

MARCH 18-20, 2016 (FRIDAY TO SUNDAY)

RENEWAL AND RESOURCES: A SPRING WEEKEND WITH  
OUR FIRST DAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE  
WITH *BETH COLLEA & MELINDA WENNER BRADLEY*

CO-SPONSORED BY NEYM'S QUAKER YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Join us for a weekend of learning and support for those engaged in the ministry of children's religious education. We'll share resources and thinking from the growing edges of children's RE and spiritual formation, as well as gather the community of practice around perennial issues (rebuilding a FDS, curriculum planning, sporadic attendance, behavioral issues, etc). Participants will come away from the weekend affirmed and refreshed, and ready to move forward whether you're newly stepping into this work or a seasoned teacher. Our time will include plenaries, experiential learning, small group and whole group discussions. We will ground our time in worship and fellowship together.

Topics for the weekend include: children's spirituality; shapes and models for FDS: resources and planning; outreach and in-reach: nurturing families in our meetings; differences and inclusion: FDS today and anti-racism resources; child safety resources.

This workshop is appropriate for religious education/FDS committee members and teachers; parents; Friends interested in supporting religious education, children and families in our meeting communities; and teachers from Friends schools interested in these topics.

*Beth Collea* serves as the Religious Education and Outreach Coordinator for New England Yearly Meeting. Carrying a concern for a contemporary stewardship of the Quaker message, she explores and encourages new approaches to programming for today's youth and adults. She facilitates the Quaker Outreach Pilot Project of NEYM and is creating a new style of outreach materials that engage as well as inform. *Melinda Wenner Bradley* is a religious education consultant



and trainer, whose work weaves together interests in children's spiritual lives, program development, and how to support families and teachers in meeting communities. She has been an accredited Godly Play® trainer since 2010, focusing on trainings for Quaker meetings and Friends schools, and is a co-author of Faith & Play™: Quaker Stories for Friends Trained in the Godly Play® Method. *Melinda and Beth* are founding members of the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC), an international grassroots network of Friends holding a sense of stewardship for life-long Quaker faith formation through religious education.



Program cost of \$195 includes program, housing and meals. Sliding scale and scholarships are available. We encourage meetings to send representatives and provide additional funding for them.

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#### COST & REGISTRATION

The standard rate for this retreat is \$195 (with a sliding scale of \$165-\$225). The fee includes program, lodging and food from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Commuter rate is \$135. Please ask if you need 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 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 stop in Greenfield, Megabus stops in Amherst. Please contact us in advance to 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. 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 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 us with a \$50 deposit made payable to Woolman Hill. The balance is due at the beginning of the workshop.

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MONTHLY MEETING (if applicable):	
Enclosed is \$ _____. I plan to pay a total of \$ _____. (\$195 standard, \$165-\$225 sliding scale, \$135 commuter)	
DIETARY, HOUSING, OR OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS:	