

Gathering for Deeper Relationship with Earth at the FGC Gathering

"Our concern for the Earth is a spiritual one. We feel the need to examine our faith and practice in the context of this concern. We invite and celebrate the Light that each meeting has to shed on this."

– Ben Lomond minute

"You cannot solve a problem from the same consciousness that created it. You must learn to see the world anew."

– Albert Einstein

Purpose

Our intention is to create space at the FGC Gathering (the Gathering) for a time of visioning and worship. We will meet in the manner of Friends to invite and explore what it means to deepen our relationship and peace with ourselves, each other, nature, Earth, universe, all life spirit.

Description

We will meet daily during the morning workshop time at the Gathering, holding the time with a sense of structure (opening, sharing, queries and topics, discussion of possible actions, and closing, all within a sense of worship and nurture), and allowing ultimately for movement of spirit during our time together, in the manner of Friends.

We intend to stay present to the paradox of creating enough structure to support meaningful work while allowing enough space for emerging joy and creativity to take form. We will sit in connective silent seeking together, listening for the guidance of the Light. Supported by our faith in what we collectively bring forth in the Light, we will invite a sense of unity as a gathered community during our shared time. Our processes may include extended silence indoors and outdoors, worship, worship sharing, threshing, creating queries, mini-sharings from experience and expertise, and structured talks and discussions to facilitate search for understanding, leadings and effective actions. We are also open to walks and worship outdoors, small groups, singing, movement, dancing, and artistic work – all as we are led.

We experience a deep resonance with the theme for this year's FGC Gathering, "At the Growing Edges of Our Faith," and feel it challenges, encourages, and invites us to explore as a diverse and rich community our leadings - jointly and individually - around our care for Earth, our deepening spiritual relationships, and the ongoing work of QEW.

Who is welcome?

We welcome all Friends. It is helpful to have some active experience in exploring unity with nature. As we come together in circles, we invite Friends to listen for inner stirrings and leadings, shining Light on the parts we - individually and collectively - can bring to the awakening call for spiritual concerns blossoming in loving actions for our planet.

Outcomes

We envision our gathering as a reflective and energetic forum that will strengthen and deepen our sense of continuing revelation, spiritual unity, peace, and effective deep action that values the integrity, diversity, and continuity of life on our planet.

We hope our gathering will help plant the seeds of new and deepened relationship at many levels that will help to sustain us in our vision and practice when we return to our local meetings and continue our spiritual work for Earth.

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