

Come to Ben Lomond Quaker Center for an exciting weekend with convergent Friends to explore Quaker tradition and seek common ground across institutional boundaries....



# Reclaiming the Power of Primitive Quakerism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

with Robin Mohr, C. Wess Daniels  
& Martin Kelley

February 20 – 22, 2009

## Who is this program for?

- Are you seeking a deeper understanding of our Quaker heritage and a more authentic life in the kingdom of God on Earth, radically inclusive of all who seek to live this life?
- Do you think that some Quaker anachronisms are silly but you're willing to experiment to see which ones still hold Life and Power?
- Are you not sure what you believe about Jesus and Christ but are willing to wrestle with this question?
- Are you quite clear what you believe but you're willing to listen to others who are still struggling?
- Are you willing to listen and speak across the artificial boundaries and at the same time to respect the real differences and diversity that exist between and within Quaker institutions?

## What will this program include?

The weekend will include time to share some of our spiritual journeys in small groups and in writing. We will listen deeply and lovingly to one another, as we speak courageously and gently about our own experiences of the Truth. We will explore what we can learn from each other's stories, what it means to worship in Spirit and in Truth in the postmodern age, and how to share a lived faith as we serve all creation. We will walk in the redwoods, sing and laugh, have extended waiting worship, and eat together. We will experiment with some traditional Quaker practices and develop some tools to take home, to help us be the change we wish to see in our meetings, churches and the world. Expect inclusive and Christian language. For more detailed information about the content and the facilitators of the program, please visit [www.convergentfriends.org](http://www.convergentfriends.org).

To make this retreat accessible to families with young children we will be offering **child care** during the times that adult programming is in session, **if we are notified by February 1**. See the registration form for details and costs.

## What is the cost for this program?

The cost is a suggested sliding scale of between \$140 and \$220 per person, based on your discernment of your financial status. Nobody will be turned away because of inability to pay the fee. The fee includes the program, accommodations, and six meals. There is an additional fee for child care.

**Questions?** Call or email us at Quaker Center. We'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

# QUAKER CENTER

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I/we plan to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per person on the \$140-\$220/person sliding scale. (See below for more on this.)

Diet Restrictions/Special Housing Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we request child care for \_\_\_\_ child/children, age(s) and gender(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (See below for costs)

Save money and trees: Check here \_\_\_ to receive Quaker Center announcements exclusively by e-mail, and verify the e-mail address(es) to which announcements should be sent. \_\_\_\_\_

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YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER BY E-MAIL TO [MAIL@QUAKERCENTER.ORG](mailto:MAIL@QUAKERCENTER.ORG). YOUR E-MAIL REGISTRATION WILL HOLD YOUR PLACE FOR A WEEK PENDING RECEIPT OF YOUR DEPOSIT OF \$50/PERSON, PAYABLE TO **QUAKER CENTER**: MAIL TO **QUAKER CENTER, P.O. BOX 686, BEN LOMOND, CA 95005**.

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR SLIDING SCALE**

- **Comprehensive rate:** The top of our scale covers all our costs. (**\$220/person**). Many participants choose to support Quaker Center's work by paying this rate or more.
- **Standard rate:** We hope most people will pay at least this amount. (**\$175/person**)
- **Special reduced rate:** The bottom to our scale (**\$140/person**). However, no one is refused access to our programs because of lack of funds. Scholarship support is available; please ask if you are in need.
- **Child care:** Suggested fee: **\$100/child** for the weekend, including meals and accommodations with parent(s).
- We recognize that the full costs of this weekend may be prohibitive for a family. We encourage parents to discern what they can comfortably afford and to pay only that amount for the program.

**Schedule:** Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20. The program begins with dinner at 6:30 on Friday and concludes about 2:30 p.m. after brunch, final cleanup, and closing worship on Sunday, February 22.

**Food:** All meals at Quaker Center are vegetarian. Participants share in kitchen chores before and after each meal. Please let us know in advance about special dietary needs.

**Accommodations:** Sleeping accommodations will be in the Orchard Lodge (semi-private rooms). Bring a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillowcase, towel, soap, flashlight, and slippers. No pets please except for certified working animals. Inexpensive housing may be arranged the night before or after the program if needed.

**Refund Policy:** All but \$15 of your deposit can be refunded if you cancel more than one week before the program. After that the full standard deposit will be retained.

**Transportation:** See our website, [www.quakercenter.org](http://www.quakercenter.org) for directions. If you are arriving on public transportation let us know and we will provide whatever help we can.

## About The Leaders

The three facilitators of this weekend are well known Quaker bloggers. They have led conversations with convergent Friends at picnics and dinner parties, the FGC Gathering, Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas, and Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative). They have written about the renewal of the Religious Society of Friends in *Friends Journal*, *Friends Bulletin/Western Friend* and *Quaker Life*.

**Robin Mohr** is a member of San Francisco MM, Pacific YM. Her blog is called *What Canst Thou Say?* at <http://robinmsf.blogspot.com>. She coined the term "convergent Friends" in November 2005.

**C. Wess Daniels** is a member of the Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Region. He is now pursuing a PhD at Fuller Theological Seminary in Los Angeles on issues related to contemporary culture, missiology and renewal in Quaker meetings. He blogs at [www.gatheringinlight.com](http://www.gatheringinlight.com).

Before becoming an independent web developer, **Martin Kelley** worked for a number of years with Friends General Conference and Friends Journal. One of the earliest Quaker bloggers, he still writes [www.quakerranter.org](http://www.quakerranter.org) and since 2005 has published the Web-based Quaker magazine, [QuakerQuaker.org](http://QuakerQuaker.org). He has a passion for looking afresh at Friends' testimonies, language and practices.