

**Ben Lomond Quaker Center is pleased to offer an important program of interest to all Friends.....**



**Business Among Friends:  
Clerking as a  
Spiritual Discipline  
September 17-19, 2010  
with Elizabeth Boardman  
and Eric Moon**

*"I do not believe community can be sought after directly, at least in the Meeting for Business. I believe it is discovered. When we sit together in silence, in humility, in common obedience and patience, listening for that of God in each of us, a bond of love grows among us that knits us together inextricably."*

**Ellie Foster, 1986.**

**What is the purpose of this program?** Every monthly meeting clerk has a unique style, encounters challenges, learns tricks of the trade, and experiences moments of deep satisfaction. Clerks aspire to do their work in the context of Friends testimonies and under the guidance of the Spirit. Sometimes they are overwhelmed with frustration, sometimes washed in love. How do you prepare for the business meeting, discern the sense of the meeting, get good minutes written? What can you do about conflict among Friends, disruptive ministry, an excessive work load? Eric Moon and Elizabeth Boardman will facilitate discussion of all this and more, with real-life stories and dollops of humor interspersed throughout. Participant questions, quandaries and best practices will be a rich part of the sharing.

**Who is this workshop for?** This workshop will be particularly useful for those who feel called to leadership in their Meetings. Past and present clerks, committee clerks and long-time participants who perceive the Meeting for Business to be at the core of our faith community will find that this workshop speaks to their condition.

**Who will be leading this workshop?** Eric Moon (Berkeley Meeting) and Elizabeth Boardman (Davis Meeting) will be facilitators for the weekend. Learn about them on the reverse of this flyer.

**What is the cost for the retreat?** Quaker Center offers a sliding scale of between **\$150 and \$230 per person**, based on your discernment of your financial status. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay. The program, two nights of accommodations, and six meals are included.

**Questions?** Call or e-mail us at Quaker Center. We'll be happy to answer any questions.

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I plan to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the **\$150 - \$230 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](mailto:mail@quakercenter.org), and mail your \$50 deposit to Quaker Center, Box 686, Ben Lomond, CA 95005. We will hold your place for one week pending receipt of your deposit.

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR SLIDING SCALE**

- **Comprehensive rate:** The top of our scale covers all our costs. **(\$230)**.
- **Standard rate:** We hope most people will pay at least this amount. **(\$190)**
- **Special reduced rate:** The bottom of our scale **(\$150)**. 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:** You may arrive as early as 4:00 p.m. to register on Friday, Sept. 17. The program begins with dinner at 6:30 on Friday and concludes Sept. 19 at 2:30 p.m. after brunch, final cleanup, and worship.

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

**Lodging:** Sleeping accommodations will be in the Orchard Lodge in semi-private rooms adjacent to the dining room, or in small dormitories in the Redwood Lodge. Wheelchair access is available. Bring a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillowcase, towel, soap, and flashlight. No pets please except for certified assistive animals. For those traveling from a distance, inexpensive housing may be arranged the night before or after the program.

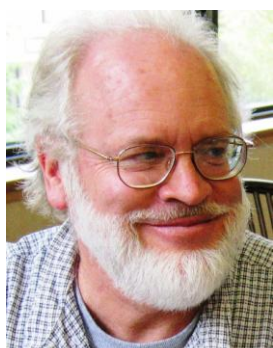
**Refund Policy:** All but \$15 of your deposit can be refunded if you cancel more than one week before the program. After that the full standard deposit will be retained.

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

**ABOUT THE LEADERS**



**Elizabeth Boardman** clerked San Francisco Meeting for four years, then surveyed fifteen other clerks for a book about clerking a monthly meeting. It is called *Where Should I Stand?* (Quaker Press, 2008) and will be used as a resource for this weekend. Elizabeth is also a long-time Quaker and political activist who traveled with the Iraq Peace Team sponsored by Voices in the Wilderness in December 2002.



**Eric Moon** has served as clerk and recording clerk to Berkeley Monthly, College Park Quarterly, and Pacific Yearly Meetings, as well as service on a dozen committees. This will be his seventh workshop on “clerking and discerning.” He is a program and administrative staffer with the American Friends Service Committee, and some weekends he facilitates Alternatives to Violence workshops in California prisons.