

S.I.G.s (Special Interest Groups) being offered at Spring WHYM 2026

DAY / TIME: Saturday 2:15 - 3:30pm or Sunday 1:45 - 3pm

Celia Cheatley:

Topic: Dave Polster - His Life and Legacy (and Puns)

Description: Come hear about some of the groundbreaking (get it?) restoration techniques Dave developed that live on in the sites he restored and the people that he taught.

Day: **Saturday**

Hybrid

Room: Spes Bona

Adrian Dolling adrian.dolling@gmail.com

Topic: Committees of Care - who, what, when, why?

Description: The WHYM Caring for the Caregivers group has been meeting since last September. A website of resources is under development [here](https://sites.google.com/viquakers.ca/mc-caring-for-caregivers-cop/home)

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Format: This will be a discussion, with sharing of a template document that may be used by all Meetings.

Day: **Saturday**

Hybrid

Room: Richardson Upper Large Lounge

Adrian Dolling adrian.dolling@gmail.com

Topic: The risks of artificial general intelligence: how should faith communities respond?

Description: The World Council of Churches organized this webinar on Feb 26, 2026. What is artificial general intelligence (AGI)? What are the opportunities and responsibilities for faith leaders? What ethical questions arise?

Format: We will review segments of the recording (amounting to about 30 minutes of the full recording which is about 90 minutes long!), and then move into 45 minutes of discussion.

The recording, which bears repeat viewing, may be previewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1zF7aF-OUe>

Day: **Sunday**

Hybrid

Room: Spes Bona

Dale Dewar, Sean Pander, Ruth Walmsley

Topic: Balancing

Description: Come and experience the fun and excitement of this long-standing WHYM tradition!

Together we will expand our understanding of the body in space, learn to cooperate, take responsibility, and share. We will review "old" balancing positions and challenge ourselves to learn new balancing positions. We will develop a group of balancers and depart with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Day: **Sunday**

In-person only - meet in field outside Richardson Dining Room

Andrew Gage

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Topic: Exploring the Gospel of John as a manual for Quaker practice

Day: **Sunday**

Room: (TBC) / Hybrid

Available Rooms for SIGs:

Caritas - Main Meeting Room

Caritas - Upper Small Lounge

Spes Bona

Richardson - Upper Large Lounge

Richardson - Upper Small Lounge