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EXPERIMENTS IN HOLY CONVERSATION: CONNECTING WITH THE SPIRIT THROUGH PRAYER, LISTENING AND EXPECTANT WORSHIP

BETSY BLAKE AND MARGARET COOLEY
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An offering in the program series **CRACKED OPEN:**
GOING DEEPER INTO THE WHY, WHAT AND HOW OF OUR QUAKER PRACTICE

Sliding-scale cost includes program, housing and meals, Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Scholarships are also available.

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In this workshop we will explore new ways to pray, that is, speak to God, as well as the balance of being a faithful listener in and outside of worship Opportunities. We will spend a weekend in worship, story-sharing, discussion, creative fellowship and hands-on activities to develop our connection to the Divine.

Led by Friends from programmed and unprogrammed traditions, we invite you to come as you are, while being open to the discovery of new language and practices. Together, we will listen. How is the Spirit prompting you?

Betsy Blake is a member of First Friends Meeting of Greensboro, NC. A lifelong Friend and frequently requested speaker, Betsy has served in campus, workshop, and itinerant pastoral ministry settings for many years. She is in the process of becoming a recorded Friends minister under the care of NCYM-FUM. Betsy was the North-American Based Coordinator for the 2005 World Gathering of Young Friends which took place in England. She is co-producer of "Can We All Be Friends," a documentary on Quaker diversity. Currently residing in Philadelphia, Betsy is self-employed as a business, marketing and communications consultant for progressive businesses and organizations.



Margaret Cooley is part of Mount Toby (MA) Friends Meeting. She currently serves as clerk of Ministry & Counsel of New England Yearly Meeting and is the director of Woolman Hill. Margaret grew up in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends and has wrestled mightily with the concept of prayer. She looks forward to listening to, conversing with, and learning from the holy throughout the weekend.

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COST & REGISTRATION

The standard rate for this retreat is \$190 (with a sliding scale of \$160-\$220). The fee includes program, lodging and food. Commuter rate is \$130. Please ask if you need additional scholarship funds. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold a space for a program. If you need to cancel, the deposit can be applied toward a future workshop.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Plan to arrive after 5pm Friday evening, in time for dinner at 6:30. The workshop will end by 2pm on Sunday. We are centrally located in western Massachusetts, close to both I-91 and Route 2. For those arriving by car, we will send directions when you register. Please let us know if you'd be interested in carpooling. The nearest Amtrak train station is in Amherst. Vermont Transit and Peter Pan bus lines stop in Greenfield. Please contact us to arrange a ride from these stations.

ROOM & BOARD

Our 19th-century farmhouse has hand-hewn beams and wide pine floors, with simple dorm-style lodging. The meetinghouse and the first floor of the main building are wheelchair accessible. We serve nourishing, primarily vegetarian, home-cooked meals and always offer a vegetarian option. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. Part of the community building at each retreat includes the joyful sharing of meal chores and clean-up.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring your own toiletries, towels, and bedding (sleeping bag or sheets and blankets or comforter). Pillows are provided. Be sure to bring seasonally appropriate clothes and comfortable indoor and outdoor footwear. You might also like to bring a flashlight, journal, musical instrument... Please do NOT bring pets or candles. We have limited internet access and cell phone reception. We encourage guests to consider whether cell phone or computer use will detract from their experience of being fully present, here and now.

To register for this program, please fill out the information below and send it to us with a \$50 deposit made payable to Woolman Hill. The balance is due at the beginning of the workshop. For more details about our programs and facilities, please visit our website (www.woolmanhill.org) or use the above contact information.

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E-MAIL:	PHONE:
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Enclosed is \$_____. I plan to pay a total of \$_____ on the sliding scale of \$160-\$220 (\$190 standard rate).	
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