

Quite-possibly-the-first-ever Quaker Party* JUNE 17-19, 2016

*Not, like, y'know, a frat party, but a connecting-laughing-playing-singing-celebrating-fellowshipping-worshipping party.

The Quaker Party is an attempt to gather every Friend, friend of Friends, long-lost Friend, relative of Friends, or friendly person wandering by who finished high school in 1990 or after...ish.

What's new? Here it is!

HOSPITALITY DEADLINE APPROACHES...



Do you know someone who's considering coming to the Quaker Party, but they haven't registered yet? Beware—the deadline for in-home hospitality requests is **June 1st**. After that, Friends will still be welcome to join the Brooklyn meetinghouse sleepover or to find their own housing in the city.

AWESOME GIVEAWAYS!



Friends General Conference (Quaker Books) is generously donating copies of "On Living With a Concern for Gospel Ministry" and "Spirit Rising: Young Quaker Voices." The first 150 Friends to arrive at the Party will receive one of these two books to take home - thanks, FGC!

Friends Committee for National Legislation has gotten into the spirit by donating tote bags for takeaways. Woohoo!

By the end of the Party, everyone will have lots of goodies to take home, including information about upcoming Quaker retreats all over the U.S.

FACEBOOK PHOTOS...

Want to encourage Friends to tag along to the Quaker Party? Post photos, new and old, from your favorite Quaker gatherings on our Facebook page. Let's build a walk down memory lane . . . search Facebook for FirstEverQuakerParty.



MORE REGISTRATION NEWS...

Friends continue to register from New York, New England, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and North Carolina yearly meetings, and the word continues to spread. Inquiries have come in from as far away as Guatemala!

BUILDING OUR "OPEN SPACES"...

All day Saturday, we'll have free-flowing spaces where you can wander in and out, including:

- Music/Jam Room (bring your instruments, songbooks, and so forth!)
- Art Room (fully stocked for creativity, sponsored by Quaker Earthcare Witness)
- Experimental Worship Room (what new, worshipful forms can we explore?)
- Walk Cheerfully Room (for play and deepening connection)
- Quiet Room (when you need a break—sponsored by FGC, with QuakerBooks selections to read and explore)
- Fellowship Room (a place to hang out, talk, drink coffee/tea, play board games, etc.)

FACILITATED ACTIVITIES...

We're still adding onto these, but here are the topics you might have the chance to explore, should you choose to participate in some of the facilitated activities/workshops:

- The intersection of Faith and Work (Quakers in socially active professions)
- Exploring Spirit through Improvisation and Role Play
- The Meaning of Membership
- Naming and Nurturing Spiritual Gifts
- The Business of Running a Quaker Meeting
- Quakers' Relationship with Money
- The Seed of Witness
- Getting Clarity on the Stuff That's Hard to Talk About
- Conflict and Spiritual Growth
- Exploring Behavior in Quaker Community

EVENING FRIVOLITIES...

We're looking forward to a simultaneous contra dance and open mic/cabaret Saturday evening.

RADICAL CHILDCARE...



What does it mean to have a fully multigenerational activity? Kids in the childcare program will have full access to Party activities—or, they can choose to hang out in their own space. Parents get a break, and kids get to participate.

PLENARIES AND WORSHIP...

We'll have plenary worship, singing, and play at various times throughout the weekend. Sunday morning, you'll make your way to one of the six monthly meetings in New York City. Your choices range from large unprogrammed meetings to a small living room meeting to a pastoral meeting. Where will you decide to worship?

OPPORTUNITIES TO INTERACT AND LEARN...

Reps will be present from Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference, Friends World Committee for Consultation, the American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Quaker Earthcare Witness, Quaker Voluntary Service, and more.

Who would you like to talk to?

WAYS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARTY...

Find us on Facebook! We have a public event: [Firsteverquakerparty](#)

Email with questions! quakerparty@gmail.com

Register! Follow this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1grzffhInA8gWf5g86T-dmY1eSPoR6Z1bmbmluw3pbHM/viewform>

Or if it's easier, visit nyym.org and follow the link from there.

Spread the word—see you in June!

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