



Mt. Eden Quaker Gazette

Summer 2018



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
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Welcome to Mt. Eden Meeting for Worship. We meet from 10am – 11am on Sunday mornings (for additional meetings and activities, see overleaf). We gather in silence - open to the leadings of spirit. This may lead to vocal ministry (when someone stands to speak) or it may lead to a silent meeting for worship. Rather than having one Minister or Pastor, Quakers believe that there is that of God in each of us and that in the gathered silence, any of us may feel the call to speak.

From 11-11:15 we have announcements and notices, and this is followed by morning tea and hospitality – please feel welcome to participate. Children’s Meeting and Programme for Young People: 10am -11:15 am in the Annex (the building behind this one). For more details, please see overleaf

Truth and Reconciliation as a Road to Restorative Justice

I have always been interested in how we respond to harm, and it strikes me that the present justice system so often fails so many. Quakers have always been interested in responses to injustice and have a long history of agitating for improving how we, as a society, respond to wrong doing.

My interest in this prompted me to examine the topic more closely in my dissertation. Specifically, I looked at whether Truth and Reconciliation Commissions could be considered a form of Restorative Justice. Although there is a lot of literature on both Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, and on Restorative Justice, there is little written on the intersection between the two.

It could be said that the Truth and Reconciliation model was made famous by South Africa's response to Apartheid, however many countries have used it in response to a wide range of harms. I looked at the Commissions from South Africa, Canada and Chile, examining them against the five key Restorative Justice criteria I developed through my research. I considered that Restorative Justice had to: 1. Be context informed; 2. Involve all parties 3. Listen to and have respect for people's' stories, experiences and needs; 4. Be relationship centres; and 5. Be equality generating.

In short, I found that, although though they weren't always perfect models, Truth and Reconciliation Commissions could nonetheless be used to administer Restorative Justice. I recommended ways that Truth and Reconciliation Commissions could set themselves up to better meet the above 5 Restorative Justice criteria, as well as researching ways that Restorative Justice programmes could assist Commissions in doing this.

I felt that this research was important because all societies will be (or are already) faced with large, complicated harms that they need to respond to. If we do not reflect on what we feel is valuable in responding to harm, and if we do not think of ways to bring that about, then when faced with the need to respond we run the risk not knowing how to begin, and so failing to even start the journey of healing.

Ashley Macmillan



Calendar of Upcoming Events

These events occur in Summer 2018/19 in addition to the regular events over the page.

Sun 2 December 11.30am	December Monthly Meeting Mt Eden Meeting House
Tuesday 4 December 7.45-8.30pm	Live Joyfully Online MFW and Discussion by Zoom. Contact Jan Judson (North Shore) or Jane Banfield (Bay of Islands)
Sun 9 December 4:30pm	Monthly whānau catch-up Hiroshi and Miriam Nakatsuji's house. Contact person Charlotte Gordon: charlimaar@gmail.com
Sunday 16 December 11.30 am	Children's Christmas play Mt Eden Meeting House
Monday 24 December 5:30-8:30 pm	Christmas Eve at the Meeting House Gather at 5:30 for a shared barbeque Christmas dinner, followed by a semi-programmed Christmas-themed Meeting for Worship beginning around 7:30pm. Bring food to share and a candle or two.
28 December – 4 January	Summer Gathering Vertical Horizon, Everett Road, Inglewood, Taranaki



Summer Gathering 2018 - 2019

Summer Gathering will be in Friday 28 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019 at Vertical Horizon, Everett Road, Inglewood, Taranaki. New this year is that Yearly Meeting is paying the fees for all under 18 year olds. The themes this year are Treading Lightly and the practice of Te Reo Maori. Taranaki MM are looking forward to seeing you all there. Funding is available for transport and/or accommodation. Let your Monthly Meeting know if you need help. Full details are now available on the Quaker website at www.quaker.org.nz along with the link to the on-line registration form. Enrolment is all online – please ask for help if needed.

Quaker Summer Gathering is an annual residential camp held December to January, with the location being moved around the country each year to minimise travel costs. Summer Gathering has been held each year since 1956. Friends of all ages from all over New Zealand (and some very welcome overseas visitors) join in a holiday atmosphere for relaxation and recreation. In the mornings there is a half hour Meeting for Worship, followed by a choice of contemplative, active (physical), or creative activities, all run by participants. The afternoons and evenings are free for recreation and Open Space events or presentations. The emphasis is on getting to know each other from around the country through such activities as picnics, concerts, dances, walks, all-age games and general fun. We usually have a Cèilidh on New Years Eve with a live band and caller, all done with the talent of our community.



Young People

Children's Meeting

All children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Meeting Room during meeting for worship, if that suits them. There is also a Children's Meeting for those aged 10 and younger. While we say it starts at 10 am, in reality it is helpful for parents to bring their children to the Annex (which is located in the grounds of the Meeting House), a few minutes prior to 10 am so that parents may come into meeting for worship on time. Children are brought into the Meeting for Worship during the final 10-15 minutes before 'the rise of Meeting' at 11 am. They are then cared for during notices (until about 11:15). Parents are responsible for their own children from that point. Contact person for the Children's Meeting is Sue Stover (stoverwatts@gmail.com).

Young People

All young people are welcome to participate in the Meeting for Worship. In addition, there is a monthly gathering of those aged 10 years or older. Nicknamed the '10 and ups', this group – which also includes parents and other interested adults – meets at 9 am on 3rd Sundays at a local café (currently the Sierra Café, 418 Mt Eden Rd.), and then moves by 10 am to the Mt Eden Meeting House for meeting for worship, as well as a time of reflection/discussion. Contact person for 10+ group is Joel Hildebrandt (senorjoel@gmail.com).

National Events

There are gatherings for young people occurring nationally including camps for Junior Young Friends (13-16 year olds) and Young Friends (16 years and up). There are also national family-friendly gatherings including Summer Gathering (which happens over New Years each year), and events at the Whanganui Friends Settlement. For more details about activities for families, children and young people, speak to the 'Elder on duty', contact the Friends Centre 09 630 6834, or email the contact people noted below.

Contact People

Children's Coordinator (Sue Stover)	stoverwatts@gmail.com
Ten and Up Coordinator (Joel Hildebrandt)	senorjoel@gmail.com
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Friends Centre (Resident Friends)	AK.friendscentre@quaker.org.nz

