

DOING IT IN THE LIGHT

EXPLORING WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT SEXUALITY

Peter Blood and Jessica Hipp
March 15-17, 2013

Co-sponsored
by New England
Yearly Meeting's
Working Party on
Spirituality and
Sexual Ethics

Program cost
of \$190 includes
program, housing
and meals, Friday
dinner through
Sunday lunch.
Scholarships are
available - please ask!

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Fifty years after the publication of *Towards a Quaker View of Sex*, most Friends still find it hard to talk to each other about sex. Through worship-sharing, journaling and readings, we'll dive into topics such as joy and celebration, how we can live faithfully

through stages of personal development, the role our meetings can play in nurturing and sustaining relationships, and ways we can help each other experience healing and forgiveness from shame and self-doubt.

We hope to offer an open and safe opportunity to share together, as well as space for personal reflection. Friends (and fellow travelers) from age 15 to 95 welcome!

NOTE: This program is limited to 15 participants, and will run concurrently with a program on writing and yoga.

Jessica Hipp serves as assistant clerk of NEYM's Working Party on Spirituality and Sexual Ethics. She has a concern for opening dialogue around sexuality and spirituality within meetings and faith communities. She is a member of Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting and worships at Amesbury Monthly Meeting. *Peter Blood-Patterson* has been encouraging Friends to explore their values around sexuality for half a century. He is a certified Clinical Nurse Specialist and clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. A member of Mount Toby Monthly Meeting, he has taught Quakerism classes and led retreats extensively among Friends.



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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.

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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 \$_____ on the sliding scale of \$160-\$220 (\$190 standard rate).	
DIETARY, HOUSING, OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS:	