

A COLLABORATION
BETWEEN

NEW ENGLAND
YEARLY MEETING

WOOLMAN HILL
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The teaching team for NWFF will include Marcelle Martin (author of *Our Life is Love: the Quaker Spiritual Journey*) as the core teacher, and Phil Fitz, Janet Hough, Anne Pomeroy and LVM Shelton as elder/mentors. One or more guest teachers may be present at residencies.

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NURTURING WORSHIP, FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS

AUGUST 2017—MAY 2018
A PROGRAM WITH RESIDENCIES,
ON-LINE AND LOCAL COMPONENTS

Nurturing Worship, Faith, and Faithfulness (NWFF) is a multi-generational faith and leadership program to help Friends in New England explore ways to meet God more deeply, hone methods of discernment, reach for fuller faithfulness, and ultimately bring these gifts and strengthened abilities home to their local meetings and beyond. The program is structured to set in place support, encouragement, and accountability. It includes three weekend residencies from August 2017-May 2018 at Woolman Hill, with online and at-home work before and between residencies. The class members will become a community of practice so as to support each other in providing and receiving spiritual nurture to and from local meetings in lasting ways.

Our Quaker tradition is a path that, when lived deeply and faithfully, can have a tremendous transforming and healing effect on the world. Our hope is to seed deeper worship and faith through this program, as well as greater spiritual vitality and faithfulness in our local meetings. The program is designed to help educate, equip, and support ministers, elders, leaders, and Quaker pastors from meetings and Friends churches in New England Yearly Meeting. Participants will be given specific guidance, practice, and support in deeply sharing their Quaker faith, first in their own meetings/Friends churches, and then in the larger world. Participants will undertake projects and ministry to bring new worship, religious education, and other opportunities to their meetings and to other groups.

The program's three residencies at Woolman Hill total nine overnights. In addition, there will be a short mid-course retreat organized by regional groups. Between residencies, participants will engage in online learning and discussion, and connect once a month with local (or virtual) Faithfulness Groups, as well as with a care committee based in their local meeting.

DATES OF RESIDENCIES AT WOOLMAN HILL:

August 31-September 4, 2017 (Thursday through Monday)

December 7-10, 2017 (Thursday through Sunday)

May 4-6, 2018 (Friday through Sunday)

EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 31, 2017

Priority will be given to members of NEYM for early applications.

Afterward, it will be open to Friends from other Yearly Meetings.

COST: We are offering a sliding scale, with an average cost of \$1530 per person. We have applied for grants which we hope will provide additional scholarship assistance; we hope to know complete funding results in May or June. We strongly encourage meetings to financially support participation by individuals from their meeting, and participants to apply directly for financial assistance.

MORE INFO: WWW.WOOLMANHILL.ORG/UPCOMINGPROGRAMS/NWFF/