

SCYMF Small Group Information

Annual Sessions, June 19, 2021

SCYMF People Care Committee is once again providing the opportunity to meet with other Annual Sessions attendees to have a “back of the room” experience, to talk with others about how you have experienced our time together, to make new connections or foster existing ones and to process concerns and responses to the business matters addressed. Small groups meeting in “break-out rooms” can experience the richness of participating in Quaker-process through worship and listening to one another guided by queries. We hope for this to be a spacious, relaxed, Spirit-lead time. We offer these guidelines and queries to help you jump-start your group time. These are not rules. Do as you feel led.

Structure & Guidelines:

- We will meet together briefly to review details before sending people into their groups.
- The groups will be kept small, 5-7 is our intention.
- You will be randomly assigned to “break-out rooms”.
- There will be no “group leader”. Groups are self-led. If the group would like someone to take the lead they can decide that on their own but mind your time.
- Start with a few minutes of centering worship.
- Queries are provided to help guide your time together. They are written below but the host will also send them via the chat function for your reference to the “chat box”. Use these queries to focus your time connecting with one another.
- Remain mindful that some people share easily while others need time to feel comfortable. Allow reverent pauses for reflection and spaciousness for each person’s participation. Speak only once until everyone has had a chance to speak.
- Remain sensitive to how God is leading. Guard against criticism, arguing, talking too long. Create a welcome space for hearts to connect with each other.

Queries:

- Introduce yourself--name, pronouns, where you live, meeting affiliation and something that makes you smile.
- Tell us what hopes and expectations you brought today to Annual Sessions.
- How have you experienced Spirit/Creator/God/Mystery working during our time together?