

**Southeastern Yearly Meeting**  
***Gathering & Annual Sessions***

**March 28 - April 1, 2018**  
U.M. Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, Florida

**the 2018 Walton Lecture • Saturday, March 31st • 7:00 pm**

***‘Quaker Response in Turbulent Times’***



will be presented by

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Fellowship and a Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace. He has worked for the American Civil Liberties Union, the UN High Commission on Refugees, Human Rights Watch, Seeds of Peace, the Palestinian Negotiations Affairs Department, and the Government of Dubai. Atshan is Quaker, grew up in Palestine, and is also an LGBTQ rights activist.

**the 2018 Walton Retreat Sessions**

**Retreat Session 1** Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

***Why We are Led to Care for the Earth*** We will share our concerns and convictions on Earthcare, and explore other faith statements and resources on earthcare issues--- with the goal of beginning our own SEYM Statement of Faith on care for the natural world. Led by Bonnie Zimmer & Bill Carlie.

**Retreat Session 2** Saturday, March 31, 10 am – 12 noon

***Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples*** Indigenous leaders are calling on people of faith to raise awareness of the past and ongoing injustices committed against Native peoples, and to seek ways of building right relationship with them in accord with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Jane Westberg and Kody Hersh, of Miami Meeting, will lead us---through ceremony and sharing---in remembering, understanding, and responding to the history and experience of Native Peoples. A member of the Boulder Friends Meeting created this workshop in conjunction with indigenous people living in Colorado.

# More Gathering Highlights

## In-Depth Workshops

- **AVP Mini Workshop** The Alternatives to Violence Project mini-workshop is a hands-on experiential and practical workshop in conflict resolution and non-violence. It teaches interpersonal conflict resolution skills, improved listening and communications skills, builds trust and fosters cooperation and creative conflict management---and is fun! Led by Elaine Martin and Willie Hager. *Friday, 2:45-5:30 pm*
- **Non-violent Bystander Training** Participants will learn 1) when and how to step into a problematic situation 2) to be aware of what is happening around us in public and center ourselves despite fear 3) to reach out and support the targeted person and 4) to de-escalate the situation. Led by Beverly Ward & Cece Yocum. *Saturday, 2:45-5:30 pm*

## Workshops & Interest Groups • Thursday thru Saturday

**Over 20 to choose from, including:** AVP Mini-workshop • The benefits of Issue Campaign Organizing • Bible Study #3: Putting Yourself in the Story • Campaigns for Non-violent Social Change • CAPP (Child Abuse Prevention Program) Training • Centering Down into "That of God" Within • Chanting • Earthcare Witness • FCNL – Friends Committee on National Legislation • First Meeting: George Fox and Margaret Fell • FWCC – Friends World Committee for Consultation • Happiness: Creating a Path to Spiritual Health • Laughter Yoga • Meeting for Remembrance • Non-violent Bystander Training • Paddling & Birding • Peacebuilding En Las Americas (PLA) • QUNO – Quaker United Nations Office • Sexuali-Tea • Spiritual Unification (2 Earthcare workshops) • The Light Shines in the Darkness • Water & Climate Justice: The SEYM Case Example • Worship With Attention to Business: Inviting the Spirit to Lead Us

**Early Worship by the lake** 7:30 am every morning

**Worship Sharing** Thursday thru Saturday, 9:00 am

**Annual Sessions** Meeting for Worship for Business, Thursday afternoon thru Sunday

## Intergenerational Activities for All Ages

- **Intergenerational play:** afternoons, Thursday – Saturday • 'Capture the Flag,' Savannah-grams, & other fun • *see Bulletin Board for day's activities*
- **Swimming:** Thursday afternoon, for All Ages
- **Canoeing & Birding** Saturday afternoon
- **Intergenerational Dance** Friday night, with the '**Faith & No Practice Band**'
- **Campfire** Friday night after the dance

## Youth Program

**Young & Junior Friends:** our theme is "**Encouraging Courage**"

Join us in finding **Courage to be Ourselves, Courage to Face our Fears, & Courageous Work for Justice.** Archery on Saturday morning • All Ages Bystander Training • Ropes course Friday for youth 12+ yrs.

**Teens:** our theme is "**Florida Water Quality**"

In addition to their own program activities, Teens join adults for Worship Sharing, Retreats, and workshops including 'Water & Climate Justice,' 'Bystander Intervention,' and more. • Ropes course on Friday morning  
**see the Youth Program flyer**

**Healing Center** 1-5 Friday & Saturday. Reiki, quiet, tea, & cookies.

**Music** Singing after meals • The **Faith & No Practice Band** • **Jammin' on the Bench** after lunch

**Bookstore** Books from the FGC Bookstore & SEYM Publications • Book Swap table • bring cash or checks

## REGISTRATION

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**DEADLINE: MARCH 11th.** The deadline allows the Life Enrichment Center (LEC) to prepare for our visit. To learn of availabilities after March 11, contact Andrea Hoskins, Registrar at 305-609-9704, or at [andreaghoskins@yahoo.com](mailto:andreaghoskins@yahoo.com).

**Registration is open Jan. 21 – March 11.** Register online: <http://www.seymquakers.org>. Friends who cannot register online may call the Registrar, Andrea Hoskins: 305-609-9704.

**Payment Options:** We encourage you to pay your total registration fees when you register. You may pay online, or by check made payable to SEYM and mailed to the Registrar: **Andrea Hoskins, 12040 SW 187th St., Miami, FL 33177.** Paying the full amount when you register allows check-in lines to move more quickly! Alternately, you may pay your total fees at check-in. **We cannot process credit card payments at the event.** Please bring personal checks.

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION FEES

- Adult (over 18) = \$35;
- Youth attending with sponsor = \$35
- Youth attending with families = free;

**ONE-EVENT REGISTRATION:** You can register to attend just the Walton Lecture for a \$35 fee that includes registration, day use, and dinner.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Don't let lack of funds prevent you from coming! Register online, follow instructions on Registration form and website, and send in your Scholarship Form.

## YOUTH & FAMILY

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Registration fees & meals for youth attending with their families are paid for by the SEYM Youth Gathering Fund, thanks to private donations & fund raising.

Youth must attend with a parent, guardian, or designated adult sponsor the entire time at the camp and participate fully in the youth program.

Families sending their child/children with a Sponsor will pay both the registration and lodging fees for their youth.

Youth need a parent/guardian signed Consent Forms in order to register & be on campus. The

Consent Forms package is on the website, [www.seymquakers.org](http://www.seymquakers.org).

Parents wanting to have their youth excused from school can download the 'Excuse Letter' from our website.

See the **Youth Program flyer** for complete information.

## SITE USE & LODGING OPTIONS

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**LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER:** Rooms have twin beds and private bath. Bedding & towels are provided.

- Family sharing room: \$84/night (Double twin beds) Children may sleep on the floor for free or reserve cots for \$10/night.
- Singles sharing room: \$42/night/person. *Sharing a room? You must list a roommate's name when registering.*
- Private (1-person) room: \$62/night.

**RV CAMPING:** in the open area west of the Pavilion. Full Hookups are \$25/night, Partial Hook-ups are \$21/night.

**TENT CAMPING:** in the woods beyond the Pavilion. The area to the right of the Pavilion is reserved for SEYM. Sites are \$16 /night.

**DAY USE:** \$7/person/day for site use, for Friends lodging in town or at home.

## FOOD OPTIONS

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### LEC DINING ROOM:

- Breakfast • 8:00 – 8:45 am • \$8.50
- Lunch • 12:00 – 12:45 pm • \$10.00
- Dinner • 5:30 – 6:15 pm • \$13.00
- Coffee/tea is available in the lobby 24/7

**Youth (under 18) meals are free!**

**SPECIAL DIETS:** Vegan/vegetarian, diabetic, gluten-free, and other choices are available. To request a special diet, **you must fill out the LEC Special Diet request form** at <http://www.lecretreats.org/lec-dietary-page>.

**PAVILION:** Campers may prepare meals in this covered, screened room provided with picnic tables, stove, refrigerator and ample electrical outlets. Bring your own cooking and eating utensils. You may also choose to pre-register for any or all of your meals in the Dining Hall.

**FOOD ELSEWHERE:** There are abundant restaurants 3-5 miles from the camp.

## LOCATION

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FL United Methodist Life Enrichment Center  
4991 Picciola Road  
Fruitland Park, FL 34751

phone: 352-787-0313

Fruitland Park is located on US Hwy. 441 between Leesburg and Lady Lake, Florida. From Hwy.27/US 441, turn east on County Road 466A, Picciola Road. Go 3 miles. The Life Enrichment Center is on the right; look for the sign. Enter the drive and proceed to the designated parking area.

## WHEN YOU ARRIVE

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**Check-in at the SEYM Registration Desk in the LEC camp desk lobby** (not auditorium lobby) to get room key & name badges.

**Check-in times:** Phone number is posted if Registrar has stepped out.

- Wed: 1-5:30 pm, 6:15-7:00 pm, 8:30-9pm
- Thurs: 9am-12noon, 12:30-4:15 pm, 7:30-9pm
- Fri: 9:00-10:00am, 12:30-5:30pm, 6:15-9 pm
- Sat: 9 -10:00am, 2:30-5:30 pm, 6:15-7 pm

**Late arrivals:** PLEASE have a friend get your room key and wait up for you.

## THINGS TO BRING

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- Toys for toddlers, children's supplies (throw pillows, toys to share, soccer balls, etc.), puzzles and games for all ages.
- **Rise Up Singing**, hymnals & voices for singing after meals.
- Instruments and musicians needed for the **Faith & No Practice Band** and **Jammin' Under the Trees**.
- Books for Book Swap table
- Checks to buy books: no card processing at the event.
- Walking shoes for nature walks: check out the Path of Silence.
- Families: bring swimsuits for Thursday
- A friend/Friend new to your Meeting. Let them see how wonderful it is attend Southeastern Yearly Meeting's Annual Sessions and Gathering!
- Documents-In-Advance (DIAs) for Annual Sessions.

## FGC BOOKSTORE

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Come browse and purchase books by Quaker authors and other topics of interest to Quakers. Use cash or checks. Sorry, no credit cards.

## DISPLAY SPACE

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Contact the Office at [office@seym.org](mailto:office@seym.org) to reserve a table.

## LEC & SEYM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Complete Youth rules are specified in the *Youth Program* flyer.
- Except during scheduled youth program times, all youth must be supervised by their parents, sponsors, or parent/sponsor-arranged f/Friends (25 yrs. & older). 1 adult may supervise up to 8 youth.
- No video or electronic games are allowed in youth program sessions. Cell phones must be turned off during program sessions.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Quiet time from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- No skateboards, in-line skates, or scooters permitted. Youth on bikes must wear helmets.
- The Gold Room kitchen is reserved for youth and evening snacks only.
- The outdoor chapel and labyrinth are sacred memorial places. Children must be quiet and respectful at all times and may visit only with an adult.
- No swimming in lake---there are alligators!
- No alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs allowed.
- Pets on a leash are allowed in the camping area.

## QUESTIONS?

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**See all Gathering information & link to registration on our YM Gathering page:  
<http://seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/>**