

QUAKER UNIVERSALIST GROUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

Dear QUG supporter

QUG Annual Conference - LIFE, TIME AND ETERNITY

May 7th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 15th 2021

We are delighted that 100 people have so far registered for our online conference starting on May 7th, though some people may decide only to come to some of the sessions.

We have decided that we will not be limiting numbers, so **there are still places if you wish to apply**. There are 3 closing dates for registration as follows:

Closing date 5th May for:

- Friday 7th May – 1900 – Session 1 – **Peter Varney** – from an anthropological perspective
- Saturday 8th May – 1030 – Session 2 – **Philip Young** – from a Christian perspective
- Saturday 8th May – 1430 – Session 3 – **Arif Hussain** – from a Muslim perspective

Closing date 10th May for:

- Wednesday 12th May – 1900 – Session 4 – **Murray Corke** – from a Zen Buddhist perspective

Closing date 12th May for:

- Friday 14th May – 1900 – Session 5 – **Julian Barbour** – from a scientific perspective
- Saturday 15th May – 1030 – Session 6 – **Sharada Sugirtharajah** – from a Hindu perspective
- Saturday 15th May – 1430 – Session 7 – Bringing it all together and looking forward

Each of Sessions 1-6 will be about 1¾ hours long and will involve a talk, small group discussion in breakout rooms, and a plenary. Session 7 will not have a speaker but will try to summarise the whole conference and look forward to the future.

Because we are using Zoom we will not be charging participants. Each talk will be recorded and put on the website; also in June or July we hope to publish a pamphlet containing all the talks.

How to register for the conference

You will register for all the events of the conference, even though you may choose not to attend all of them.

We would like you to register by visiting our website, e.g. by clicking on <https://qug.org.uk/>

You will see a registration box on the top right of the homepage.

You will need to state your name, email address and some information to help us register you (which might be your local Quaker meeting, if appropriate).

If you have any difficulty with applying through the website, or any questions, please just reply to this email, giving the relevant information.

When you have registered you should receive an acknowledgement within a week. If you do not hear back from us in this time please email contact@qug.org.uk.

Joining instructions will be sent out to all those registered shortly before the events take place. Full details of when this will occur will be sent to you when we acknowledge your application.

BYM Online - July/August 2021

We are delighted to announce that Rex Ambler has agreed to be our speaker under the title of 'Time and Eternity' in our online special interest meeting at Britain Yearly Meeting this year. He will follow up our conference from a Quaker perspective. We do not have a date yet, but it is likely to be in the week beginning July 25th. We will inform you when we have more details.

Friends World Committee for Consultation – General Secretary

Since QUG is concerned with worldwide faiths we have been asked to advertise the position of General Secretary of the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). Quoting from their website, 'FWCC provides the connective tissue for the world body of Quakers. FWCC is developing an ever growing network of both spiritual and practical relationships, gathering the Quaker voice which can speak to the world.'

If you wish to find out more about this post please visit the FWCC website at <http://fwcc.world/about-fwcc/general-secretary-search>

Contacting us, questions and unsubscribing

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