

2025 SCYM Workshop Descriptions

Tuesday, Online (only) 7:30-8:45 PM CDT – Completed Tuesday Evening

Lewis Webb, Jr.

Son, Father, Advocate: A Personal Journey

In this workshop, I and we will share what inspires us to seek peace and social justice. My advocacy is fueled by stories from my dad and sustained by experiences of my children. Dad's stories of life in Alabama in the 30s and 40s and his participation in the "great migration" demand that I walk with and support those on the move now seeking survival and well-being. The experiences of my two oldest sons during New York's periods of over-policing and mass incarceration require me to advocate for alternatives to the carceral state as an abolitionist.

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Integrity in Action: Linking Our Values to Our Practice

Workshop Overview:

This workshop is designed to help participants examine the alignment between their personal values and the practices of their community. By reflecting on areas where gaps exist, participants will identify actionable steps to bring collective practices in line with shared values, fostering a deeper sense of integrity and shared purpose.

Friday InPerson only 8:00-9:00 PM CDT (04/18/2025)

Traci Hjelt Sullivan

The Power of Enough

How are my relationships and my use of time, energy, and “things” in right balance to contribute to right order in our world, and to free me to do God’s work? What is essential? How much is enough? Through personal reflection, discussion, play, and worship sharing, we will explore queries to discover our power of enough. This workshop has been created by Right Sharing of World Resources.

Joanna Vaughn

Folding Origami Peace Cranes

We will begin with a short anime video about the story of Sadako and the Thousand Cranes. I will share photos from my 2002 visit to Hiroshima and we will fold peace cranes.

Gretchen Haynes

I'm a Nontheist and Maybe You are Too

Why would anyone act ethically without fear of retribution?

Kevin King & Karen Vargas

Practicing calmness and connection in our body

Kevin will share somatic skills, using [Embodied Peacemaking](#), to help us stay calm and peaceful in challenging situations. Karen will use team practice to show how to change the way we view conflict from an impediment mindset to a compassionate mindset, recognizing the humanity in ourselves and others through compassion.

Saturday, InPerson and hybrid 1:30-2:30 PM CDT (04/19/2025)

Jacob Flowers

Lifelines: Aid Workers in Gaza

Join AFSC staff for a screening and discussion of “Lifelines: Aid workers in Gaza” a short film that provides a window into the lives and work of aid workers in Gaza in late 2024. The film follows Firas two staff members from the American Friends Service Committee – as they provide humanitarian relief to Palestinians in Gaza who have been displaced due to relentless attacks from the Israeli military. Despite being displaced themselves and losing dozens of family members and loved ones, AFSC staff in Gaza have provided life-saving aid to over 1.5 million internally displaced people.

Saturday, InPerson 1:30-2:30 PM CDT

Val Liveoak & Kevin King

Writing a Statement of Conscientious Objection to War and Violence

It is useful to have articulated a Statement of Conscience about War and Violence. We will use worshipful reflection, journaling and worship sharing to begin the process to arrive at our own Statements.

Resources for further work and publication of our Statements will be offered.

(No recording)

Emma Britain

Finding Hope and Resilience: Worship Sharing

We recently did the workshop at FMA to great success! The allotted hour would go to a worship sharing group aimed at focusing on how we find joy and hope in dark times. An optional second hour (which could span over mealtimes or recreation time) would go to drawing and collage of our joys and visions for a joyous year.

Windy Cooler

The War for and Against Quakers:

Right Relationship and Public Ministry in the Religious Society of Friends

This interactive, discernment-based workshop is taken from Windy's recent doctoral work by the same title. What is a prophetic imagination or right relationship and how does the prophetic imagination and right relationship manifest itself in you and your community? How are you prepared as a worshipping community to discern, support and hold accountable calls to ministry?