

Beyond our Langley Hill Community

In addition to participating our Meeting's activities, the larger Quaker community in the Baltimore/Washington area has a vibrant camping program for children over 9 years of age, and a special leadership program for older teens. Our meeting makes scholarship funds available to help any young member of our community attend.



Applications are accepted starting at the beginning of the year. The camping program is open to all children regardless of their religious affiliation

Young people in 6th – 8th and in 9th - 12th grades can also participate in a year round program of weekend conferences sponsored by the larger Quaker community in the area. These conferences, whether for middle or high school students, provide opportunities for our teens to experience a Quaker community where they are accepted for who they are - no cliques, no in-crowd – just the caring and trust of their peers and the adults that work at the conferences. Each conference features a variety of workshops, games and time to relax and make lasting friendships.

As a community, we are strongly committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all our members, especially our youth. We follow a strict protocol to ensure that all of the adults who work with our youth are committed to ensuring their safety at all times. If you are interested in learning more about our efforts to ensure a safe environment for all children in our care, a copy of our child safety policy is available on the lobby bulletin board.

Most of the people in meeting today have brought their families here for the first time and have had many of the same questions and concerns that you may have today. Feel free to speak to anyone about your concerns or questions. Choosing a spiritual community for your family is not an easy task. We are glad you visited us and hope that our community can offer your family a spiritual home that meets your needs.

Please let us know how we can help!

Families and Worship at Langley Hill Friends Meeting



To watch the spirit of children . . .
to nurture . . . and help them against
that which would mar the beauty of
their minds, is a debt we owe them.

John Woolman, 1758

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Welcome!

Our Meeting Community is glad that your family joined us today for worship. If you have never been to a Quaker meeting for Worship, you will find our style of worship a bit different. Just immerse yourself in the quiet of Meeting for Worship. We know that it is hard for children to sit quietly, especially, if it is a new experience for them. It takes awhile for children to be comfortable in the silence, but over time, they come to look forward to some quiet time where they can be alone with their own thoughts. We value and embrace the young members of our community who join us in worship and understand each is unique and that they will find the quiet space inside in the time that is right for them.

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in Meeting for Worship. We have a nursery program available for infants through 3 years of age.

At 10:30, your children can join the other children, silently leave the Meeting room and walk with our leader of our children's assembly program. You are welcome to join your children if you like and return to the gathered meeting once they are settled, or if you feel lead to do so, join in the activities of their assembly and even participate in their classes.

Our Program for Children

Our children's assembly program is a time for less structured activities. The children play outside, or play games inside, discuss messages they might have heard at meeting, or even share messages that may have come to them. At 11:00, a nourishing snack is served and the assembly leaders will help the children find their way to their classrooms. The classes end at noon.

In our classes, we encourage each child's spiritual growth by helping them discover the Light, or "that of God" within themselves and respect the Light in others.,

Our religious education program is built on the foundation of our Quaker testimonies or values including : Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community Equality, and Stewardship We explore the core Quaker values in light of Biblical stories from both the old and new Testament, Quaker History, and stories of people who "Let their lives speak" of their commitment to their spiritual values.

For the youth in Middle or High School, we start our religious classes after children's assembly and snack. Classes end at noon time and they will rejoin you.

Middle and High School students, may stay in meeting for the full hour before going upstairs for their class which starts at 11:00. On some days, they will leave with the younger children for a special activity before their class. If your teen sees the older teens leaving at 10:30, they might join them then or just go to the upstairs classroom at 11:00

