

To: Monthly Meeting clerks and Worship group conveners

Re: LEYM's Quakerism 101

October 27, 2023

Dear Friends:

We are delighted with the warm response to the first session of Quakerism 101! We hope many of you were able to join in the Zoom session or at least have heard about it.

We hope your meeting will consider hosting one of the sessions. Please share this request with your meeting at your next business meeting and encourage individuals or committees who may be excellent presenters to consider possible topics. If you have questions, please contact Joe Mills at millrae@juno.com.

We are attaching a list of suggested topics or we are open to any ideas you might have on a session that would help seasoned Friends and newcomers think about what Quakerism means.

We want this to be a sharing of gifts and a collaborative effort among all Lake Erie Friends so please let us know if you have ideas, questions or suggestions. We are hoping to share the calendar for the January through May sessions sometime in December. Please let Joe Mills know of your interest, even if your ideas aren't yet complete, by November 29, when our committee next meets.

The November session on vocal ministry will again be hosted by N. Columbus Friends and January will bring Broadmead's Lucretia Mott to talk with us. We are open to ideas for February through May sessions.

If you are a smaller meeting or group perhaps we can connect you to a larger group for the Zoom technology while you present the content. Let us know! We are using the LEYM Zoom link from Bill Warters but the host meeting provides a tech person to put us into breakout rooms if necessary and monitor the chat.

Next session: November 14th, 7pm. The Zoom link is on the LEYM.org website. Our committee has decided not to record sessions as the breakout rooms do not accommodate that and we feel the sessions need to be experienced.

Looking forward to your ideas!

Advancement and Outreach Committee
Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

Prompts for Possible Quakerism 101 Topics

(This list is just a sampling to get the ideas flowing!)

- How to be a “Good Quaker”
- Orthodoxy versus Orthopraxy
- Committees - How do Quakers get things done? (possibly co-hosted by Nominating Comm.)
- Ways to Explain Quakerism to Others
- Quakers around the World
- What is Meeting for Business? (possibly co-hosted with clerks)
- Quakerism and Sustainability
- Quakerism and Conflict Resolution
- Intergenerational Worship - what it looks like and how to do it
- Quaker Testimonies
- Melding other religions or Non-Theism with Quaker practice
- A Quaker ancestor that inspires you
- Quakerism and voluntary service, justice work, earthcare
- Clearness committees

Consider:

Does YOUR Meeting have unique experience or knowledge of a particular issue that could be shared?

Keep in mind our collective commitment to anti-racism, especially if presenting a topic about who we are as a body of people and/or our history

Think of ways to encourage participation from attenders

Think outside the Meetinghouse! Presenters need not be members of LEYM member meetings or worship groups.

If your small meeting or worship group is unable to host, but you have a topic idea, reach out to the A & O committee. We will try to pair you with a monthly meeting with hosting capability.