

## Application for 2019-2020 NURTURING FAITHFULNESS program

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MEETING/CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Write a summary** (2-4 pages) of your concern or call to a life of deeper faithfulness, including the blessings and challenges involved. Have you felt a desire to help deepen the worship, faith life, or faithfulness of your meeting or faith community? Please include reflections on how your life experience relates to this. Share an experience where you submitted your sense of call or leading to the discernment of an elder, a clearness committee, or your faith community. Tell about a time when counsel from an elder or friend helped you discover and understand a blind spot in your practice or efforts to be faithful.

**B. Reflect briefly in writing on the following discernment questions.** These questions are meant for your own discernment and to assist with the admission process.

1. Are you able to make the time commitment that this program calls for? (i.e., daily spiritual practice, attendance at all four retreats (three at Woolman Hill and one organized in your region), reading up to 100 pages per month, preparing two reflection papers, meeting monthly with a Faithfulness Group and regularly with a care/support committee.)
2. Are you willing and able to engage with the teaching team (including elders and mentors) and the other course participants through regular email exchanges and monthly online webinars between retreats?
3. What challenges might there be for you in this form of communication?
4. Are you dealing with personal needs that demand a major part of your attention at this time? (e.g., recent loss, emotional issues, financial or family pressures, professional demands)
5. For your safety/health, are there limitations that might affect your participation in this program?
6. Do you have persons in mind who might serve on your care/support committee?
7. How will you pay for this program?
8. Have other questions arisen in your discernment process to enter into this program?

**LETTER OF SUPPORT:** Please ask a group of two or more people, preferably from your local faith community, to engage in a clearness process with you. Then ask one to write a recommendation for your participation in this program. The clearness process might include addressing some of the questions in section B above. The letter of support should include the group's sense of your gifts and appropriateness for the program at this point in your life, and the names of those participating in the process. The letter of support should be submitted with your application. If you have questions about any aspect of the application process, you may contact Marcelle Martin or Hilary Burgin at [nf@woolmanhill.org](mailto:nf@woolmanhill.org)

Letter of Support contact person:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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MEETING/CHURCH/CONNECTION TO APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

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**Early application date: April 1, 2019.** Priority is given to NEYM members/attenders who apply by then. Later applications will be considered until the class is full (24 participants).

Until July 22, 2019, several places are reserved for Young Adults.

**Please submit the above form and your responses to sections A and B via e-mail to [nf@woolmanhill.org](mailto:nf@woolmanhill.org)**