



JANUARY 9-11, 2015  
NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING  
COMMITTEE ON CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

## CONFLICT IN MONTHLY MEETINGS: CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY?

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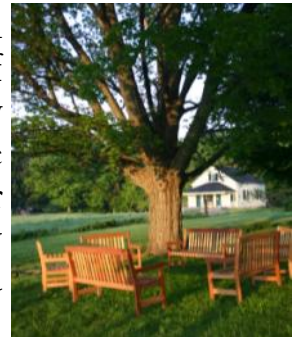
Program cost of \$195  
includes program,  
housing and meals.  
Sliding scale and  
scholarships are  
available.

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This workshop aims to help Friends develop the capacity, vocabulary, and skills to identify and address conflict with confidence, in a way that strengthens the Meeting as a faith community. In New York Yearly Meeting, the Committee on Conflict Transformation serves in part as a resource to train Friends in the skills of conflict acknowledgement, understanding, and engagement.

The workshop is for anyone interested in deepening their awareness and understanding of the sources and promises of conflict in monthly meetings. Ideally meetings will send two or three Friends. Members of Ministry & Counsel (or their equivalent) committees are particularly encouraged to participate. Participants should plan to be present for all sessions.



*Heather M. Cook* carries a concern for preventing and healing from violence, particularly sexual violence, by helping individuals, relationships, and communities restore themselves to balance. A professional life coach, Heather is certified in the Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience program at Eastern Mennonite University. She is a member of the New York Yearly Meeting Committee on Conflict Transformation, and formerly served as clerk of New York Yearly Meeting. She is a member of Central Finger Lakes (NY) Monthly Meeting.

*F. Peter Phillips* serves as Clerk of the New York Yearly Meeting Committee on Conflict Transformation. He is an attorney whose practice is limited to serving as mediator and arbitrator of business disputes, and practices in the New York City metropolitan region. He is also Director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills Program at New York Law School, where he also teaches. He is a member of Cornwall (NY) Monthly Meeting.

*Karen Reixach* is a convinced Quaker of 40-plus years, a member of New York Yearly Meeting Committee on Conflict Transformation, a graduate of School of the Spirit Ministries, part of Alternatives to Violence Project facilitation teams in New York State prisons, and an occasional elder for Susan Regen's forgiveness workshops. She is a member of Rochester (NY) Monthly Meeting and a new resident in EcoVillage at Ithaca, NY.

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#### COST & REGISTRATION

The standard rate for this retreat is **\$195 (with a sliding scale of \$165-\$225)**. The fee includes program, lodging and food from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Commuter rate is \$135. Please ask if you need 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 4:30pm 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 after you register. Please let us know if you'd be interested in carpooling. The nearest Amtrak train station is in Greenfield or Springfield. Vermont Transit and Peter Pan bus lines stop in Greenfield. Please contact us in advance to arrange a ride from these stations.

#### ROOM & BOARD

Our 19<sup>th</sup>-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, OR TO REGISTER ON-LINE, please visit our website ([www.woolmanhill.org](http://www.woolmanhill.org)).

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NAME:	
E-MAIL:	PHONE:
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MONTHLY MEETING (if applicable):	
Enclosed is \$ _____. I plan to pay a total of \$ _____. (\$195 standard, \$165-\$225 sliding scale, \$135 commuter)	
DIETARY, HOUSING, OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS:	