

BEN LOMOND QUAKER CENTER invites you to:

In for the Long Haul: Inspiration, Strength
and Perseverance for Spiritual Life Today

with *Lloyd Lee Wilson*

Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017



Artist: Flo-Ann Goerke from, *A Short History of a Long Travel from Babylon to Bethel*, by Stephen Crisp

Our membership of this, or any other Christian fellowship, is never based upon worthiness. We, none of us, are members because we have attained a certain standard of goodness, but rather because, in this matter, we still are all humble learners in the school of Christ. Our membership is of no importance whatever unless it signifies that we are committed to something of far greater and more lasting significance than can adequately be conveyed by the closest association with any movement or organization.

-- Edgar Dunstan, Quakers and the Religious Quest, 1956 Swarthmore Lecture

A life given over to the direction of the Holy Spirit in the Quaker fashion requires one's constant attention and nurture over a lifetime. The challenges can seem daunting, overwhelming and discouraging, but there are resources in our faith tradition that will nurture our efforts to be faithful. We'll explore spiritual disciplines and practices, the Scriptural story, and the testimony of our fellow Quaker travelers, past and present, as sources of inspiration, strength, and perseverance.

The underlying metaphor of this weekend is a school for apprentices: a community of individuals gathered together to learn how to live in harmony with God and each other through a long-time dedication to their craft, learning from each other, from seasoned journeymen and journeywomen, and of course from the Master Teacher of us all. Our scales and etudes are the spiritual disciplines and Scriptural record, our textbooks are the unbroken historical community of Quakers over the centuries, and our workshop is our contemporary faith community. The "master piece" in such an apprenticeship is the construction of a life given over to God, fashioned day by day over a lifetime. Such a life is a blessing and invitation to many, helping to heal a broken creation.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM LEADER:



Lloyd Lee Wilson has been apprenticed to the Quaker faith tradition for almost five decades. He has served on FUM commissions, as General Secretary of FGC, and as a recorded minister in North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative). His published work includes *Essays on the Quaker Vision of Gospel Order*, *Wrestling With Our Faith Tradition*, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #427: *Radical Hospitality*, and numerous contributions to the *Journal of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)*. He and his wife Susan make their home outside of Greensboro, NC.

Registration for: In for the Long Haul Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

I/we plan to pay \$ _____/person on the \$160 - \$240/person sliding scale. (More below)

Medical or ethical dietary restrictions: _____

Accommodation or mobility concerns: _____

----- Detach Here and Return -----

Check-in is from 4 PM to 6 PM. Dinner is served at 6 PM and the first program session will begin at 7:30pm. You can expect to be depart by 2 PM on Sunday after closing worship. We no longer require a deposit with your registration. We trust that you will "let your yay be yay" and you'll participate in this program if you register. If you absolutely must cancel, please do so at least two days in advance. Otherwise we will request \$50 payment for the food the cook has already purchased for you.

✓ **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).**

No one will be refused from our programs due to lack of funds. Please call or email us for financial aid.

- ✓ **CHILDCARE:** Quaker Center will offer at no charge *if the Directors receive at least two weeks advance notice.* Without advance notice, you may be able to bring your child if the program leader(s) approve their attendance during program sessions. We request \$50 per child to cover the cost of meals.
- ✓ **ACCOMMODATIONS, THINGS TO BRING, AND FOOD:** Sleeping accommodations will be in the Orchard Lodge in semi-private rooms. **Bring a sleeping bag or sheets, pillowcase, towel, and toiletries.** Please do not wear or bring strongly scented toiletries. 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 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 early.
- ✓ **PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS.** Only service dogs trained to perform a specific task to palliate the disability of the dog's handler may accompany guests. **Please call Quaker Center in advance if you need to bring your service dog.**
- ✓ **TRANSPORTATION:** For directions, please see our website, www.quakercenter.org/directions/. If you are arriving by bus, let us know at least a day in advance if you need a shuttle and we will pick you up from the Main Street stop in Ben Lomond. **If you need to change your pick-up time., call the Quaker Center cell phone: 831-212-2631**

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.

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