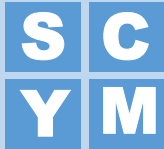




# Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) SOUTH CENTRAL

## Yearly Meeting News

*Friends in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma & Texas*



February 2021

for

Yearly Meeting

2021

March 28-April 4

### Loving in the Light: Quaker Engagement in Times of Crisis, *Part II*

*From Yearly Meeting Planning Committee*

The theme for YM 2021 is *Loving in the Light: Quaker Engagement in Times of Crisis, Part II*. In line with current conditions, the entire Yearly Meeting will be held electronically. Connection information will be published as soon as possible. **Please be alert for this information.** The schedule is included in this document.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt lives and nations, the sense of “living in dark times” (YM 2020) challenges Friends to examine our faith for answers. The 2021 Theme and keynote speaker continue from YM 2020 to study methods of engagement in the Testimonies and community. Friends are still faced with challenges of climate change, political and social polarization, and the increasing suffering and burdens on the already downtrodden. Unprecedented events in the United States Capitol threaten stability. We seek to determine how we can best serve family, friends,

Friends, community, nation and God in this political, social and health environ, living lives of truthfulness and integrity.

Our 2021 keynote speaker is **Eileen Flanagan**, a Quaker author, speaker, and online teacher, whose lessons on spiritually-grounded non-violent activism have reached thousands.



As clerk of Earth Quaker Action Team for five years, she helped to develop and execute the strategy that pressured a \$4 billion-a-year bank to stop financing mountain-top removal coal mining. In Fall 2020, she coordinated Choose Democracy trainings, preparing 10,000 people in nonviolent strategies to prevent potential coup.

A former Pendle Hill teacher, she carries a minute of religious service from Chestnut Hill Meeting in Philadelphia and is now working on a book about the intersection of race, climate, and spirituality. Read more or join her newsletter at [eileenflanagan.com](http://eileenflanagan.com).

**You are invited to the 2021 Spring SCYM sessions Zoom meeting. Register by going to [www.scym.org](http://www.scym.org) after March 1.**

### Call for Workshops **Submission Deadline: February 24, 2021**

Last year we endeavored to explore the spiritual source and supports that lead to Quaker engagement. This year we explore the activism that grows out of our spiritual engagement. Our keynote speaker will be noted Quaker activist Eileen Flanagan. Her Plenary title is “Strategy and Spirit: A Quaker Approach to Engagement in Times of Crisis.”

While we live in a much more hopeful time than just a year ago, there is still much work to be done to address the many issues our communities, nation and world face. We are looking for workshops that speak to this historic time we live in.

We invite Friends to share their gifts with others through an hour-long Zoom workshop. Presenters will have some help from our Zoom technical staff for facilitating breakout rooms and managing screen displays if needed. If you would like to offer a workshop, please submit a written description of your topic to [workshops@scym.org](mailto:workshops@scym.org).

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## South Central Yearly Meeting 2021

### Loving in the Light: Quaker Engagement in Times of Crisis, Part II

*All sessions will be held virtually via Zoom. Approved January 23, 2021 RM2.*

<b>Sunday, March 28, 2021</b>	2:00-2:30	YM Opening/Roll Call #1/Worship
	2:30-4:00	Peace & Justice Forum
<b>Monday, March 29</b>	7:30-9:00 pm	Business Meeting 1
<b>Tuesday, March 30</b>	7:30-8:45 pm	Workshop 1
<b>Wednesday, March 31</b>	7:30-8:30 pm	SCYM Meeting for Worship
<b>Thursday, April 1, 2021</b>	7:30-9:00 pm	Business Meeting 2
<b>Friday, April 2, 2021</b>	9:00-10:15	Home Groups 1
	10:30-11:45	Workshop 2
	12:00-1:30	Lunch/Community Time Breakout rooms: SCYM Connections, Peace & Justice, exhibits, etc.
	1:30-3:00	Business Meeting 3
	3:15-4:30	Workshop 3
	4:45-5:45	Breakout rooms: video committee reports, reading of the Passion, exhibits, etc.
	6:00-7:30	Dinner/Community Time Breakout rooms: SCYM Connections, Peace & Justice, exhibits, Eileen with Young Friends, etc.
	7:30-8:00	Roll Call #2
	8:00-9:15	Panel Discussion
	9:15-11:00	Community Time, Virtual Campfire (Bring your own s'mores!)
time?	Night Owl Worship	

SCYM 2021 Schedule approved at RM2, January 23, 2021

<b>Saturday, April 3, 2021</b>	9:00-10:15	Home Groups 2
	10:30-11:45	Keynote speech
	11:45-1:30	Lunch/Community Time Breakout rooms: SCYM Connections, Peace & Justice, children's story, etc.
	1:30-2:45	Workshop 4
	3:00-4:30	Fireside Chat
	4:45-6:00	Business Meeting 4 - incl. Nominating & Registrar's reports
	6:00-7:30	Dinner/Community Time Breakout rooms: SCYM Connections, Peace & Justice, etc.
	7:30-8:45	Variety Show
	8:45-11:00	Community Time
	time?	Night Owl Worship
<b>Sunday, April 4, 2021 (Easter)</b>	7:00-8:00	Easter Sunrise Service
	9:00-10:30	Business Meeting 5 - epistle, birth/wedding/memorial minutes
	10:45-12:00	Concluding Worship
	12:00-1:30	Lunch/Farewell

During meals, the Zoom line will be left open for Friends to share fellowship, with the opportunity to split into smaller groups in breakout rooms.