

Christian Friends Conference, Western Region

Save These Dates!

1. **The next regular meeting:** Saturday, June 16, 9:00 am, at Berkeley Friends Church. Jack Lee will lead our afternoon session, tentatively titled: "How do we 'Try the Spirits'? An open conversation on the first Epistle of John."
2. **Annual retreat:** August 24-26, at Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, CA. Topics to be announced.

Report of This Month's Meeting

We met Saturday, March 17, 2007, at Berkeley Friends Church. As usual, our day included two sessions of waiting worship, one of them lasting about two hours. We were favored with helpful ministry, especially in the first and longer of these sessions. We were reminded of Paul's statement in Romans that we died with Christ, in order to be dead to sin and free from its power.

In the afternoon, Stephen Matchett and Eric Moon led us in a discussion on Friends' Testimonies. They reminded us that those actions by which we witness to Christ arise from a living experience of the Lord's power. We lose something precious when we reduce them to abstract principles or ideals, or even when we simply accept them as tradition, as something we passively receive as part as an inheritance. Far better for us is to seek the experience out of which the historical testimonies arose; then our lives will witness powerfully today. Some Friends mentioned that they and others have been attracted to Friends by descriptions of "The Testimonies," and many Friends find their spiritual grounding and identity in them. In response, we were reminded that whatever our Quaker tradition, we must seek to discern the thread that binds testimonies to their source, the power of Christ. For many liberal Friends, that means seeking where the testimonies came from. For many evangelicals, it means seeking to understand the behaviors that faith in Christ will lead to.

We parted in Christian love, purposing to meet again on June 16.

Help Us Find These Missing Persons

Max Hansen is updating the CFC mailing list. He finds we have no valid email, US Mail, or telephone number for the following people who have been on the list in the past. If you know how we may reach any of these people, please let Max know.

Name	Last Known Location	Name	Last Known Location
Richard Acetta-Evans (or Accetta)	Brooklyn, NY?	Shawn O'Daffer	Olympia, WA
Ron Anderson	Sacramento	Judith Pruess	South Bay (Los Altos)
George Allen	Pleasant Hill	John Rainwater	?
Paul Buckley	?	Ken Schwartztraub	Davis
Dan & Lucy Davenport	Portland, OR	Malie Sellers	Hilo, HI
Hiram Dukes	Lake County, CA	David Tappan	Pasadena
John Edminster	?	Dana Toulson	Bellevue, WA
Patricia Fernandes	Hilo, HI		
Tim Friend	Denair Friends Church		
Brian & Donna Fry	Grass Valley		
Norman Furlong III	Palo Alto MM		
Amy Gaffney	Chico?		
D. Merle & Louise Jones	Coquille, OR		
Carol & Tom Lustenader	Palo Alto MM		
Brian Charles Nixon	Modesto		

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