

# SEYM Gathering 2021

## Daily Schedule & Workshop/Event Descriptions

*all times listed are Eastern Time*

### Wednesday, March 31st

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**2:30 – 3:45 pm: Executive Committee Meeting.** All are welcome.

**7 – 8:15 pm: Plenary 1 - Monthly Meeting & Worship Group Forum.**

Friends will share and discuss key issues and activities of our Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups.

### Thursday, April 1st

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**10 – 11:00 am: Worship Sharing: *To Do the Work in Love*** [See the Quotes & Queries](#)

**1:30 – 2:15 pm: Laughter Yoga** *all ages welcome*

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**2:30 pm: Plenary 2**

Reports and discernment on Nominating, Finance (proposed budget), and Treasurer. Documents in Advance will be posted on the Business Meeting page.

**7 – 8:15 pm: F/friends Reckoning with Racism, Justice Reform, & Election Integrity: Learning Together and Sharing Stories, Ideas, and Resolve.**

We'll learn about the historical foundations and building blocks of systemic racism, its contemporary manifestations, and how we perpetuate them today. We will talk about moving from learning to action – what can F/friends do to challenge and transform systemic racism? How can F/friends do that work faithfully, with integrity, and by working in solidarity and accompaniment with people who are directly affected? We will discuss FCNL's work on justice reform, policing, election integrity, and voter suppression and invite F/friends to take action with FCNL. We'll close with an opportunity for Friends to gather in breakout rooms to share their individual and corporate efforts at the monthly meeting level, and germinate new ideas for further learning, reflection, and action. Sponsored by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee

### Friday, April 2nd

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**10 am: Worship Sharing: *To Witness As God Wants*** [See the Quotes & Queries](#)

**1 – 2 pm: Virtual Bookstore.**

Friends are invited to talk about books! **Audrey Greenhall, FGC Quakerbooks staff**, will join our discussion to talk about the "Best Books from FGC." Facilitated by Caroline Kaufmann, Gathering Bookstore Coordinator.

### **2:30 – 3:45 pm: Plenary 3**

Committee Reports, including first reading of proposed minutes brought forward by committees. Documents in Advance will be posted on the Business Meeting page.

### **7 - 8:15 pm: All Ages Talent Show**

Share your talents with Friends of all ages, or just watch and cheer for others! Music, singing, poetry reading, joke-telling, story-telling, or any other talent you can share is welcome. **To sign up your act in advance**, send your name, description of your talent, and contact information to Caroline at [kaufmanncl@msn.com](mailto:kaufmanncl@msn.com), or call/text at 412 496 2539.

## **Saturday, April 3rd**

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### **10 – 11 am: All Ages Worship Sharing.**

"Green" Sharing is intended to provide an opportunity for intergenerational, multifaceted worship sharing of our past, present, and future care for Creation. In preparation, consider sharing memories, photos, drawings, plants, pets...

### **11:15 am – 12:30 pm: Quaker Bakers All Ages**

Friends of all ages are invited gather online to bake an Easter Egg Cake! Use your own recipe and design, or follow the attached recipe (in part or completely). We chat with the other adventurous Quakers in our kitchens as we bake our creations, and when we're done, we share them! Led by Jennifer Mendoza (Sarasota). [See the recipe >](#)

### **1 – 2:15 pm: Intergenerational Games.** All ages are welcome! Led by Quaker Youth.

### **2:30 – 3:45 pm: Mirrors of Identity: Personal Reflections on Racial Experience**

As another step towards removing White supremacy from SEYM, this workshop will offer a spiritually grounded, unconditionally accepting and safe place for all Friends to reflect together and be lovingly heard on their own life experiences with race. Together, we will meet each other where we are, without judgment. The format will be primarily worship sharing in small Zoom groups, while also gathering as a whole group. Facilitators: Committee for Ministry on Racism

### **7 – 8:15 pm: Retreat #1: Interruptions**

Through queries, pair-sharing, and activities, we'll reflect on the ways in which the last year has interrupted both our own stories and the stories through which we understand the world.  
**Facilitator: Emily Provance**

## **Sunday, April 4th**

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### **1:00 - 2:15 pm: Affinity Group - Only White (European American) Friends and Attenders Confronting Racism**

Our racial justice work is sustained in part by staying connected with others doing this work. Gather with other White (European American) Friends and attenders who are addressing racism and Whiteness in our lives and in our Quaker communities. Kody Hersh and Susan Taylor will serve as co-hosts.

### **2:30 - 3:45 pm: Affinity Group – Only Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)**

Come to meet and talk with other BIPOC Friends and attenders. We will create our own agenda, which may include sharing our experiences as Friends. Beverly Ward and another Friend from the Committee for Ministry on Racism will serve as hosts.

### **4:30 – 5:30 pm: Quaker Youth Action for Young Adults & High School Teens**

Find out how to get involved in Quaker organizations, from short-term online engagement, to in-person, to long-term voluntary service. Join representatives of American Friends Service

Committee (AFSC), Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) and Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL) to hear more and to ask questions.

## Tuesday, April 6th

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### 7- 8:15 pm: What Am I Going to Be? *for Middle School, Teens, & Young Adults*

What are spiritual gifts? Do all of us have them? How do I know what my gifts are or what to do with them? What does that have to do with figuring out what I'm going to do in the world? (Hint: you don't have to have a single answer to the question "what are you going to be when you grow up?") Young Adult Quakers (18 - 35), teens, and middle school students are all invited to this session. **There will be follow up sessions with teens and young adults on Wednesday evening, April 7<sup>th</sup>.** Facilitator: Emily Provance

## Wednesday, April 7th

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### 1 - 3:45 pm: Awakening from Spiritual Lethargy in the Time of Covid

We will be delving into what lethargy is for each of us, and addressing the very real personal fears, losses, and grief we have all experienced. Additionally, we will consider the impacts of loss of audience, lack of positive interactions with other souls, and exploring possible positive individual and corporate paths forward. Sponsored by the Worship & Ministry Committee.

### 7 - 8:00 pm: What Am I Going to Be? Follow-up. *Teens only*

This is a follow-up session to the Tuesday session, for teens only. We'll continue the conversation about gifts and finding our pathways in the world, but we'll focus on whatever parts of that conversation the group most wants to explore, including (if there's interest) specific program and mentorship opportunities available to teens.

### 8:15 - 9:15 pm: What Am I Going to Be? *Young Adults ages 18 - 35*

This is a follow-up session to the Tuesday session for young adults only. We'll continue the conversation about gifts and finding our pathways in the world, but we'll focus on whatever parts of that conversation the group most wants to explore, including (if there's interest) specific program and mentorship opportunities available to young adults.

## Thursday, April 8th

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### 10 - 11 am: Worship Sharing: *The Truth is Continuously Revealed.* [See the Quotes & Queries](#)

### 1:30 - 2:15 pm: Laughter Yoga *all ages welcome*

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### 2:30 - 3:45 pm: Plenary 4

We will hear from our Representatives to Organizations. Documents in Advance will be posted on the Business Meeting page.

### 7 - 8:15 pm: All Ages Playback Theater

Playback Theatre is an original form of improvisational theatre in which audience or group members tell stories from their lives and watch them enacted on the spot. Presented by Living Mirror Playback Theater (Tampa), with members Cece Yocum and Beverly Ward (Tampa Meeting), and John Heimburg (Deland Worship Group).

## Friday, April 9th

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**10 – 11 am: Worship Sharing: *How Does the Truth Prosper?*** [See the Quotes & Queries](#)

**2:30 – 3:45 pm: What Now for Earthcare in SEYM?**

A panel of Earthcare Committee members will present what they see as the most pressing current earthcare issues in the SEYM region, bringing forward specific concerns that call for immediate action. There will be discussion of forming an action group, based on the FCNL advocacy teams, for regional lobbying on earthcare concerns at state and local levels. It is intended that by the end of this workshop, the framework for a potential Friends Committee on Florida Legislation will have been created.

**7 pm: Community Movie Night, *Moana***

Orlando Meeting invites SEYM Friends to join us on Zoom for our monthly, all-ages “Family & Friends” community nights. We gather online for Dinner fellowship at 6 pm ET (pizza is traditional, but not required), and a movie at 7 pm EDT.

## Saturday, April 10th

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**10 – 11:15 am: Retreat #2: *Integrations***

Through queries, pair-sharing, and activities, we'll search for ways to integrate the events of the past year, and our condition in the present, into our ongoing stories. **Facilitator: Emily Provance**

**1 – 2:15 pm: Youth Scavenger Hunt.** *Youth and families only.*

Youth will search their locale for a list of 12 items, then share them on zoom. A gift will be mailed to you for all the items you find! [See the list](#)

**2:30 – 3:45 pm Plenary 5**

We will hear reports from the Youth Committee, Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, and Field Secretary for Earthcare, and hear the second readings of minutes proposed by committees. Documents in Advance will be posted on the Business Meeting page.

**7 – 8 pm: The Walton Lecture: *Interruption, Integration, Transfiguration***

Emily Provance will speak from the silence on how we change, are changed, effect change--and cling to the unchangeable.

## Sunday, April 11th

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**1 – 3:45 pm: Plenary 6 & Closing Worship.**

Second readings and approval of the Nominating slate and Budget. Reading of the Yearly Meeting 2021 Epistle. Followed by Worship