

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

April 17 - 21, 2019

United Methodist Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, Florida

**Taking off the Masks: Undoing Racism  
as Personal & Community Practice**

**the 2019 Walton Lecture**

Saturday, April 20 • 7:00 pm

***'Taking off the Masks: Undoing White Supremacy  
as Spiritual Practice'***

will be presented by

**Lucy Duncan & Noah White**

Lucy and Noah --- as a white woman and a bi-cultural man --- will tell stories of how the socialization of white supremacy was taught to us, and explore our journey toward deeper awareness and mutual liberation. Through deeply personal stories, they will delve into the dynamics of growing up in a system that uses us to perpetuate and receive harm---in our families, communities, and society --- and explore the sometimes quite intimate way white supremacy is transmitted and the healing that has happened for each of them. They will talk about their shared work in the Quaker community to hold others as they struggle toward and resist their liberation.



**Lucy Duncan** serves as Director of Friends Relations for AFSC. She blogs, organizes Quakers to work for justice, and helped create AFSC's Sanctuary Everywhere program. She has been instrumental in the adaptation of Quaker social change ministry as a tool for reclaiming Spirit-guided social change work focused on companioning those most impacted by injustice. She is a founder and steering committee member of the Quaker Palestine Israel Network, and has written on Palestine for AFSC at the blog she edits, *Acting in Faith*. With her partner, Sy Biswas, she hosts an abolitionist salon in Philadelphia. She has been a storyteller for 20 years, and has worked with Quaker meetings on telling stories for racial justice and of spiritual experience. She has also served as FGC's Director of Communications, managed QuakerBooks of FGC. She is a member of Green Street Friends Meeting (PhYM) and is the proud mom of a 16 year-old son.



**Noah White** lives for human connection. Driven to find his indigenous self, he appreciates and supports the individual journeys many of us are on collectively. He likes expanding people's level of comfort with who they are, while inspiring them to persistently push their growth edges. Noah relentlessly interrogates social norms in search of equitable communal value. A Fitness instructor by day, he engages students in culturally competent kinesthetic courses at Temple University. A big chunk of his time is invested in working with the inner city youth of Philadelphia, where he enjoys working with preventative services and voluntary enrichment. Through workshops designed to bridge the gap between the social construct of racism and white supremacy, with the real traumatic manifestations that occur as a direct result of it's perpetuation, Noah facilitates the maturation of the change agents our communities need to build a more equitable future.

# Gathering Highlights

## the Walton Retreats

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**Privilege Walk** Noah White will facilitate an exploration of our individual proximity to privilege and the disastrous impact it has on our collective ability to foster a beloved community. Through identifying privileges, and the ways they operate internally, participants will be led to connect to the visceral ways our bodies carry the impact even when our minds use reason and logic to white-splain. Participants will be encouraged to compare/contrast their idea of community and the world we live in. **Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Changing Systems, Changing Ourselves: Undoing Racism for Accompaniment & Resistance** Lucy Duncan will take us through an examination of ourselves as participants in the system of white supremacy and look at how we become powerful agents for racial justice. She will discuss patterns of white folks' engagement with naming/seeing racism that block forward movement, including white fragility and other group dynamics; and how to use mindful self-reflection to interrupt internalized racial patterns. She will explore the theology and practice of accompanying grassroots organizations led by those most impacted by injustice. We will explore real life examples to make the content vivid. (This retreat is targeted for white folks, but people of color are welcome. The material is created with a white/ally audience in mind). **Saturday, April 20, 10 am – 12 noon**

## In-Depth Workshops

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• **The Language of Love: Speaking & Listening in the Spirit** We will explore the language we use in dialogue with one another to discover how an openness to different interpretations of vocabulary can enable conversations of peace and love. The workshop will include worship, shared wisdom, conversation, practice. Led by Jan Dahm and Lisa Erazmus (TMM), sponsored by SEYM Worship & Ministry Committee. Saturday, 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. Beverly Ward & Cece Yocum. Sat., 2:45-5:30 pm

• **Grassroots Peace Work Of Activists In Honduras, Guatemala & Colombia**

How do we respond to the crisis in Central and South America that is forcing thousands of families to flee their homes? We'll look at the peace work of activists making their countries safer through Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and Trauma Healing/Resiliency workshops. We'll look at methodologies and demonstrate exercises that have been helping those affected by violence. Led by Cece Yocum). Friday 2:45 – 5:30 pm

## Workshops & Interest Groups • Thursday thru Saturday

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**Over 20 to choose from, including:** Bible Study • CAPP Training • Chanting • Climate Gentrification: Where Will Quakers Go? • Earthcare Witness • FCNL: Youth & Young Adults • FWCC • Grassroots Peace Work of Activists in Honduras, Guatemala & Colombia • Journey Of The Universe • Laughter Yoga • The Language Of Love: Speaking & Listening In The Spirit • Love Knows No Borders – AFSC • Meeting For Remembrance • New Perspective On Being Fully Human • Non-Violent Bystander Training • Peaceful Strategies For Conflict Resolution • Paddling & Birding • Prayer As A Political Problem • Prisoner Visitation And Support • Quakers In Palestine: Ramallah Friends School And The Military Occupation • QUNO - Quaker United Nations Office • What Do Children Think About Climate Change? • What's In Your Backyard? • Where Are You Really From? • Supporting Peace & Social Justice Witness

## Youth Program *see the Youth Program flyer*

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Our theme this year is: **Looking In, Reaching Out**

## **...and More!**

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- **Early Worship by the lake** 7:30 am • **Worship Sharing** Thurs. thru Sat., 9:00 am
- **Intergenerational Activities** Intergenerational workshops • **All-Ages play:** afternoons, *see Bulletin Board for day's activities* • **Canoeing & Birding** on Saturday • **All-Ages Dance, Campfire** Friday night
- **Music** Singing after meals • The **Faith & No Practice Band** • **Jammin' on the Bench** after lunch
- **Healing Center** Friday & Saturday, 1:15-5:15, Bldg. 3 breezeway. Energy healing, compassionate listening, tea & snacks, quiet space. Sign-up sheets for free healing sessions will be available Thurs. – Sat. All are welcome.
- **Books** FGC Bookstore • SEYM Publications • Book Swap Table • cash or checks only

## REGISTRATION

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**DEADLINE: APRIL 1st.** The deadline allows the Life Enrichment Center (LEC) to prepare for our visit. To learn of spaces available after April 1st, contact:

Susan Wade, Registrar  
swade3231@gmail.com  
727-821-5048

**Registration is open Feb. 11th – April 1st.** Go to the Gathering page for link to online Registration: [seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/](http://seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/). Friends who cannot register online may call the Registrar.

**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:

**Susan Wade,  
945 13<sup>th</sup> Street N., Apt A,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705-1273.**

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) = \$50  
Adult, One Day attendance = \$35  
Youth (under 18) = free

## 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.

Youth need a parent/guardian signed Consent Form in order to be on campus. The Consent Forms package is on the Gathering webpage: [seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/](http://seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/)

Parents wanting to have their youth excused from school can download the 'Excuse Letter' from our website. webpage: [seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/](http://seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/)

***See the Youth Program flyer***

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Don't let lack of funds prevent you from coming! Scholarships are available. See Scholarship information and forms on the Gathering page: [seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/](http://seymquakers.org/news-events/yearly-meeting-gathering/)

## 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: \$86/night (Double twin beds) Children may sleep on the floor for free or reserve cots for \$10/night.
- Singles sharing room: \$43/night/person. *You must list a roommate's name when registering.*
- Private (1-person) room: \$63/night.

**RV CAMPING:** in the open area west of the Pavilion. Full Hookups are \$21/night, Partial Hookups are \$16/night.

**TENT CAMPING:** The area to the right of the Pavilion is reserved for SEYM. Sites are \$15 /night.

**DAY USE:** \$7/person/day for site use, for Friends lodging elsewhere.

## 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 reserve special diet meals, ***you must fill out the LEC Special Diet form*** at [www.lecretreats.org/lec-dietary-page](http://www.lecretreats.org/lec-dietary-page).

**PAVILION:** Campers may prepare meals in this covered, screened pavilion. There are picnic tables, stove, refrigerator and electrical outlets. Bring your own cooking and eating utensils. You may also choose to 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 your 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.
- Musician & instruments needed for the ***Faith & No Practice Band*** and ***Jammin' on the Bench***.
- 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 Friday
- A friend/Friend new to your Meeting. Invite them to experience the wider Quaker community.
- Documents-In-Advance (DIAs) for Plenary Sessions.

## FGC BOOKSTORE

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Come browse and purchase books by Quaker authors and titles of interest to Quakers. Bring 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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**Gathering Clerk: Andrea Hoskins**

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**Registrar: Susan Wade**

727-821-5048; [swade3231@gmail.com](mailto:swade3231@gmail.com)

**Youth Program Coordinator: Mira Tanna**

321-287-8734; [miratanna@yahoo.com](mailto:miratanna@yahoo.com)

**SEYM Office:** Vicki Carlie, Secretary

407-739-4150; [office@seym.org](mailto:office@seym.org)

**See all Gathering information & link to registration on our YM Gathering page:**  
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