Dear Friends,

**What's happening out there?** How are you, your meeting community, families and young people? What are you offering and trying that's working and others would benefit from hearing about? What do you need?

At the end of last month, PYM Youth Programs staff tried out a new idea: **Youth-led Meeting for Worship.** On the last Sunday evening of each month we'll make a space for middle and high school youth to gather (online) and be together in waiting worship. The hope is to center youth voices; a member of the Young Friends community modeled this with warm greeting and grounded care of meeting last month. *More than half of the participants were new faces to program staff, which was a real joy!* We hope you'll help spread the word to youth in grades 6-12 in your meetings.

In the sections below you'll find resources and upcoming events offered in PYM and beyond. I’d love to hear from you about what's happening in your meeting, and hope to see you at one of the **RE Conversations in early March**!

In friendship,

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Recipients are subscribed to the PYM Religious Education news list.
Books and Curricula:

**Black History: Celebrate in February, Include All Year**
Story on the PYM website with resources for RE programs, to center the experiences and contributions of Black Americans throughout the whole year, and to explore racism, privilege, and bias with young people in our care. A couple of examples:

- **What We Believe: A Black Lives Matter Principles Activity Book** by Laleña Garcia, illustrated by Caryn Davidson. *Presents the guiding principles of the BLM movement in child-friendly language; space for children or adults to create their own reflections.*
- **Black Lives Matter Instructional Library** compiled by Pheobe Defino. *An excellent collection of children’s racial justice books all in read-aloud format.*

NEW QREC Website Launched!

Explore the new Faith at Home page, the revised Resource Library, Quaker RE events page, and more.

https://go.pym.org/e/791983/2021-02-10/35k5g/176425457?h=cKZQNBXdDJLub8dbHgAwEuS2x79FchocjvFERZ_OA_w

Workshops and Conversations:

**RE Conversations on Spiritual Nurture in the Home**

**March 2, 1-2pm & March 3, 7-8:30pm**

Join our community of practice in listening and discussion with others carrying
a concern for children and youth programs in meetings. In March, we'll explore a presentation and discuss how we can encourage and support families with practices for spiritual nurture in the home. There will also be time to share ideas for teaching about Easter. *Same conversation; offered two times.*

**Talking with Kids About Identity** The website for this Philly-based project has **free toolkits** created from past webinars on talking with children about Religion, Race, and Disability. *Watch for a March workshop on talking with children about Gender.*

**Raising Anti-racist White Children** is a live, interactive online workshop that I highly recommend from my experience of it! **3-part series:** *Friday, April 9, 16 & 23 from 1-3pm ET* (Each session is video-recorded, if you can't attend all three dates.)

**Sharing Stories of Faith . . .**

Over six weeks in February and March, a series of Godly Play and Faith & Play stories about the life and ministry of Jesus will be available on YouTube for viewing with First Day programs or sharing at home. *Watch the PYM website for news with more information and links.*

- Week of February 22: *The Parable of the Good Shepherd*
- Week of March 1: *The Woman at the Well*
- Week of March 8: *The Parable of Great Pearl*
- Week of March 15: *Living the Ways of the Spirit*
- Week of March 22: *Faces of Easter*
- Week of March 29: *An Easter Story for Friends*

**Spring Continuing Sessions Weekend!**

**March 26-28**

**March 26:** *Start the weekend with Friends!*
6-7:30pm We'll gather with all-ages for fellowship, sharing, story and song.
March 27: Virtual Spring Continuing Sessions
9:00am – 4:00pm -- Includes all-ages
Worship at 9am and Youth Program
time 12:30-1:30
The Youth Program will include games, and
an eco-friendly craft project to plant seeds of
HOPE! Registered youth
will receive materials.

March 28: Youth Worship Opportunities
9:00am Giant Children’s Meeting (K-5 and
Families)
8:00pm Youth-led Meeting for Worship (6th-12th)

Please share this opportunity to be in community
with our PYM Family with families in your meeting!

Youth-Led Meeting for Worship
Quaker youth in Grades 6th-12th are invited
to worship together in a youth-centered
space. All are welcome! Gathering the last
Sunday of the month from 8-8:30pm.
February 28, March 28, April 25,
May 30, June 27
Click HERE to register and receive the Zoom link!

Giant Children's Meeting!
The monthly religious
education program for all PYM
meetings and families, continues into
the spring with each program
focusing on a Quaker testimony
through sharing, story, and
song. Information and registration on the PYM calendar events for each
date:
February 28: Giving Love Everywhere  
March 28: Growing Our Community

Sharing Ideas for First Day programs:  
*Patterns and Examples!*

Friends are invited to share your great ideas and make available lesson plans, handouts, calendars, etc. The place for easy access and sharing among our Community of Practice:  
*A folder in Google Drive is available* to contribute and find fresh ideas.

Stay in touch!

The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) has a group on Facebook for sharing of support and resources, Valiant Together.  
Visit PYM Religious Education for resources and support. When you find, "I have a question about resources, programs . . . or a great idea to share!" reach out to Melinda Wenner Bradley, Youth Religious Life Coordinator, MWennerBradley@pym.org

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