

Registration is open until October 25, 2024.

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Call to SCQM Fall Fellowship

November 1-3 2024

at Temescal Canyon & on Zoom

Friends, we are called to gather again in fellowship at our traditional place, Temescal Canyon. We have a long history with that spot, and if you've never been, we encourage you to make the effort to come in person. We plan to have a hybrid gathering, so the option of remote participation will be available, but if it's at all possible, being in the beautiful place with fellow Quakers from around the Quarter is a wonderful experience.

The Ministry and Counsel Committee has chosen to consider "Faith and Prayer in Action" as the theme for the gathering, and speakers who will lead us to consider this theme are being invited. With the rich variety of people in our Meetings, we hope this topic will stimulate broad discussion. On a very basic level, many of us consider the "Ministry of Small Things" to be prayer – the prayer while washing dishes, preparing food, or arranging the logistics for Fall Fellowship. At the same time, many of us have been appalled by uncaring response from politicians to, for example, mass shootings, with the hypocritical "thoughts and prayers". This is why Ministry and Counsel has deliberately chosen the phrase "Faith and Prayer in Action". Come and engage in this worship and learning.

In addition to our keynote presentations and worship sharing on Saturday and Sunday mornings we will have interest and affinity groups, time for fellowship, hiking, plenaries, community night, and worship.

We will be offering a rich children's program for all ages during plenary and interest group sessions. Fall fellowship is an opportunity for kids to get to know one another in our geographic region and spend some time in nature. Attendance fees are automatically waived for babies, toddlers, children, and teens.

Please join us for SCQM's Fall Fellowship on the beautiful grounds of Temescal Gateway Park in the Pacific Palisades, just north of Santa Monica, or via Zoom. See below for details.

In peace,

Dan Strickland, SCQM clerk

Here is the message from Ministry and Counsel on our topic:

Topic: Faith and Prayer in Action (based on topics from Western Friend, March/April 2024)

Invitation:

Friends are often asked what we do during a Meeting for Worship, whether we pray, and if so, to whom, or whether we have a specific form of meditation. The March/April 2024 issue of Western Friend (<https://westernfriend.org/magazine/on-prayer>) had several articles on the topic of prayer, and we've invited two of the authors to present to us in person for this year's Fall Fellowship Gathering. Friend Stan Searl of Santa Monica Meeting will present on Saturday based on his article "Singing for the Holy Spirit," a set of ruminations and quotes regarding personal and corporate faith and practice, and their relation to joy and music. On Sunday, Friend Jaimie Mudd of the Bay Area will present based on her article "Our Highest Intention," connecting our Quaker roots of standing in the light allowing love to lift our consciousness and our lives with the most current shoots within Friends and our communities through exploring our own love relationship with the Light. All SoCal Friends are encouraged to take part.



YES, JEFFY, JACQUES ELLUL DID SAY, "PRAYER HOLDS TOGETHER THE SHATTERED FRAGMENTS OF THE CREATION." HOWEVER, SOREN KIERKEGAARD MAINTAINS, "THE FUNCTION OF PRAYER IS TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF THE ONE WHO PRAYS."

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Preliminary Schedule

Friday

7:00 - 9:00 - Peace & Social Concerns interest group- Sharing “faith in action”, highlighting peace and social justice work in SCQM; dialogue on how we can support and grow these efforts in our Quaker community (zoom only)

Saturday

9:00 - 9:30 - Worship

9:30 - 10:00 - Plenary 1

10:00 - 11:15 - Keynote 1: Singing for the Holy Spirit - Stan Searl

11:30 - 12:45 - Worship-sharing 1

Lunch

1:45 - 3:15 - Interest Groups

3:30 - 5:00 - Interest Groups

5:00 - 6:00 - Meeting for Healing

Dinner

7:30 - 9:00 - Community night, Fire Circle, possibly Dungeons and Dragons and other board games

Sunday

6:30 – 7:30 am Come-as-you-are Bible study, with the format of Lectio Divina (Jochen Strack & Kwanghee Park)

Breakfast

Sunday 8:45 - 10:00 - Keynote 2: Our Highest Intention/Faith in Action - Jaimie Mudd

Pack and out of rooms

Sunday 10:45 - 12:00 - Worship-sharing 2

Lunch

Sunday 1:15 - 2:15 - Plenary 2, Closing worship

Site clean-up

Proposed Interest and Affinity Group topics

- Exploring Ubuntu and the theme of the FWCC gathering
- Indigenous elders
- Conflict within Meetings
- Friends of color
- **What is our money for?:** What is our money for? We will explore how financial decisions are an active expression of our spiritual values. Or are they? We'll compare the movement of funds to a simple version of the water cycle: How do we get, keep, spend, and invest our money?

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Where do taxes and debt fit in that model? How do our values inform our decisions about money—personally and communally?

- Experiment with light (Jaimie Mudd)

A Few Notes on Registration

- There is a registration fee of \$25/person for onsite attendance and \$5/person for online participation.
- Additional costs to attend either onsite or online is “pay-as-led”; suggested contribution amounts are on the registration form.
- We encourage Friends to ask their Monthly Meeting or Worship Group for financial assistance if needed to cover the actual costs of attending.
- Registration closes at midnight on October 25, 2024.