QUAKER CENTER
2022 Program Calendar

It’s so good to be back.

More than we can say, we have enjoyed holding and hosting in-person and online programs this year. Here are more offerings through the end of 2022. Visit [www.quakercenter.org](http://www.quakercenter.org) and get on our mailing list. All times Pacific.

**June 18-25**

**Quaker Service & Art Camp (in person)**

Kids’ Camp returns at last. Rising fifth to ninth graders will learn about Quaker faith and practice, share time in nature, and build community through art and service, campfires, singing, games, hiking, kayaking and more. Let your light shine at Quaker Center camp!

**Quaker Center and camp staff**

**August 1 - 6**

**Family Work Camp (in person)**

Come one, come all, and spend time in the redwoods working with friends on a wide range of service projects (all ages welcome, no experience required). When we’re not working, we’ll be having fun, sharing meals, singing, swimming, playing, hiking, worshiping, and relaxing.

**Quaker Center staff**

**September 2-4**

**Creative Listening: For The Future Of Our Quaker Communities (in person)**

Facilitated by Quaker practical theologian and public minister Windy Cooler, and in partnership with J.T. Dorr-Bremme of [Forward in Faithfulness](https://www.forwardinfaithfulness.org), Friends of all ages are invited to a joyful and interactive weekend of listening “to what is alive in all of us through religious education, grounded in the now and in truth.” Participants will leave this weekend with an experience of hearing and being heard, as we practice creative listening skills while discerning together what Friends’ future can be as a multi-age, diverse and often widely dispersed community. All ages are encouraged and welcome.

This is the first in a 10-month series of online and in-person retreats at various locations, facilitated by Windy and other emerging Friendly voices and ministries. Each retreat is designed to stand alone. We will stay connected with future sessions of this program.

This series is co-sponsored by Ben Lomond Quaker Center and [Powell House](https://www.powellhouse.org) in New York State.

**September 30 to October 2**

**Resting in Love: the healing balm of silence (in person)**

Silence can soothe our bodies and minds in order to better attend to the longings of our souls. Experience a weekend of quiet in the beauty of the Redwoods. Optional activities to nurture the silence will be offered.

**Judith Favor & Judy Leshefka**

**November Wednesdays (2, 9, 16) 5:00 p.m.**

**Are Quakers Mystics? (three 90-minute ONLINE sessions)**

A workshop series with Earlham School of Religion faculty (newly emeritus) Michael Birkel. How have Quakers and others understood mysticism? Did Quakers benefit from the inheritance of mystics in the wider Christian tradition? How have Quakers talked about mysticism—what was their language for their interior life? How have Friends benefited from encounters with non-Christian mystical traditions? We'll explore brief passages from early and modern Friends, and participants will be invited to share from their own spiritual experience.

**Michael Birkel**

**December 2-4**

**Quaker Center’s 12th Annual Music and Dance retreat (in person)**

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. Join us to learn a new song, dance or consider teaching some dances and songs yourself! Bring your musical instruments (no matter how proficient), an open heart and prepare yourself for a wonderful weekend as we make a Joyful Noise!

**Program Participants with Claire Takemori, Dance Caller**

**December 28 to January 1**

**The Year End Retreat (in person): Hope and Witness in Dangerous Times**

Quaker lessons on blending faith, activism and daily life.

We’ll explore the themes of Brent Bill’s book– from how the first Testimonies sprang from the daily life and faith of the early Friends to how to be a people of hope and witness today. We’ll look at how the lessons we learned (and continue to learn) inform our individual and corporate witness today.

**Brent Bill**

**Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday Worship Sharing on Zoom**

Join Co-Director Bob Fisher and Friends from around the world as we respond to queries based on short readings. Queries and links on our [website](http://www.quakercenter.org). A wonderful mid-week hour.

**Bob Fisher**

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