

Epistles from Senior Young Friends, June 2018

Dear Quaker Meeting,

This year the SYFs enjoyed a variety of activities. We had the pleasure of attending Eileen Flanagan's key note address on Faith into Practice offering her personal experiences along with other friends of the meeting. As well as the keynote address, we were blessed by her presence and presentation on implicit bias based off of an interest group that we weren't able to attend. Waterfront was a splash into the week with some kayaking and canoes featuring the chill college staff and walking along the calming muddy shores. For the first time, the SYF's held an intergenerational night hike inviting CYMs, JYFs, YAFs, and OAFs to tag along as we watched the star filled sky at the top of Chimney Rock. Some of our SYFs were leaders for Intergenerational worship sharing that the larger meeting attended. This gave a great opportunity for the different generations to listen, share, and make connections. A representative came and talked to us about FCNL, Scott Greenler, which was inspiring and an insight to an opportunity for post college work as well as social activism. Continuing the format from the past several years, the SYFs put on a listening session. Unlike the past years, this time we didn't have a topic. We got queries from the larger meeting which circulated through the SYF and JYF and were answered when they felt lead. We thoroughly enjoyed contra dancing with the college staff, our close friends and members of the meeting we had never met. A film maker came and asked us questions about what being a Quaker meant to us for a video he is making called #QuakerAF. Finally we enjoyed, making rice crispies at 2 in the morning, playing card games, giving hugs, star-gazing, and most importantly feeling listened to and known.