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BETWEEN

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YEARLY MEETING

WOOLMAN HILL
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The teaching team for NWFF will include Marcelle Martin (author of *Our Life is Love: the Quaker Spiritual Journey*) as the core teacher; Janet Hough, Anne Pomeroy and LVM Shelton as elder/mentors; and residency guest teachers Xinef Afriam, Callid and Kristina Keefe-Perry, and Noah Merrill.

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NURTURING WORSHIP, FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS

AUGUST 2017—MAY 2018

A PROGRAM WITH RESIDENCIES,
ON-LINE AND LOCAL COMPONENTS

Nurturing Worship, Faith, and Faithfulness (NWFF) is a multi-generational faith and leadership program to help Friends explore ways to meet God more deeply, hone methods of discernment, reach for fuller faithfulness, and ultimately bring these gifts and strengthened abilities home to their local meetings and beyond. The program is structured to set in place support, encouragement, and accountability. It includes three weekend residencies from August 2017 through May 2018 at Woolman Hill, with online and at-home work before and between residencies. The class members will become a community of practice so as to support each other in providing and receiving spiritual nurture to and from local meetings in lasting ways.

Our Quaker tradition is a path that, when lived deeply and faithfully, can have a tremendous transforming and healing effect on the world. Our hope is to seed deeper worship and faith through this program, as well as greater spiritual vitality and faithfulness in our local meetings. The program is designed to help educate, equip, and support ministers, elders, leaders, Quaker pastors, and other Friends concerned to nurture the faith life of their community and/or to grow in faithfulness. Participants will be given specific guidance, practice, and support in deeply sharing their Quaker faith, first in their own meetings or churches, and then in the larger world. Participants will undertake projects and ministry to bring new worship, religious education, and other opportunities to their meetings and to other groups.

The program's three residencies at Woolman Hill total nine overnights. In addition, there will be a short mid-course retreat organized by regional groups. Between residencies, participants will engage in an online webinar once a month, and connect once a month with local (or virtual) Faithfulness Groups, as well as meet once every six weeks with a care committee based in their local meeting.

DATES OF RESIDENCIES AT WOOLMAN HILL:

August 31-September 4, 2017 (Thursday through Monday)

December 7-10, 2017 (Thursday through Sunday)

May 4-6, 2018 (Friday through Sunday)

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 15, 2017

Applications will be considered as they arrive, until the program is full.

DEADLINE to request childcare: July 31, 2017

COST: The sliding scale is actual cost \$1,900 per person, average cost \$1,530, and limited income cost \$1,000. We have also received grant funding to assist with additional scholarships. We strongly encourage meetings to financially support participation by individuals from their meeting, and encourage participants to apply for financial assistance from a variety of sources.

MORE INFO: WWW.WOOLMANHILL.ORG/UPCOMINGPROGRAMS/NWFF/