

Quakers & The Climate March
New York City
Sunday, September 21, 2014

The People's Climate March is upon us! Quakers are traveling from near and far to join together in demanding action. Faith groups will gather Sunday morning for an interfaith service on 58th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues. Quakers will be on the north side of the block, closer to 8th Avenue. However, you must enter from the 9th Avenue side, as 8th Avenue will be blocked off. March organizers expect this block to fill up by 10:00 AM. A second faith group staging area will be located at Central Park West and 81st Street. Look for QUAKER signs, banners and balloons. Some Friends will go directly to the march. Others will gather and worship at one of the area meetinghouses prior to the march.

This email includes:

1. Information from local area Quaker meetings.
2. Information about how Friends can stay in touch via cell phone
3. Information for Friends concerned with mobility issues
4. Tips for marchers
5. Links to information about the march route

From Brooklyn Friends Meeting: 110 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Visit www.brooklynmeeting.org for directions. There will be two contingents traveling from Brooklyn Meeting on Sunday: one group will leave the Meeting House at 10:00 AM in order to attend a multi-faith worship service which begins at 11:00 AM. Another contingent will attend the 11:00 AM meeting for worship at Brooklyn Meeting and leave together upon the rise of meeting, shortly after 12 noon.

From Fifteenth Street Friends Meeting: 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003. Visit <http://fifteenth.quaker.org> for directions.

On Saturday September 20, Friends are invited to a Pasta & BYOPizza networking party at 5:00PM; meeting for worship at 7:00 PM.; followed by fellowship. If you plan to attend the networking party, please email office@nyym.org.

On Sunday September 21, there will be a 9:30 AM meeting for worship. At 10:30 AM Friends will gather in the courtyard and travel together to the march site.

Flushing Friends Meeting: Flushing Friends going to the march will worship at 9:00 AM and travel together to the march at rise of worship. Visit .

From Manhattan Friends Meeting: 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003. Visit <http://fifteenth.quaker.org> for directions. Friends will gather at 9:30 AM for a programmed meeting for worship. Friends will then travel together with 15th Street to the march.

From Morningside Friends Meeting: 12th Floor Tower Room, Riverside Church, 91 Claremont Avenue, New York, NY 10027. Visit www.morningsidemeeting.org for directions. Friends will worship at 11:00 AM and then travel together to the march site. Others will travel individually to the march in order to attend the interfaith service which begins at 11:00 AM.

Bus Drop Off- - Faith groups coming in on day buses will be dropped off on West 86th Street. They may join the 81st Street & Central Park West interfaith staging area.

ALL these times are approximate.

The march will start at 11:30 am from Columbus Circle. The route for the People's Climate March is: <http://www.quakerearthcare.org/article/approved-route-peoples-climate-march>

Organizers expect the faith contingent to join the march some time between 12:30 and 1:30pm. For more information and updates visit

<http://peoplesclimate.org/faith/> and <http://peoplesclimate.org/faith/logistics-for-the-interfaith-contingent/>.

The website of the Metropolitan Transit Authority is:

<http://web.mta.info/nyct/service/events/PeoplesClimateMarchSept2014.htm>

There will be port-o-johns at the staging areas and at the end.

There will be water! We have just learned that there will be water filling stations along the march route. So, please bring your reusable water bottles and spread the word.

COMMUNICATIONS: Keep in touch with Quakers via CELLY – If you would like to receive updates via text messages on the day of the march and the day before the march, follow these instructions. Whether or not you have already sent Margaret Lew your cell number, please follow these steps to receive texts from either Roy Taylor or from Margaret :

1. Send a text to the following address: 23559
2. The text message that you send is: @QuakerPCM

After sending this text, you should receive a response telling you that you are now in our loop. Margaret and Roy will only use this the day before the march and the day of the march.

Twitter: #ClimateMarchQuakers and @NYCityQuakers

YouTube: Quaker People's Climate: www.youtube.com/channel/UC9bYtv3oflmv-YDyz4rkplA

WBAI Pacifica Radio - will cover the march live. Tune into 99.5 FM.

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1) Wheelchairs – Will available for people who do not have their own but would like to use one for the day. These will be available at two locations: 1. In the assembly area where the elders contingent is gathering. This is on Central Park West at 68th Street. The closest entrance to this area is on 72nd Street, coming from Columbus Ave. 2. The second location is on the North West corner of 44th Street and 6th Ave. about 1/2 way through the march route. There will only be a

limited number of wheelchairs. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

2) Location for People with Disabilities Half Way Through the March – People who want to participate but know they cannot make the whole route can gather on the North West corner of 44th Street and 6th Ave. about 1/2 way through the march route. At some point during the march we will integrate people into the flow of the march. The time to be determined. Anyone who starts at the assembly location but cannot finish the entire march can leave at this location and rest there.

3) Vans to Pick Up People - At the very end of the march, two buses will pick up people who are unable to complete the march, for whatever reason. If people can go to the location at 44th Street and 6th Avenue that would be good, but it will not be necessary. You can just wait wherever you are and when you see the vans at the end wave your hands. The vans will take people to the closing activities at 11th Ave.

Those who, because of mobility limitations, don't want to or can't walk the whole route can wait on **the NE corner of 44th and 6th Avenue** for the Interfaith Contingent, and join us there. Folks who started at the beginning but need to exit early can also do so there. You may bring what you need for assistance in walking, and/or one of those folding cane-stools. But please travel as light as possible.

4) Port-o-Johns - There will be port-o-johns along Central Park West in the assembly area, and at the 11th Ave. location of the closing activities. Many of these will be ADA compliant, and we will add the specific locations of those to this information as soon as possible.

TIPS FOR THE MARCH

Bring snacks, water, sunscreen. The march route will be blocked off and it will be very difficult to break away for any reason. The march could take a couple of hours. So, you'll want to bring a reusable bottle of water and a granola bar (or something like it) for snacking. And, be sure to protect yourself from the mid-day sun with sunscreen and/or a hat.

Limited bathroom facilities. There will be port-o-johns at the beginning and end of the march, but none along the route. Please plan accordingly.

Light folding-chair. If you think you'll have a hard time standing around, especially at the beginning of the march and at the end, you may want to bring a light folding-chair.

Lookout for climate deniers. We have heard rumors that our opponents will be sending obnoxious faux journalists and agitators in an effort to make us look foolish. If you are confronted by anyone asking for your opinion of the march and why you're there, please keep this in mind. Don't get into any arguments or debates with these people—especially if you have a camera in your face. Be aware that anything you say can and likely will be edited to do the most damage, even if you "win the argument." At all times, keep your cool, smile, and when in doubt, just say no comment and move on.

