

FMW Quaker Spiritual Development Programs

December 2022

Friends who participate in FMW's Quaker Spiritual Development (QSD) programs can support and enrich their spiritual journey. Monthly and recurring QSD programs currently available through FMW can be found [here](#). In addition to the recurring programs, the Ministry & Worship Committee facilitates Workshops and Presentations that address topics of interest to Friends which are listed below. See the calendar below for the dates and times of all QSD programs this month.

Current Classes, Workshops & Presentations

2023, Quakerism 201: A Deeper Dive - Book Study Group

Interested in a "Deeper Dive" into Quaker thought and practice? Through this in-depth *Book Study Group* you will read and discuss books like John Woolman's Journal; Robert Barclay's "An Apology for the true Christian Divinity"; Margaret Hope Bacon's "The Mothers of Feminism"; Michael Sheerin's "Beyond Majority Rule" and other thought provoking books on Quaker faith and practice. A Deeper Dive will meet for 90 - 120 minutes on the third Sunday of every month starting in 2023. Taking one book at a time, Joe Izzo, a member of Friends Meeting of Washington, and Diane Randall, the former General Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) from 2011-2021, will moderate the discussion. Contact Joe Izzo, jizzo4102@gmail.com for more information. Registration date TBD.

Tuesday, February 21st & 28th, Quakerism 201: A Deeper Dive - Four Doors to the Meeting For Worship Workshop; from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm via zoom - registration will begin in January

Debby Churchman and John Bluedorn - Co-facilitators of the Spring Q101 session on Quaker Worship and Vocal Ministry will lead a two session workshop on the *Four Doors to the Meeting for Worship*. If you want to deepen your spiritual experience in Meeting for Worship this is a great workshop to attend.

William Taber, author of *Four Doors to the Meeting for Worship* (Pendle Hill Pamphlet #306), grew up in Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative), which remained his spiritual home throughout his life. Taber's gift was centered on his ability to translate spiritual experience into plain language. This pamphlet grew out of his awareness of a need for a more contemporary explanation of "what happens" in a Quaker meeting for worship. He felt that this lack of instruction in method had become an increasing problem as modern Friends moved farther and farther away from the more pervasive Quaker culture, which in earlier generations played such a powerful teaching role, allowing Friends to learn the nuances and spiritual methods of Quakerism through osmosis.

Pendle Hill Pamphlet #306 can be purchased here: [/four-doors-meeting-worship/](#):

OR checked out from the FMW library.

Spiritual Friendship Circles

Spiritual Friendship Circles of 3 or 4 Friends meet monthly to reflect and share discernment around specific queries addressing their spiritual lives. In order to learn more contact: Tish Thames, viticia@gmail.com.

If you would like help in starting a group for FMW's Quaker Spiritual Development program, please contact Ann Herzog at aherzog333@yahoo.com, cell 202.246.5125.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Canceled through the end of 2022, Weekly on Thursday, Quaker Bible Study
Contact: Gene Throwe, gthrowe@gmail.com

Every two weeks, Sunday, December 4th, Friendly Bible Study – 12:00 p.m. [Join by Zoom](#). By phone, dial: **(646) 876-9923**. On prompt enter meeting ID: **2025778431#** and the Meeting password is 254224. Contact: David Etheridge, David.etheridge@verizon.net, cell 202.577.8431. Both auditors and participants are welcome.

First Thursday, December 8th, Spiritual Formation Group – In a sacred circle, Friends explore spiritual issues in their lives to deepen the spiritual connection within themselves, the Meeting and the community. The program is sponsored by Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Contact: John Bluedorn, johnbluedorn@gmail.com

Third Sunday, December 18th, Reading Quakers Together – 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Newcomers welcome. [Join by Zoom](#). By phone, dial: **(646) 876-9923**. On prompt enter meeting ID: **2025778431#** Contact: Sabrina McCarthy, sabrina.mccarthy@verizon.net, cell 240.778.5234, for the monthly order of worship.

December 11th, Vicara Sangha (community for inquiry into Hindu and Buddhist scriptures) - 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Newcomers welcome. [Join by Zoom](#). By phone, dial: **(646) 876-9923**. On prompt enter meeting ID: **2025778431#** The group will study chapters 12, 13 and 14 of the *Dhammapada*, relying on several translations. Contact: Sabrina

McCarthy, sabrina.mccarthy@verizon.net, cell 240.778.5234, for the reading materials and the next meeting date.

*Every two weeks, Sunday, December 18th, **Friendly Bible Study*** – 12:00 p.m. In the Terrace Room or [Join by Zoom](#). By phone, dial: **(646) 876-9923**. On prompt enter meeting ID: **2025778431#** and the Meeting password is 254224. Contact: David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net, cell 202.577.8431. Both auditors and participants welcomed.

January 1st, Ignatian Prayer Group - 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Newcomers welcome.**
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