

**Christian Friends Conference - Western Region
Berkeley Friends Church**

**Saturday March 18, 2017
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

The quarterly meeting of the Christian Friends Conference - WR will take place on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Berkeley Friends Church located at 1600 Sacramento Street at the corner of Cedar, in Berkeley. Lunch is brown bag (bring your own). Beverages and bagels will be provided in the morning.

Tentative schedule:

9:00-9:30	Set up and introductions
9:30-10:00	Bible reading in worship
10:00-12:00	Waiting worship upon the Lord
12:00-1:00	Fellowship over brown bag lunch
1:00-2:00	Short business meeting and announcements
2:00-3:00	Waiting worship upon the Lord
3:00-3:30	Clean up

"[George] Fox understood Jesus--he who never fell like Adam--as both the advent and the fulfillment or embodiment of the new messianic age, of the Kingdom that was (and would always be) present in the *now*. This eternal now, so to speak was the spiritual 'place' where Jesus continually passed on his mantle to a new people, a holy 'nation' or Kingdom, a dimension with no new outer religion or personality cult. Consequently, the Friends would come to objectify themselves as 'they who are called Quakers' or 'a people in scorn called Quakers', internalizing the Hebrew idea that a kingdom was impossible until a 'nation' was formed. That is to say, while the world knew them as 'Quakers', what concerned Fox and the movement was their readiness as a chosen people or 'nation' to be at the command of God in ever walking the Way of peace until the fullness of time. The Kingdom, then, could never be a short-term event or experience because God alone [is] its eternal and ever-immanent inspiration." *The Early Quakers and the 'Kingdom of God,'* Gerard Guiton, 2012, p. 177, available from Charles Martin at <www.innerlightbooks.com>.