

News from Quaker Center
winter 2025

Dear friends,

Greetings to all from the beautiful, chilly winter mornings here on Ben Lomond Mountain - and the warm, sunny days. The year has had a busy start. As our days and weeks fill up quickly with the work of caring for Quaker Center - planning, plumbing, pruning, hosting, welcoming, cleaning, hiring, budgeting, and attending lots of meetings - we keep our eyes on Quaker Center's mission - to provide meaningful Friends' programming that nurtures spiritual growth for Quakers and all seekers. We hope that our upcoming program calendar reflects these wishes.

We're excited about Will Meecham's upcoming program, *Inner Life, Inner Light*, and looking forward to hosting an early Spring Quarterly this year.

As always, take a look at a few photos below of recent QC programs and gatherings.

Thanks you friends.

With love,

upcoming programs:

[*Inner Life, Inner Light](#)

in person - March 21-23, 2025

[*The Meeting for Worship](#)

an online program

Wednesdays in April

(Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23)

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Pacific

[*College Park Quarterly Meeting](#)

Spring Session

hybrid (in person and online)

April 25-27, 2025

registration opening soon

*Quaker Practice and Science
Learning

in person - May 16-18, 2025

registration opening soon

[Quaker Center Summer Camps](#)

in person

June 15-21 (rising 5th to 7th
graders)

June 22-29 (rising 8th to 10th
graders)

also:

-the Quaker Center team

*Quote and Query of the Month

*online Meeting for Worship,
Wednesday Worship Sharing, in-
person M4W

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



**Inner Life, Inner Light
an in-person program
with Will Meecham
March 21-23, 2025**

Each day, we feel the warm aliveness of the human body. During worship, we feel the loving mystery of the Divine Light. In this retreat, we'll explore the connections between these two experiences, using imagery, silence and shared inquiry.



[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

The Meeting for Worship
an online program

**Wednesdays: April 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2025
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Pacific**

Members of the Religious Society of Friends (also known as Friends or Quakers) are known for their religious practice based in silence. After 350 years, the mystery and miracle of 'silent Worship in the manner of Friends' is still the beating heart of Quakerism.



This online series, facilitated by Quaker Center director Nico Wright and others, will explore the wonderful world of Quaker Meeting for Worship. To learn more about it together, we'll use small-group discussion, worship sharing, weekly readings, brief presentations, music, video, poetry, and of course, worship itself.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

coming up on Spring Quarterly, folks!



On April 25-27, College Park Quarterly Meeting will hold it's 257th session here at Quaker Center. As always, this will be a celebratory gathering of Quaker Meeting communities in Northern California and beyond, with time for worship, fellowship and fun.

Newcomers and all ages welcome.

[Click here for more information - registration opening soon](#)

a few images from the year so far



The Redwood Lodge became an art space during the Year-End retreat, which explored the way in which we share our spiritual journeys. Together, participants created a beautiful book of paintings, drawings, collage and more.



Everybody wants a picture of Chef Tod's famous New Year's Eve Bûche de Noël. This year he had some help from sous-chefs, pictured at right, putting on the snow (powdered sugar) and the toadstools (meringues).



The Bûche did not last long.



Another magical New Year's morning sunrise worship in the Casa de Luz to begin the incoming year together.



Also wonderful to again begin the year by hosting the [Camp Unalayee](#) board meeting.



A large turnout for Mica Estrada's program 'All Will Be Well: An Exploration' in January.



And, for the third year in a row, a wonderful Young Adult Friend retreat over President's Day weekend.

Worship Sharing Group
From the QC Wednesday Online
Quote & Query of the Month



This week's quote:

"When I allow myself to become angry [here in Iraq], I disconnect from God and connect with the evil force that empowers fighting. When I allow myself to become fearful, I disconnect from God and connect with the evil force that encourages flight... 'Stand firm against evil' (Matthew 5:39) seems to be the guidance of Jesus and Gandhi in order to stay connected with God. I struggle to stand firm but I'm willing to keep working at it."

-from "Tom Fox Was My Friend. Yours, too," Chuck Fager, ed., 2006

Queries:

Are you able to 'stand firm against evil?'

What keeps you connected with God?

Daily Meeting for Worship

7:30-8am Pacific

Get the link on [our website](#).

Wednesday Worship Sharing

10am Pacific

Get the link on [our website](#).

In-person Meeting for Worship - each first Wednesday evening

7:15 - 8:00 p.m.

We gather around 6:00 p.m. for a simple potluck. All are welcome.

[Take a look at our
upcoming programs](#)