



Welcome to the Quaker Experience at Friends Meeting of Washington



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WELCOMING

Friendly Volunteers are available to greet and orient guests as they enter into worship with us and during the fellowship time after 10:30 am worship. Look for the Friends with the **Q** name tags.

Quaker in the Corner—at rise of worship (11:30 am) in the main Meeting Room on Sunday, a Friend is there to answer questions and refer newcomers to other activities of interest at Friends Meeting of Washington. Corner him or her!

Friendly Office Presence – Each Sunday, a Friend staffs the main office to answer questions and help better connect you with the Meeting. Please stop by. The office is on the ground floor of the Meeting House near the stairs.

Office: The office is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 to 4:00. **Debby Churchman**, Administrative Secretary, (202) 483-3310, admin@quakersdc.org
To join one of the Meeting's **listservs**, please contact the office.

LEARNING

Newcomers Discussion Group: At rise of Meeting (11:45 a.m.) on Fourth Sunday in the Parlor. A member of the Meeting answers questions and briefly discusses one Quaker topic.
www.quakersdc.org/contact, **Ministry & Worship**

The Inquirers Class: Two to three times per year, Michael Cronin conducts a weekly evening class about Quaker faith and practice. All are welcome, no matter how long you've been attending. Watch

weekly announcements for time and place.

<http://quakersdc.org/contact>, **Inquirers Class.**

Spiritual Journeys: 9:15 a.m., fourth Sunday, Meeting House Parlor. Two Friends from the Meeting describe their personal spiritual journeys and answer questions.

www.quakersdc.org/contact, **Ministry & Worship**

Monthly Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business: Noon, Second Sunday from September through June and third Sunday in July, no meeting in August. A simple meal in the Assembly Room is followed by the business meeting in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. Learn how Quaker process really works.



First Day School (Sunday School):

Our commitment is to help our children grow as members of their community, family, and faith.

In addition to grounding them in Quaker values and practice, we provide a basis for understanding other religious faiths. Our program draws on the life experiences of the children and adults in their world, using craft projects, songs, stories, and field trips. The

structure of Quaker queries encourages them to look at their world with openness and supports an ability to listen deeply to others.

<http://quakersdc.org/contact>, **Youth Programs Coordinator, Religious Education**

Library: The Meeting Library contains over 2,000 books relating to Quakerism, Quaker history, spirituality, peace, social justice and non-violence, including a full run of Pendle Hill Pamphlets. All are welcome to use and check out materials. The Library is open most Sunday mornings and by special appointment. For more information, <http://quakersdc.org/contact>, **Library**

JOURNEYING



Young Adult Friends: Anyone between the ages of 18 and 40ish is welcome at YAF events, which are spiritual, service, and/or social. Sign up for the listserv and learn about the MeetUp group from

the YAF conveners, <http://quakersdc.org/contact>,
Young Adult Friends.

University Quaker Chaplains:

<http://quakersdc.org/contact>, **Quaker Chaplains**

Gene Throwe, American University

Joshua Wilson George Washington and
Georgetown Universities

Catoctin Retreat: In Spring and Fall, the entire Meeting is invited to a retreat at Catoctin Quaker Camp in the Catoctin Mountains north of Frederick, MD. This is an unprogrammed retreat in which we cook, swim, hike, camp, and hang out together. For more info, go to www.quakersdc.org/contact and select **Catoctin** in Categories.



Fibre Party: On the fourth Sunday of each month, knitters, crocheters, quilters, and other fibre-

interested Friends gather to work on their projects together. For more information, contact <http://quakersdc.org/contact>, **Fibre Party**

Friends Wilderness Center: This 1400-acre preserve on the western side of the Blue Ridge hosts a variety of programs and events which are open to all F/friends. For more information and to see the schedule, go to www.friendswilderness.org

SERVING

Committee opportunities: The Nominating Committee helps to match your gifts and abilities with a committee in which they will grow, and gives you a chance to offer service to the Meeting and the community. Contact www.quakersdc.org/contact, **Nominating**

The following Committees are open to visitors and attenders. To contact them, use our contact sheet (www.quakersdc.org/contact) and search by category:

Hospitality: Kate Steger

Library: Faith Williams

Peace and Social Concerns: Mike Duvall

Religious Education: Kim Acquaviva

Garden: Mark Haskell

Hunger and Homelessness Task Force:
Steve Brooks

Service opportunities: Volunteers from this Meeting create meals for **four different meal programs**. In addition, they organize an annual **Shoebox Project**, filling shoeboxes with holiday gifts for economically vulnerable people in D.C. Go to www.quakersdc.org/contact, **Hunger & Homelessness Task Force**



BYM Working Group on Racism meets most months on the third Saturday, except July & August, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, usually at Meetings in the Washington and Baltimore areas. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact **David Etheridge** through the office, admin@quakersdc.org

DC Books to Prisons: The Meeting collects dictionaries and other needed books to send to incarcerated people throughout the country. The

donation basket is located in the hallway near the Decatur Place door.

Martha's Table: We collect nonperishable foods to take to Martha's Table, D.C.'s only soup kitchen for children. The basket is in the Decatur Place hallway.

Peace & Social Concerns: This committee supports Friends' leadings to work for justice in local, national, and international issues. Contact Mike Duvall, www.quakersdc.org/contact, **Peace & Social Concerns**



Right Sharing of World Resources: This Quaker-led organization provides seed money for micro-enterprises in Kenya, Sierra Leone, and south India. It calls on us to share our abundance and to work for equity through partnership with our sisters and

brothers throughout the world. Contact Karen Grisez through the office, admin@quakersdc.org



Work Days: Three or four times per year, Friends gather at the Meeting House to spruce up the building and gardens. All skills are valued and well-used. Watch for a notice about the next Work Day on the FMW listserv and in the weekly announcements. www.quakersdc.org/contact,

Property

WORSHIPPING

Sundays

7:30 a.m. Capitol Hill Worship Group, William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street SE

9:00 a.m. Quaker House Living Room, 2121 Decatur Place NW (next door to Meeting House)

10:30 a.m. Meeting House Meeting Room

10:30 a.m. Quaker House Living Room, with special welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals (though all are welcome), 2121 Decatur Place NW (next door to Meeting House)

6:00 p.m. Meeting House, Decatur Place Room

Every Day

7:30 a.m. Capitol Hill Worship Group, William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street SE

Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Meeting House Parlor

GROWING

Adult Study Group: Friends meet monthly to study and discuss Quaker history, biography and spiritual texts. All are welcome at every meeting. Check the announcements and listserv for upcoming meetings.

Bible Study: Using the *Friendly Bible Study guide*, a group meets monthly to read and discuss the Bible. They are currently reading the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome at every meeting. Meetings are on the third Sunday of the month, at noon.

Compassionate Life: Friends meet on the third Sunday of each month at noon to discuss **The Spirituality of Imperfection: Storytelling and the Search for Meaning** by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham.



Clearness Committees: Anyone facing a personal problem or crisis may ask the Marriage and Family Relations, Membership, Ministry and Worship, or Personal Aid Committee to form a small committee of Friends for help in seeking clearness about what to do. Contact the office at admin@quakersdc.org or (202) 483-3310.

Healing & Reconciliation Committee: The Healing & Reconciliation Committee offers to assist people facing difficulty resolving conflict with other members/attenders. To contact the committee, go to www.quakersdc.org/contact and select **Healing & Reconciliation** in Categories.

Spiritual Formation Program: Join with a small group of Friends to study, reflect on and share your spiritual growth. Friends meet twice a month to support one another in a spiritual practice. Each participant commits to undertake their own individual spiritual practice (e.g., prayer, meditation, journal keeping, etc.). Friends may also attend a BYM Spiritual Formation retreat. For more information, contact the office at admin@quakersdc.org

Spiritual Journey Meditation Group: The Spiritual Journey Meditation Group meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Each member of the group takes turns bringing a devotional writing. The group usually has a Saturday retreat in the Quaker House Living Room in the fall and a weekend retreat at the Bellarmine Retreat Center in the spring. The exact dates of the retreats are usually determined several months ahead of time. Contact the office, admin@quakersdc.org

