

# THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

## **Shining New Light: Catching the Waves of the Sixth World Conference of Friends**, Adrian Nelson, Dawn Rubbert, Mark Amos and Rose Dennis

Join ILYM's four delegates to the Sixth World Conference in Kenya in April to learn about the experience of worshiping with 1,000 Friends from all parts of the globe. Hear of the Quaker works and witness that inspired our delegates, and in particular enjoy the voices of young adult Friends who embody the next generation of Quaker faith. You will also enjoy worship-sharing on queries used at the World Conference which explore the theme "Being Salt and Light: Friends living the Kingdom of God in a broken world". (repeats Friday and Saturday)

## **Bible Explorations**, Maurine Pyle and Dave Moorman

Do you love the Bible? Does it disappoint you at times? Never really looked into it much? This workshop is a congenial look at the Bible, both the good parts and the bad. If you'd like to share what you love or talk about what puzzles or annoys you about the Good Book, you might enjoy this workshop. Everyone is welcome, and the workshops are not sequential; drop in any day. Bring your favorite Bible. If you don't have one, we'll supply. (repeats Friday)

## **Thinking Theologically as a Quaker**, Marcia Nelson

We'll use a short reading as text, and wrestle with questions raised by it. Come prepared to explore what it means to think systematically about Quaker faith. (Repeats Friday and Saturday)

## **The Nursery of Truth: Spiritual Storytelling**, Peggy Senger Parsons

*Face it - we do poorly at talking about hard things. We yell at each other. Or we talk about 'them' when 'they' aren't around. We put slogans, pictures and smart remarks on Facebook, but convince no one. When 'they' are present we say nothing out of fear of using the wrong words, or we get all screechy and incoherent. What if there was a place to get better at this? What if somebody was willing to give you practical tools to do a better job? What if it wasn't about winning a debate, but in being skilled at getting the Truth you hold out in a way people could hear? Would you come? We know how. We know where. We know when. It's called the nursery of truth.* A 3- day workshop. Practical teaching and experience in talking across borders of all types: Theological, political and personal. Day 1: Spiritual Storytelling, Day 2: Models for theological bridge-building, Day 3: How to talk about the Bible. (Continuous, but one day okay)

## **Change in Washington is Possible: FCNL's Quaker Witness**, Wil Rutt & Jim Cason

Do you wonder what makes a Quaker lobby? Do you have ideas you can contribute? Join a discussion about how FCNL's combination of a faithful, prophetic witness, a listening process of engagement and effective change strategies is making a difference in Washington. (Thursday only)

## **Bolivian Quakers: Tough times, Deep Faith, Fruitful Compassion**, Alicia Lucasi and Barbara Stanford

Bolivian Quakers faced extremes of poverty, oppression, and persecution in their first century, but overcame them with faith and compassion for each other. Today, Bolivian Quakers face challenges of poverty, climate change, and clashes of traditional culture and a rapidly changing world. This workshop will include a presentation on the challenges, faith and fruits of compassion in Bolivia and a sharing discussion of the role of compassion in relationships of Quakers from North and South to each other and to our suffering world. (Thursday only)

## **Inner Fire, Outer Light: Creativity For Compassion**, Patricia Morrison

Mark 12:31 invites and even commands: "Love your neighbor as yourself". We will explore how self-care and love are related to loving our neighbors and doing our work in a challenging and complex world. Delving deeply into the experience of stoking our internal fires in order to shine our light outwardly, participants will worship, engage in hands-on creative activities and reflect together in ways that can develop into regular sustaining practices. No previous artistic experience required. (Thursday only)

# FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

**Shining New Light: Catching the Waves of the Sixth World Conference of Friends**, Adrian Nelson, Dawn Rubbert, Mark Amos and Rose Dennis  
See Thursday Description. Repeats Saturday.

**Bible Explorations**, Maurine Pyle and Dave Moorman  
See Thursday Description.

**Thinking Theologically as a Quaker**, Marcia Nelson  
See Thursday Description. Repeats Saturday.

**The Nursery of Truth: Models for theological bridge-building**, Peggy Senger Parsons  
See Thursday Description. Continues Saturday.

**Faithful Lobbying in Trying Times: A Lobby Training Workshop**, Wil Rutt and Jim Cason  
A hands on lobby training where Friends will have the opportunity to learn about what makes effective letters, emails and phone calls to members of Congress and how to structure a lobby visit. (Friday only)

**“Costing not less than everything: Sustainability & spirituality in challenging times”**, Chris Jocius  
Workshop participants will read aloud from sample excerpts from Pam Lund’s 2011 Swarthmore lecture given at the Britain Yearly Meeting last year. At the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Center Pam leads a project called “Good Lives – for a sustainable future.” In this lecture she argues for community and cooperation.  
(Repeats Saturday)

**Quaker Peacemakers Audio Archive Project**, ILYM Peace Resources Committee  
Friends of all ages are invited to attend Friday or Saturday (or both). The Quaker Peacemakers Audio Archive project aims to record the peacemaking stories of ILYM members, asking queries such as: "Do you think of yourself as a peacemaker?" and "What does peacemaking look like in your life?" to distribute out to the world. Several interviews will be recorded during annual sessions.

PRC seeks Friends wanting to advise on the project, as well as those interested in assisting the committee with recordings over the next year. If you own recording equipment feel free to bring it along. During this workshop we will be exploring possible archive destinations for this work, collectively authoring the interview list, exploring additional ideas raised, and answering questions about recording techniques. If there is a Yearly Meeting member you want included on the Quaker Peacemaker interview list, we are collecting names (send anytime to Dawn Rubbert, dawn@aglifpt.org).  
(Repeats Saturday)

# SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

**Shining New Light: Catching the Waves of the Sixth World Conference of Friends**, Adrian Nelson, Dawn Rubbert, Mark Amos and Rose Dennis  
See Thursday Description.

**Thinking Theologically as a Quaker**, Marcia Nelson  
See Thursday Description.

**The Nursery of Truth: How to talk about the Bible**, Peggy Senger Parsons  
See Thursday Description.

**“Costing not less than everything: Sustainability & spirituality in challenging times”**, Chris Jocius  
See Friday Description.

**Quaker Peacemakers Audio Archive Project**, ILYM Peace Resources Committee  
See Friday Description.

**Transition Introduced and Revisited**, Carolyn (W) and Roy Treadway  
The worldwide Transition Movement to build local sustainability and resilience will be introduced and (for participants in ILYM’s 2009 Transition workshop) revisited. Local Transition groups such as Bloomington-Normal’s Vision 2020 will be described, and Quaker networking for Transition noted. Sharing from participants will be invited and discussion encouraged. (Saturday only. Open to all, including high schoolers and young adults.)

**Introducing Spiritual Nurture/Spiritual Support Groups**, Joan Pine  
A small group that meets regularly to encourage and strengthen the spiritual growth of its members offers a unique opportunity to “know one another in that which is eternal” and to increase the spiritual vitality of its Meeting, large or small. We’ll offer guidelines and discuss what’s involved in forming one or more groups: possible formats, the level of commitment needed, the role of spiritual practices or disciplines, readings and other resources, the food factor, ways of sharing leadership, deciding when to meet, etc. Handouts will be provided. (Saturday only. Open to those with membership or very strong familiarity with Quaker practices and leadership.)