

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Ministry & Worship invites you to join with Friends in these programs at FMW.

Spiritual Formation Program

Join with Friends to study, reflect and share your spiritual growth with a small group. Friends meet twice a month sometimes at the Meeting House, sometimes in homes 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. Register now for the fall program. *For more information, contact Joan Gildemeister at Jgildemeister@cs.com or Tracy Haidar (717) 633-5478.*

Spiritual Journey Meditation Group

The Spiritual Journey Meditation Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Each member of the group takes turns bringing a devotional writing. The group usually has a Saturday retreat in the Decatur Place 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 David Etheridge or Sabrina McCarthy at david.etheridge@verizon.net or sabrina.mccarthy@verizon.net or (301) 320-3470 or Leslie Jadin at kljadin@gmail.com*

Inquirers Class

All are invited to attend the Inquirers Class, for those interested in learning about the Religious Society of Friends and the Friends Meeting of Washington. It will meet on five consecutive Mondays beginning September 13, 2010 in the Decatur Place Room, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. *Contact Michael Cronin at mcronin943@gmail.com or Gerri Williams at northstar02@verizon.net.*

Friends of Color

Friends of Color gather on the first Sunday of each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Terrace Room. Friends come from DC, Maryland and Virginia to worship in a safe and supportive space with others who share the common life experience of being non-white in a white America. The silent worship ends at 10:30 a.m. and is followed by warm greetings, conversations and revelations about our spiritual journeys. The group has been meeting for nine years. Friends report that they cherish the comfort and community." *Contact Diane McDougall at diane.mcdougall@verizon.net or (202) 210-5715.*

Living Our Queries

Please join us as we discover how the monthly queries, advices and voices connect with our daily spiritual experiences! Every fourth Sunday at 9:15 a.m. we will share how the queries for the coming month can help us live our faith. Each time we ask Friends in our Meeting with a special passion or commitment to the queries being considered to help lead our discussion. We convene in the Quaker House Living Room. *Contact Tracy Hart at thart@worldbank.org, (202) 462-6442.*

Prayerful Reading of the Gospel

A small group of Friends meets about every two weeks at 8:15 a.m. in the Decatur Place Room of the Meetinghouse to prayerfully read the gospels and to discern what they say to us. This is an exploration of the message of Christ rather than a historical, textual study of these books. Friends are invited to attend Worship immediately afterward. *Contact Hayden Wetzel at haydenwetzel@hotmail.com or (202) 526-5986*

Interfaith Group

The D.C. Interfaith Peace Initiative (aka, Interfaith Group) is committed to promoting peace and harmony among people of all faiths and beliefs. We strive to bring a greater awareness of the bonds and values that join us together as one humanity. We work to raise consciousness through purposeful dialogue, collaborative social action and ethical education, and to explore and support spiritual sources of inspiration and joyful celebration among faith communities. We seek to build a culture of understanding, justice and peace. *Meets third Sundays at 1 p.m*

Contact Steve Sawmelle at SLKursban@erols.com

Friendly Eights

These groups of six to eight members, attenders and newcomers, meet monthly to share dinner, brunch, or coffee and conversation to strengthen the community of friends. Contact Justin Connor at justinconnor@gmail.com or (202)709-7560.

Spiritual Friendship

With a spiritual friend, one commits in an intentional way to share one's spiritual life, and anything else that's important in a mutual spiritual direction listening deeply. FMW connects Friends and offers programs to gather interested participants in discussion groups and workshops. Contact Stephen McDonnell at stephenmcdonnell@verizon.net or (202) 714-1811.

The School of Spirit

A Quaker Ministry of Prayer and Learning devoted to the School of the Spirit is dedicated to helping all who wish to be more faithful listeners and responders to the inward work of Christ. This ministry offers two programs to deepen our faithfulness.

<http://www.quakerinfo.com/sos.shtml>

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 to help in seeking clearness about what to do. Contact the Clerks.

Healing & Reconciliation Committee

The Healing & Reconciliation Committee offers to assist people facing difficulty resolving conflict with other members/attenders. Contact co-Clerks Merry Pearlstein (202) 244-8777 or Gray Handley at handleygr@niaid.nih.gov.

For additional information, please contact the individuals listed above or call the FMW Office at FMW.DCFriends@verizon.net or (202) 483-3310.