

QREC Conversation Circle Announcement, January 2020



Quaker Religious Education Collaborative

Joining Hands in Service to Quaker Religious Education

QREC's Conversation Circles are online video conferences where Quaker religious educators across geographic regions share and collaborate about why and how they do their work. Registration is required with access information provided by email. Conversation Circles are free of charge.

January Conversation Circles:

Quaker Religious Education in the Home and Small Meeting

Children's religious education is vital to the growth of Friends meetings although maintaining RE capacity can be challenging in small communities. Quaker meetings in North America are often small with a preponderance of older Friends, yet our way of worship offers the quietude, balance and wisdom so yearned for by families who seek to raise well-grounded children in these turbulent times. In this conversation, seasoned Quaker religious educators share insights on how small meetings can offer a deep experience for children in the manner of Friends, even when families attend sporadically or when there are few children across a wide age range. We will also explore how families can teach Quaker faith and practice at home. Learn creative ideas, ask questions and share your experience.

Registration is required:

Tuesday, January 21, 1:00 pm ET: Register [HERE](#)

Thursday, January 23, 8:00 pm ET: Register [HERE](#)

Facilitators:

Windy Cooler, Sandy Springs Meeting, BYM

Sita Diehl, Madison Friends Meeting, NYM

Conversation Starters:

Mary Snyder: (Paullina Meeting, Iowa YM Conservative) Editor and contributor for *Opening Doors to Religious Education in the Home and Small Meeting* (FGC, 1986). She has been passionate about religious education (RE) for many years. After becoming a convinced Friend in college, she settled in Menomonie, Wisconsin with her family. She completed a master's degree

in elementary education, which informed much of her RE work. Based on her family's frequent participation in FGC Junior Gatherings, Mary became active in the FGC Religious Education Committee and served for a time as Clerk. She now lives part time in Wentworth SD and part time in Minneapolis MN.

Allyson Jacobs (Chappaqua Meeting, NYYM) She has experiences in both small and large meetings with varying types of religious education. She would particularly like to have a discussion about how to 'be' a Quaker family at home and the importance in encouraging children to get involved in Quaker activities such as camps and weekend retreats.

Queries

- How can a small meeting offer a deep Quaker experience to children when families attend sporadically or when there is a wide age range?
- In what ways can a small meeting support children's spiritual growth and sense of community?
- How can parents weave Quaker faith and practice into home and family life?
- What resources can families use to teach Quakerism at home?

Resources:

- Religious Education for the Home and Small Meeting, Mary Snyder, editor: http://quakers4re.org/find-resources/religious-education-home-and-small-meeting?return_path=/find-resources%3Fkeys%3Dreligious%20education%20in%20the%20home%20and%20small%20meeting%7C~%7Cpage%3D1
- Nurturing Quaker Children in the Small Meeting, Christie Duncan Tessmer: <https://www.pym.org/religious-education/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2019/01/nurturing-quaker-children-in-small-meeting.pdf>
- Recipe for Multi-Generational Worship: <http://www.pym.org/religious-education/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2019/08/Recipe-for-Multigen-Worship.pdf>
- Paths to Quaker Parenting, Harriet Heath: <https://quakerparenting.org/materials/books/paths-to-quaker-parenting/>
- Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives, a Journey of Spirit and Wonder: http://www.quakers4re.org/sites/default/files/Nurturing%20the%20Spiritual%20Lives%20of%20Our%20Children-4%28b%29_0.pdf
- Resources for Quaker Teens at Meeting and at Home, Melinda Wrrner Bradley: <http://www.pym.org/religious-education/wp-content/uploads/sites/86/2019/08/REsources-for-Teens-MeetingHome.pdf>
- Faithful Families, Traci Smith: <http://www.traci-smith.com/resources/>
- Soul Sunday, Carrie Brown-Wolf: <https://www.carriebrownwolf.com/soulsunday>
- Sabbath in the Suburbs, Maryann McKibben Dana: <https://chalicepress.com/products/sabbath-in-the-suburbs>
- Stories of God at Home, Jerome W. Berryman: <https://www.storiesofgodathome.com/events>

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