

Ben Lomond Quaker Center is pleased to present a distinguished Quaker leader discussing a topic that will challenge and stimulate each of us.....



Quakers and Class: A Weekend with George Lakey December 11 -13, 2009

"True godliness doesn't turn men out of the world but enables them to live better in it, and excites their endeavors to mend it."
William Penn, 1682

What is the goal of this retreat, and what will happen? Class is all around us, but where do we go to "get real" about it? In this workshop we'll make visible some dynamics of class. We'll explore how class plays out among us Friends and how it might affect our spiritual lives together. We'll discover implications for our social testimonies, and learn communication skills that promote unity across class lines.

The workshop is participatory, with exercises, small groups, laughter, and quiet times. Because it's an experiential "package," it will not be possible to come late or leave early -- participants need to agree to work together the entire time in a learning community. Bring your curiosity and willingness to discover new things in the present moment.

Who is this retreat for? This program is open to anyone, Quaker or non-Quaker, religiously active or not, who is interested in exploring the dynamics of class from a religious/spiritual perspective. Quaker Center's programs are open to persons of any religious faith or none. ***We particularly urge young Friends and young adult Friends to attend this important and stimulating program.***

Who will be facilitating this program? **George Lakey**, a renowned and beloved teacher and Quaker, will facilitate this program. Learn more about him on the other side of this flyer.

Will there be any leisure time at the program? Quaker Center's programs allow time for participants to enjoy the natural beauty of our redwood forest, our trails, and our labyrinth.

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.

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

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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: _____

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YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER BY E-MAIL TO 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)**. Some 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)**. No one is refused access to our programs because of lack of funds. Scholarship support is available; please ask if you are in need.

Schedule: Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11th. The program begins with dinner at 6:00 on Friday and concludes about 2:30 p.m. after brunch, cleanup, and worship on Sunday.

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. For those traveling from a distance, inexpensive housing may be arranged the night before or after the program; linens may be rented for a modest fee

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 for directions. If you are arriving on public transportation let us know and we will provide whatever help we can.

About George Lakey



George Lakey is the Eugene M. Lang Visiting Professor for Issues in Social Change at Swarthmore College. He has led Class Matters workshops for, among others, Cambridge and New Haven Monthly Meetings and Friends General Conference. He founded and directed Training for Change and has led over 1500 workshops for people ranging from therapists to striking steel workers, from homeless people to monks. A life-long activist, he has written seven books and taught at Pendle Hill and Woodbrooke College in England. He is a member of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting and received from the Fellowship of Reconciliation the 2008 Martin Luther King Peace Award.