

Friends Association for Higher Education's Quaker Leadings in Higher Education series presents:

**Supporting Vocation:
Helping Students Navigate a Neoliberal Culture**

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Agenda and Edited Chat

Gather and Welcome
Introduce Greg and Jen
Jen and Greg and Jen present the theoretical foundation of
Supporting Vocation: Helping Students Navigate a Neoliberal Culture

Jen shares instructions for doing mini clearness committees:

Query: "how does vocation sit with you?"

Introduce yourselves.

Decide who will go first. (Each person will take turns being a 'spotlight person.')

Hold for a brief moment of settling silence.

(2 minutes) Spotlight person shares (no interruptions)

(3 minutes) brief clarifying questions (person may answer), then questions to go deeper (person doesn't answer).

Notetaker should write down questions in full.

Note: This is not a time to offer advice or solutions.

Then switch roles. Repeat.

Switch again. Repeat.

After each person has gone, take a moment to reflect on what this experience was like for you.

Then, together, craft a question or comment emerging from either query and choose someone willing to post that query/comment in the chat when you return to the full group.

Friends go to breakout Groups

Return after 30 minutes

Hold scribes in the light as they write up their query/comment

Scribes for each group invited to post to the chat:

Group 3, here: "How will you steward your life-changing moments, in service to the world's needs?"

What are the sources of misalignment between the objectives we want to achieve within our vocation and our ability to realize them?

How can we balance the tension between individual vocation and institutional/ societal circumstances?

We were grappling with various transitions (to retirement, to new institutions) and so we are open to thinking about calling/vocation.

Parker Palmer's said that the question to ask of our careers isn't "was I successful" but "was I faithful"

"Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses" by Richard Arum talks about students' desire for meaning in their educations.

Q&A and open sharing.

Closing announcements:

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2022FAHE Annual Conference

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Conference Theme: Quakers and Racial Justice

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Next QLHE Event:

Working Toward Hospitality in the Classroom:

Inclusion and Universal Design

Tuesday, February 22

7:30-9pm

Thank you and Good Night

It was wonderful to join you all tonight, Friends: thank you

Thank you Greg and Jennifer.

Thanks, Jennifer—great seeing your development since our being together here at George Fox University! 😊

And, thanks, Greg, also!

Greatly appreciated, thank you!

Thank you!