



**South Central Yearly Meeting • September 24-27, 2020**

*Loving in the Light: Quaker Response in Times of Crisis*

## **2020 Workshops**

### **FRIDAY WORKSHOPS: 4:00 to 5:15 pm**

#### **WORKSHOP #1**

**Title: Friends Peace Teams' Work in Latin America During the Pandemics: Responding to Challenging Times**

**Presenters:** Val Liveoak (Co-Founder, Friends Peace Teams), Monica Maher (Coordinator, Peacebuilding en las Américas, connecting from Ecuador) Lorena Escobar (Coordinator, Guatemala), Salomón Medina (Coordinator, El Salvador), Ondina Murillo (Coordinator, Honduras), Patricia Duque (Coordinator, Colombia).

**Description:** This presentation will address the multiple pandemics currently facing Latin America, including COVID-19, domestic violence, hunger, and militarization. We will discuss the responses of Friends Peace Teams Initiative, Peacebuilding en las Américas, focusing on the 'Peace Baskets' project of outreach and material support to those suffering from psychological and food insecurity. Representatives will connect via Zoom from Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

#### **WORKSHOP #2**

**Title: A Quaker Response to Defunding the Police**

**Presenters:** Lucy Duncan, Director of Friends Relations, AFSC; Jacob Flowers, Regional Director U.S. South, AFSC; Lewis Webb, Program Director, Healing Justice, AFSC

**Description:** Join us for a discussion of:

- The history of policing and examples of defunding the police.
- Discussing the limitations of reform and defining the problems with policing.
- What is the Quaker rationale for defunding the police?
- Why do we talk about defunding the police in terms of abolition of policing?

We will also provide possible next steps for participants and their meetings on some concrete actions you can take.

#### **WORKSHOP #3**

**Title: Regaining Our Center When Storms Erode Our Foundation**

**Presenter:** Jean-Marie Prestwidge Barch (FGC)

**Description:** Using individual and small group interactions, we will explore the varieties of storms we are experiencing in these days. Then we will learn several techniques and have the opportunity to share others to use in calming the troubled waters. Although there will be some didactic presentation of techniques, there will also be time to practice and to listen to one another.

## **SATURDAY WORKSHOPS: 4:00 to 5:15 pm**

### **WORKSHOP #4**

**TITLE: “Quaker Influence and Initiative - A CELEBRATION of Quakerism and its Impact today”**

**Presenter: Liz Leshner**

**Description:** This workshop is designed to be a SHARING of how, in these challenging times, Quaker influence and leadership is making a difference.

### **WORKSHOP #5**

**Title: A Vision from 2050: Looking Back on COVID-19 & Climate Change**

**Presenter:** Hayley Hathaway, Communications Coordinator, QEW

**Description:** It's the year 2050, thirty years after we faced a global pandemic, economic collapse, and impending climate chaos. Where are we now? How did we get here? Hayley will guide us through an exercise in radical imagination, where we sit with the possibilities of building a new society, one based in solidarity, cooperation, and interdependence. She'll also share about the exciting and motivating work that's happening right now around the US on some of the most pressing issues of our time and how to get involved through her lens as Communications Coordinator with Quaker Earthcare Witness and as an activist on local climate issues.

### **WORKSHOP #6**

**Title: “Young Adults Leading on Immigration Reform: Supporting their Call for Change (FCNL)”**

**Presenters:** Larissa Gil Sanhueza and Istra Fuhrmann

**Description:** Come learn about the power of stories in the passing of policy and in the building of community. FCNL's Young Adult Program will talk about their current work on immigration reform, what you can do to advocate on this issue, and the resources we offer to support young adults in their advocacy (whether that be you or a friend/family member!).