



Young People

Children's Meeting

All children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Meeting Room during meeting for worship, if that suits them. There is also a Children's Meeting for those aged 10 and younger. While we say it starts at 10 am, in reality it is helpful for parents to bring their children to the Annex (which is located in the grounds of the Meeting House), a few minutes prior to 10 am so that parents may come into meeting for worship on time. Children are brought into the Meeting for Worship for the final 10-15 minutes before 'the rise of Meeting' at 11 am. Parents are responsible for their own children from that point. Contact person for the Children's Meeting is Sue Stover (stoverwatts@gmail.com).

Young people

All young people are welcome to participate in the Meeting for Worship. In addition, there is a monthly gathering of those aged 10 years or older. Nick-named the '10 and ups', this group – which also includes parents and other interested adults – meets at 9 am on 3rd Sundays at a local café (currently the Sierra Café, 418 Mt Eden Rd.), and then moves by 10 am to the Mt Eden Meeting House for meeting for worship, as well as a time of reflection/discussion. Contact person for 10+ group is Joel Hildebrandt (senorjoel@gmail.com).

National events

There are gatherings for young people occurring nationally including camps for Junior Young Friends (13-16 year olds) and Young Friends (16 years and up). There are also national family-friendly gatherings including Summer Gathering (which happens over New Years each year), and events at the Whanganui Friends Settlement. **For more details about activities for families, children and young people**, speak to the 'Elder on duty', contact the Friends Centre 09 630 6834, or email the contact people noted below.

Contact People

Children's Coordinator (Sue Stover)	stoverwatts@gmail.com
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Welcome to Mt. Eden Meeting for Worship. We meet from 10am – 11am on Sunday mornings (for additional meetings and activities, see overleaf). We gather in silence - open to the leadings of spirit. This may lead to vocal ministry (when someone stands to speak) or it may lead to a silent meeting for worship. Rather than having one Minister or Pastor, Quakers believe that there is that of God in each of us and that in the gathered silence, any of us may feel the call to speak.

From 11-11:15 we have announcements and notices, and this is followed by morning tea and hospitality – please feel welcomed to participate.

Children's Meeting and Programme for Young People: 10am -10:45am in the Annex

(the building behind this one). For more details, please see overleaf

Calendar of Upcoming Events

These events occur in April and May in addition to the regular events over the page.

- 14 April—18 April** Young Friends (ages 16 and up) Camp at Waiheke Friends House
- 11:30am Sunday April 16** Restructuring Yearly Meeting report consideration (Meeting House, Mt Eden)
- 9:30am—4pm Saturday April 22 (arrive 9:am)** Retreat Day: Earth and Spirit with Moira McLennan. Come for the morning or the whole day. Bring your own lunch and journal. Tea/coffee, writing and drawing materials provided. Numbers limited. Mercy Spirituality Centre, 104 The Drive, Epsom. Let Moira know if you are coming by calling 09 479 8326 or 027 367 4102 or emailing moira72mcl@gmail.com
- 2pm Saturday 22 April** Memorial Meeting for Brad Owen (Mt Eden Meeting House)
- 11:30am Sunday April 23** Meeting to Discuss White Papers
- 5:30pm — 6pm** ANZAC Day Vigil (Outside Auckland Town Hall Queen St.)
- 24 April — 29 April** Junior Young Friends (ages 12-16) Camp at the Quaker Settlement in Whanganui
- 11:30am Sunday April 30** Elders Led Session on Meeting for Worship (Mt Eden Meeting House)
- Thursday May 11** Yearly Meeting Retreat Day
- Friday May 12— Monday 15 May** Yearly Meeting 2017 (El Rancho Christian Camp, Waikanae Beach, Kapiti)
- Friday 19 May— Sunday 21 May** Peace - The Power to Transform a workshop hosted by QPSANZ & the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the Quaker Settlement in Whanganui
- 11:30am Sunday 28 May** Farewell Party for Resident Friends (Mt. Eden Meeting House)



Special Update

Reaching Out in This Time of World Crisis

Quakers are reaching out to people of other faiths to develop new strategies and evaluate old ones. We invite you to participate in any of the following ...

-A Contemplative Retreat Day on Saturday 22 April (see calendar for more details) which will be an experiential quiet day for nurturing our spirit through reflecting on nature, honouring Earth Day and practicing contemplative silence.

-Two workshops will be held over the year at the Quaker Settlement in Wanganui, in cooperation with Quaker Peace and Social Action NZ and the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. The first one, in May, will enable Quakers and peace workers from other faiths to get together, build bridges, plan actions and listen to the spirit speak to us.

-The second workshop will allow us to consider together how pacifism can offer theoretical and practical guidance in helping us to face many global challenges. This will be followed by a weekend conference on the same topic at Otago University in November with invited speakers. For further information contact www.quakersettlement.co.nz/seminar-programme and www.otago.ac.nz/ncpacs/otago634537.pdf

Regular Events

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| First Saturday of the Month | Social event for families and F/ friends. |
| 4:00 for 4:30 – 6:30 in Meeting House | |
| Every Wednesday, 10:30am in Friends Centre | Discussion group followed by Meeting for Worship at 11:30 am, |
| Every Thursday, 7:30pm in Friends Centre | Discussion group and worship |
| Walking Group | Meet at Friends Centre 9.30am each Tuesday for a walk and morning tea |
| Woman's Group | Approximately fortnightly on a Tuesday. Contact Barbara Ph 09 836 5576 |
| Prayer Support Group | 9:00am 4th Sundays February to November in Friends Centre. |
| Mt Eden Friends Permaculture Group | Meets once a month at Friends Centre or other locations around the city. |

