Are Quakers mystics? How do they relate to other mystical traditions? Like mystics before them, Quakers have explored the intensity and intimacy of the inward life, both in private contemplation and in the collective practice of meeting for worship. Come read and explore together from writings of Quakers (such as Margaret Fell, Isaac Penington, and John Woolman) and of non-Quaker mystics (such as John Tauler, Jeanne Guyon, and Jacob Boehme) whom Friends have read over the centuries. We’ll read and discuss these in an effort to understand them, but the spiritual dimension of our work will always be present. Reading and discussion will be enriched by time for worship and guided meditation, with a focus on practical application. How do you experience worship? How do you integrate your private spiritual practice into meeting for worship? The goal is to explore the gifts of our legacy and to leave inwardly refreshed.

About the program facilitator:

Michael Birkel is Professor of Religion at Earlham College, where he has taught for many years. Michael has traveled widely among Friends as a speaker and retreat leader at Pendle Hill, numerous yearly meetings, and other settings. He has written several books on Quaker spirituality, including *Silence and Witness: The Quaker Tradition*, and *A Near Sympathy: The Timeless Quaker Wisdom of John Woolman*. Michael is also active in interfaith dialogue and is currently completing a book on North American Muslims and the Qur’an.
TO REGISTER, fill out the form above and send it to the address below.
Check-in is from 4 PM to 6 PM. Dinner is served at 6 PM and you can expect to be depart by 2 PM on Sunday after final cleanup and the closing worship. We no longer require a deposit with your registration. We trust that you will "let your yay be yay" and join us for this program if you register. If you absolutely must cancel, please do so at least two days in advance. Otherwise we will bill you for the food the cook will have already purchased.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR SLIDING SCALE:
- Comprehensive rate: The top of our scale covers all our costs. ($240/person).
- Standard rate: We hope most people will pay at least this amount. ($200/person)
- Special reduced rate: The bottom to our scale ($160/person).
- Quaker Center Annual Pass purchased by_____________________________ (name of individual or meeting).

No one is ever refused access to our programs because of lack of funds. Please call or send email for a scholarship.

CHILD CARE: will be provided by advance arrangement with Directors at no extra charge to parents, though we request $50 per child to cover the cost of meals.

ACCOMMODATIONS, THINGS TO BRING AND FOOD: Sleeping accommodations will be in the Orchard and Redwood Lodges (semi-private rooms). Bring a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillowcase, towel, and toiletries including shower soap. Please do not wear or bring strongly scented toiletries. Please do not bring pets.
Animals trained to serve the disabled are allowed ONLY with prior permission from the Directors. All meals at Quaker Center are vegetarian. We ask all participants to take turns working together on meal prep, dish crew, and cleaning at the end of the program. Please tell us in advance if you must leave early so that we can make sure you get signed up for a final clean up task that can be done before you go.

TRANSPORTATION: See our website, http://www.quakercenter.org/directions/ for directions. If you are arriving by bus let us know at least one day in advance. Quaker Center will provide shuttles from Ben Lomond bus stops. Call 831-212-2631 if you need a shuttle, or if you need to request a different time for pick up.

DRIVING DISTANCES FROM:
- Los Angeles: 365 miles, 6.5 hours
- Sacramento: 150 miles, 2 hours, 45 minutes
- San Francisco: 90 miles, 2 hrs and 15 minutes
- San Jose Intl Airport: 35 miles, 50 minutes
- Santa Cruz, 12 miles, 25 minutes

PUBLIC TRANSIT:
- Amtrak: Take the train to the San Jose Diridon Station
- From the San Jose Diridon Station: Take the 17 Express bus to the Cavallaro Transit Station in Scotts Valley.
- From the Scotts Valley or Santa Cruz: Take the 35 or 35A bus to Ben Lomond.
- In Ben Lomond: Get off at Highway 9 and Main Street and walk or call for a ride.