

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC) has continued to honor our core as a community while still listening to the concerns about human and environmental health. We have met monthly and quarterly online, sharing worship space both for spiritual enrichment and for business.

Our monthly worships are on first Saturdays, and they are open to anyone who inquires. We have an ongoing rotation of volunteer hosts and tech hosts which has resulted in a rich tapestry of giving and receiving.

We did not have an in-person Midwinter Gathering in 2022, but there is movement afoot to host an in-person event in 2023, partially in response to the feedback from the Gathering Anew listening sessions hosted by FGC.

After a jubilee year, we allowed our business and functional structures to regrow organically. Over the past year, a group of members undertook the project of examining what has grown as well as asking the community what should grow. The result of many worship sharing sessions is a business structure comprised of Heart, Worship, Tech, and Financial teams. This structure attempts to be a consistent body, focusing on recognizing and nurturing Friends' gifts, connecting new Friends and searchers to FLGBTQC, reaching out to Friends who have been absent or who are struggling, and facilitating care where it is needed.

Many of our members were in service to the 2022 FGC summer Gathering, via workshop leaders, volunteer positions, and clerking work. Of particular interest to SCYM, Rebecca and Suzanne Cole Sullivan served on the clerking team for the 2022 Gathering alongside Keira Wilson, Toby Berla, and Martin Melville. As far as we are aware, Rebecca and Suzanne were the first queer couple to clerk the Gathering together. (There were several other queer clerks before, but they did not have the pleasure of clerking with their partners.) The 2023 Gathering clerks are also members of FLGBTQC.

We are honored by your continued support. FLGBTQC is a home and a haven for worship and play. All F/friends who carry a concern aligned with ours are welcome in our fellowship.

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