revived</b> Early Friends declared they had revived primitive Christianity, stripping away centuries of added-on human inventions. They unearthed the vital principles of early Christianity and applied them to 17th-century social conditions to create something new. Can we do the same to renew Quakerism in the 21st century?	<b>Paul Buckley</b>
<b>December 2 – 4</b>	<b>7th Annual Music and Dance Retreat</b> A joyful, simple, reduced-cost weekend of music with various styles of group singing, folk dancing, instrumental jams, and a community dance on Saturday night.	<b>Participant Leaders</b>
<b>December 27 – January 1</b>	<b>Year-End Retreat</b> Mark the year's end with a balance of extended worship, community activities and personal time. A listening committee will help shape our days together.	<b>Bob Runyan and Friends</b>

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