

## William Penn Quaker Workcamps

Are you looking for a way to invigorate your service learning programs?

Are you looking to make a sustainable difference in the world?

Are you seeking ways to connect or re-energize your faith with action?

Do you want to be a part of creative and collaborative actions that think and act outside the box?

Are you looking to tap into your own potential, or inspire others to find their own voice in peace and justice work?

Whether it is

- ◇ spiritual development,
- ◇ critical thinking,
- ◇ personal and professional development,
- ◇ leadership,
- ◇ effective and sustainable service
- ◇ congregational outreach

WPQW can play an important role in seeking the right questions that inspire new ideas, relationships and actions to help serve the world.



William Penn House is a Quaker center on Capitol Hill that engages people from all walks of life with issues of peace, reconciliation, social and economic justice, and environmental awareness, through inward reflection, hands-on experience, education, and community building. We support and celebrate those who “speak truth to power” and seeks to make visible the Quaker values of peace, community, simplicity, equality and truth.

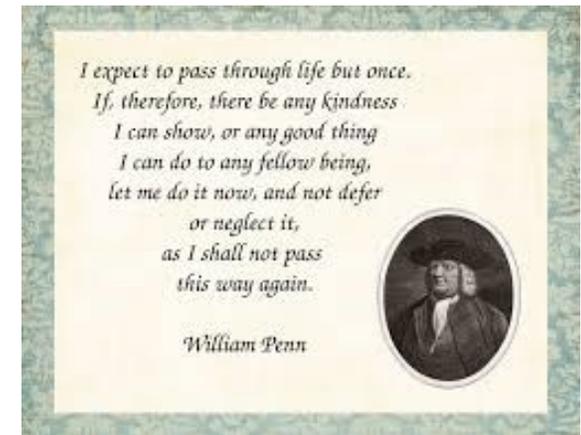
We welcome you to join us. Our 30-bed hostel provides comfortable, affordable lodging in the historic Capitol Hill neighborhood. We have volunteer opportunities, monthly potluck dinner/dialogs, and daily Meeting for Worship. We also offer weekly yoga classes. See our website for more.



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A Program of William Penn House



*Led by the vision of William Penn,  
we strive to create the  
Peaceable Kingdom through  
service, learning, and leadership  
development and an adherence  
to Quaker  
principles and practice*

## A New Name

## Grounded in Principles

## For a New Era

**Quaker Workcamps** are nearing a milestone of 100 years of internationally-recognized service. Countless people through the years have participated in Workcamps and both founded and deepened their connection to Quakerism.

Over time, many of these Quaker Workcamps have either been laid down or

become permanent programs doing great work but with limited “Workcamp” opportunities.

There are, exceptions. Washington Quaker Workcamps started in the 1980’s, and has continued to this day. Over the past decade, WQW has embarked in a journey of exploring what it means to be a Quaker Workcamp in the 21st century, how new technologies help guide the process, and what role Workcamps can play in meeting the challenges of our times, for Quakers as well as for the world.

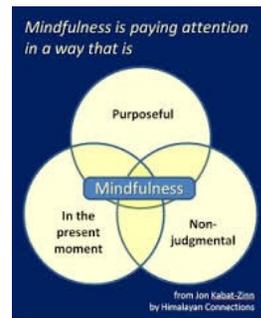
Changing the name to **William Penn**

**Q u a k e r Workcamps** represents this change. The guiding principles and program offerings tell the rest of the story.



When William Penn arrived in colonial America, he set out to create the Peaceable Kingdom. This vision is still a work in progress. With 21st century realities and technologies, new strategies are needed to keep working towards that vision. WPQW is committed to doing just that..

The 3 Principles that guide us are:



**Mindfulness.** In all of our Workcamps, we stress the importance of being in the moment. This mindfulness challenges assumptions of what we think is needed so that we can see things and people with open eyes and hearts.

### **Connectedness.**

Transcending issues, we emphasize connectedness to place and people. By appreciating the sanctity of place, we take time to



**Make a positive difference.** When the first two principles are practiced well, sustainable and authentic relationships are formed that are the bedrock of a healthy, just and peaceful world. In this way, we see how all issues are connected and aligning our words and wishes with our daily action strengthens the impact of our actions.

There are many ways to get involved:

### **Join a Workcamp**

Every year, we offer a one-week Workcamp in Washington DC and a two-week Workcamp on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. These are open to people of all ages. We also welcome individuals to join us for local volunteering with fellowship breakfasts and community gardening throughout the year.

### **Develop a Workcamp for your group in Washington DC**

We welcome the opportunity to work with school- and congregationally-based groups in developing a Workcamp to meet your needs while operating from our principles. We can provide lodging and program for up to 35 people.

### **Gap Year/Youth Leadership**

We welcome Workcamp veterans to be a part of leading Workcamps. We also have a Gap Year Program to support young adults in nurturing their own leadings and skills

### **Invite us to come to you**

We can facilitate discussions and workshops with group leaders, youth programs, and congregations to learn more about integrating these practices into your own community.

Visit our website to find the latest program offerings. We also have resources available for Workcamp leaders or those interested in learning more.