

Quakerism 101 Course Outline

February 3 to March 30, 2020

Handy References in the Reader

Guide to Berkeley Meeting Website
Small Group Worship Sharing Instructions
A Quaker Chronology
Evaluation Form

February 3. **Introduction to Quakerism 101.**

Speakers: Catherine Anderson and Theresa Cox

Readings: To be read in class. No need to read in advance.

Reader

Lloyd Lee Wilson. Excerpts from "Quakerism and the New Creation."
"Worship/Sharing Instructions."

PYM Faith & Practice, 2001.

"Glossary," pp 199-206.

February 10. **Seekers and Finders: The Experience of Early Friends.**

Guest Speaker: Keith Barton

Readings:

Reader

"The Experience of Early Friends"

"Early Quaker Leadership"

"Margaret Fell"

"The Death of Mary Dyer"

PYM Faith & Practice, 2001

Preface pg ix, pp 1-6, 71-76.

Dandelion

"Who are the Quakers?", pp. 1-22.

Punshon

Chapter 2, pp.34-48.

No class February 17

February 24. **The Light Within and Quaker Universalism.**

Guest Speaker:

Readings:

Reader.

"The Light Within"

"One Tree, Many Branches"

"Early Friends Quotations"

Caldwell, "How Quakerism Unites Universalism and Christianity"

Seeger, "Is Coexistence Possible?"

PYM Faith & Practice, 2001.

“Friends Relationship to Christianity.”pp 18-23

“Faith and Experience” 68-81

plus #55 on p.81 and #67 on p. 84

quotation from Margaret Fell p.24.

Dandelion

“Theology and Language”, pp. 72-85.

Punshon.

Chapters 2 and 3, pp. 46–58, 71-79.

March 2. **Worship and Ministry**

Speaker: Catherine Anderson

Readings:

Reader. “

Friends (Quaker) Worship”

Thomas Kelly, “The Gathered Meeting”

PYM Faith & Practice, 2001.

“Meeting for Worship, pp 25-30

“Queries” pp 47-48

“Meeting for Worship” (quotations), pp 95-99

Dandelion

“Worship”, pp.37-52.

Punshon

Chapters 4 pp. 95-101.

March 9. **Meeting for Business**

Guest Speakers: Margaret Mossman and Heather Levien

Readings:

Reader

“Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business”

Eden Grace, “Quaker Meeting for Business”.

John Hunter. “An Historical Note on Men’s and Women’s Meetings.”

PYM Faith and Practice, 2001

“Meeting for Worship for Business, pp. 31-36

“Query”, pp. 48-49;

”Meeting for Business,” pp. 99-13

“Organization of the Society. Monthly Meeting,” pp. 107-128

“Friends Process for Making Decisions,” pp. 129-141

Dandelion

“Worship”, pp.52-54.

March 16. **Important Events in Quaker History**

Guest Speaker: Sue Friday

Readings:

Reader

“A Brief Quaker History”;

“Some Terms Common to Christian Evangelical Movements”;

John Hunter, 300 Years of Notable Quakers”.

PYM Faith & Practice, 2001

pp. 6-17; pp. 108-128; pp. 167-197.

Berkeley Friends Meeting website

Miriam Berg, "History of Berkeley Meeting"

Dandelion

"The History of Quakerism," pp. 23-36; "Belief," pp. 55-71;

"Ecumenism," pp.86-105.

Punshon

Chapter 5, pp.105-125; Chapter 6, 127-151; Chapter 7, pp.153-181.

March 23. **Living In the Light:** Witness, Testimonies and Concerns

Guest Speaker: Genie Stowers

Readings:

Reader

John Hunter, "A proud History of Quaker Witness"

John Hunter, "Action and Waiting—Minding the Light"

"Early Quaker Testimonies"

"The Religious Basis of Friends' Peace Testimony";

"Concerns, The Peace Testimony, The Individual and the State"

"Quaker Women as Abolitionists".

Eric Moon. "Categorically Not the Testimonies"

PYM Faith & Practice, 2001.

"Testimonies," pp. 37-46;

"Queries", pp. 49-56;

"Concerns and Leadings," pp. 59-63;

"Living Our Faith pp. 84-95.

Punshon

Chapter 9, pp. 207-238.

March 30. **Where Do We Go From Here:** The Religious Society of Friends/Berkeley Meeting/
Ourselves?

Guest Speaker: Kylin Navarro

Readings:

Reader:

"Who are the Convergent Friends"

"Reviving Primitive Quakerism"

PYM Faith & Practice, 2001

"The Meeting Community," pp. 33-37, 44-46, 58-59, 92-93;

"Membership," pp. 141-152;

"Appendix 3: Pastoral Care/Clearness Committees," pp. 225-228;

"Appendix 4: Membership," pp.229-239;

"Activities and Organization of Pacific Yearly Meeting," pp.171-198.

Berkeley Friends Meeting website

"Berkeley Meeting Procedure Handbook"

Dandelion

"The Future of Quakerism," pp.106-118.

Punshon

Chapter 10, pp. 239-264.

Sources for the reading material and Questions for Reflection in the *2020 Reader* are primarily sourced from Shirley Dodson's 1992 *Quakerism 101* and from Durham Friend's Meeting's 2019 *Quakerism 101*. Other sources are noted on the reprints.