

# PARENTING THROUGH THE LENS OF QUAKER FAITH AND PRACTICE

## EXPLORING THE MISSION AND WORK OF THE QUAKER PARENTING INITIATIVE

### MARCH 9-11, 2018

Generous grant funding allows us to accept a limited number of registrants at no charge; please register early to take advantage of this offer. (The standard program cost of \$220 includes program, housing and meals.)

Childcare will be provided for registrations received by March 2nd.

Register online at [www.woolmanhill.org](http://www.woolmanhill.org).

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Parents bring their children to meeting seeking a spiritual home for their children and for themselves. They wonder if Quakerism speaks to their parenting. How does parenting fit into one's spiritual journey?

Children's spiritual lives are ideally nourished at home as well as at First Day School. How can Meetings, through pastoral care and religious education, support parents, caregivers and children on their spiritual journeys?

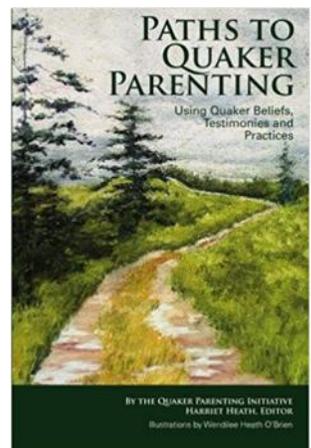
The Quaker Parenting Initiative (QPI) evolved out of an effort to address some of these questions. Currently QPI provides facilitators for workshops and discussion series in which participants explore how Quaker beliefs and testimonies can give guidance in how to nurture children.

This weekend is designed to reflect on what we offer Quaker parents. We will spend time sharing experiences of raising Quaker children, discussing the needs of parents in our meetings, reviewing current programs and envisioning next steps. We will introduce the Quaker foundation of the QPI program; experience a core portion of the program; reflect and ask questions about the program; discuss and plan how to support Quaker parents. We hope others who have a similar concern for parents and families will join us. For those interested in becoming QPI facilitators, this weekend is part of the training process that will start mid-January (please express interest when you register).

Come with curiosity. Go home with new skills, ideas, and F/friends!

*Facilitated by trained leaders of Quaker Parenting Initiative programs: Harriet Heath (Radnor Meeting, coordinator of the Quaker Parenting Initiative), Melinda Wenner Bradley (West Chester Meeting), Emma Richter (Moorestown Meeting) and Martha Smith (Moorestown Meeting).*

You can learn more about the Quaker Parenting Initiative at [www.quakerparenting.org](http://www.quakerparenting.org).



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### COST & REGISTRATION

Generous grant funding allows us to accept a limited number of registrants at no charge. The standard rate for this retreat is \$220, with a sliding scale of \$160-330. The fee includes program, lodging and food from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Commuter rate is \$160. **Please register early**; if, by the time you register, grant funding is no longer available, Woolman Hill staff will contact you to discuss payment options.

### 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 (MA). Vermont Transit and Peter Pan bus lines also stop in Greenfield. Please contact us in advance to see if we can 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. Our cabins have electricity, woodstoves and outhouses. 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 final 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 how cell phone or computer use may detract from their experience of being fully present, here and now.

**TO REGISTER ON-LINE** for this program, or for more details about our programs and facilities, please visit our website ([www.woolmanhill.org](http://www.woolmanhill.org)). OR fill out the information below and send it to the address above.

<b>Quaker Parenting Initiative, March 9-11, 2018</b>		
NAME:		MONTHLY MEETING (if applicable):
E-MAIL:	PHONE:	Circle: home / work / mobile
STREET ADDRESS: CITY, STATE, ZIP:		
__ Check if childcare needed, and indicate child(ren)'s name(s) and age(s):		
PLEASE SHARE BRIEFLY ABOUT YOUR INTEREST IN THIS PROGRAM AND/OR EXPERIENCE WITH QPI:		
<b>DIETARY NEEDS</b> <i>Please check any that apply:</i> __ Vegetarian __ Vegan __ Gluten-free __ No-dairy Other:	<b>HOUSING</b> <i>Please check any that apply:</i> __ Commuting __ Prefer main building __ Prefer cabin    __ Light sleeper __ Trouble with stairs    __ I snore __ Need to be near bathroom Other:	<b>TRANSPORT</b> <i>Please check any that apply:</i> __ Willing to offer ride(s) __ Need ride __ Willing to drive or ride __ Willing to have my contact info shared __ Would like public transport info Other: