



CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL GATHERING 2023

The Daily Quacker

Wednesday, 12 July, 2023

Welcome Friends!

If possible, please read your Daily Quacker online. At the top of the [CYM Planner](#), look for the “[Daily Quacker](#)” link. There will be limited printed copies available at breakfast. If you take one, please share it with others.

If you have items for the final Daily Quacker, follow the same link and fill in the web form. The deadline for Thursday’s posting is **7pm Central time**.

Family Night

Family Night is **TONIGHT!** Sign up on the sheet beside A-01 or online [here](#) by 2PM CST so the MCs can arrange the evening. Please join us at 6:30pm CST for a blended family night in A-01 and over zoom!

A Community Announcement

We are asking folks to mask for Community Gathering, except for the children.

Singing after lunch

During and just after lunch hour, there will be drop-in *a capella* singing in A-01, from 12:30ish until before we gather for Intergenerational Meeting for Worship at 1:30.

Quaker process story

Here’s a little story about Quaker process. Many years ago, in the 90s, I was chair of our school board’s Special Education Advisory Committee. This was a committee made up of representatives from a wide variety of organizations supporting children of one or another exceptionality, such as learning-delayed, blind, deaf, gifted, physically disabled, and more. I had been on it for some time and knew that it was a constant struggle to reconcile the needs, wants, even demands of such a diverse

batch of advocates. At that time I was also about to be clerk of our monthly meeting. I decided that my best approach to ensuring the smoothest possible functioning of SEAC might possibly be to use Quaker process. So I tried it. I explained it briefly (without, I think, mentioning its source), and we decided to give it a go. It was amazingly successful. It took a while to get used to, but when everyone did, we had a group of people with strong agendas of their own all considering the needs of all the other advocates, discerning priorities calmly, and reaching unity with tenderness. We did, I think I can say, some wonderful work. Why am I telling you this? Because right now, I think, some Friends feel we have lost our way in Quaker process; we've forgotten how it's meant to be and are failing to use it properly; and I want us to realize that this beautiful process can be learned, and it can be relearned. We can put ourselves into right order. We can teach ourselves a better way.

Thursday Forest Walk

If you don't have to run away immediately after the Gathering Thursday, consider joining the Forest Walk at 2:00 pm CDT.

Winnipeg's largest urban forest is right outside the door of the Canadian Mennonite University. An ecologist from Winnipeg's Living Prairie Museum will take us on a guided journey through the life of the Assiniboine Forest. The walk will leave from the grounds of the university. Please be prepared to contribute \$3.50 per person.

Can you offer Shuttle Ministry on Thursday?

Are you able to offer transportation to the airport Thursday morning or Thursday afternoon? Please contact Gwen at program-clerk@quaker.ca if you are able to do some driving.

Driving west after YM?

Want to avoid paying for a motel en route? Read on! My camping gear needs to get to Calgary by July 18 or Vancouver / Burnaby most any time. You're welcome to use it on your way. So, if you have room for one suitcase of camping gear (compact 2-person tent, 1 sleeping bag, self-inflating sleeping pad, extra blanket and sheet...), please contact me at 604-444-4690 or MaxineKL@shaw.ca ASAP I'll even wash the sheet before you go 😊