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EXPLORING THE UNWRITTEN RULES OF MEETING FOR WORSHIP

DEBBIE HUMPHRIES & KATHLEEN WOOTEN

FEBRUARY 15-17, 2013

An offering in the program series **CRACKED OPEN:**
Going deeper into the why, what and how of our Quaker practice

Have you ever felt challenged by unspoken assumptions in worship? What about your own self-imposed rules? Have you secretly or not-so-secretly wished someone *else* in your meeting operated more in line with those same rules? Have you ever wondered who decreed that disco balls should not be hung in the meeting room? Who is setting the norms? Are they God-given or are they human constructs? How do these ‘rules’ affect our experience of worship?

In this weekend workshop we will explore (sometimes playfully) our use of language, assumptions, and the “hidden rules” of our experience and culture of worship. We hope through this exploration of worship in our home meetings, we will all be encouraged and prepared to further strengthen and deepen our own spiritual practices, and to contribute more fully to the corporate worship experience.

Debbie Humphries, a member of Hartford (CT) Meeting, is a public health nutritionist and teacher with a calling to travel in the ministry. She has been travelling among Friends in New England Yearly Meeting for the last eight years and has led workshops at the Friends General Conference gathering, NEYM Sessions, and Woolman Hill.

Kathleen Wooten, a member of Lawrence (MA) Monthly Meeting, carries a minute from her meeting naming a concern for intervisitation and has travelled among Friends for the past two years. She is also a public school music educator, and has led multiple workshops around the themes of encouraging community and integrating the arts in education.

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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.

UNWRITTEN RULES, February 15-17, 2013

NAME:

E-MAIL:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

MONTHLY MEETING (if applicable):

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

DIETARY, HOUSING, OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS: