

Workshops at Quarterly Meeting

9:00–10:30 am on Saturday, October 5

All the workshops will be offered in-person. All except the foot-washing will be offered via ZOOM if enough people register for attending on Zoom.

The FWCC World Plenary: Living the Spirit of Ubuntu

This workshop will share about Gil George's experience with the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) World Plenary and host a discussion of the results of the Plenary held in South Africa in August. Gil George will relay the experience and provide a space to discuss the three thematic streams of Creation Care, Healing Historic and Current Injustices, and Living the Spirit of Ubuntu; and how these streams intersect to map the future of FWCC.

Gil George is the Operations Manager for FWCC Section of the Americas. He is a member of West Hills Friends.

Foot-washing Fun with Derek (in-person only)

To wash another person's feet, as Jesus did, and to allow another person to wash our own is to practice deep humility and can be powerfully transformative. This workshop is focused on facilitating a Christ-centered worship experience. In-person only. Dress appropriately.

Derek Lamson has been a worship leader and SCYMF activist since 2017, and currently serves on the Faith and Practice Committee.

Jesus, the Roman Empire, and the State of Israel

This workshop will explore: (1) Jesus' harsh warning in Luke 13:1-5 when he was told about Rome's massacre of Jews in worship, "Unless you repent, you too will perish"; (2) the current situation in Palestine and Israel; and (3) if Jesus is still relevant, what might repentance look like for those who witness Israeli atrocities today?

Paul Parker recently retired from Elmhurst University outside Chicago where he taught religious studies for 32 years. He has worked, studied, and volunteered in Israel and Palestine frequently since 2004. Most recently, he was the principal of Ramallah Friends School's upper campus which is located near the center of Ramallah in the West Bank of Palestine. From its beginning in 1869 until today, RFS has taught Palestinian boys and girls — Muslims and Christians — in the rich tradition of Friends. Paul attends Eugene Friends.

Let's Talk About Death and Dying (no, really!)

Baltimore Yearly Meeting has just published an important book (with a little help from a couple of Sierra-Cascades folks): *A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life*. It includes chapters on aging well, end-of-life planning, and how friends, caregivers, and meetings can respond, and lots of resources. This workshop will introduce the book and its benefits and encourage local meetings to explore it together. The book is available through Barclay Press prior to the workshop.

Laura Simmons spent two years as a hospice chaplain and has lost both her parents; she wishes others were more prepared for this eventuality. Laura attends West Hills Friends.