

SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Monthly Meetings:

- Charleston, South Carolina
- Clearwater, Florida
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Fort Myers, Florida
- Gainesville, Florida
- Jacksonville, Florida
- Miami, Florida
- Orlando, Florida
- Palm Beach, Florida
- St. Petersburg, Florida
- Sarasota, Florida
- Space Coast, Florida
- Tallahassee, Florida
- Tampa, Florida
- Winter Park, Florida

Preparative Meeting:

- Deland, Florida (*Orlando Monthly Meeting*)

Worship Groups:

- Crestview Worship Group (*Tallahassee Monthly Meeting*)
- Golden Isle (*Jacksonville Monthly Meeting*)
- Key West, Florida
- Lake Wales, Florida (*St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting*)
- Managua, Nicaragua (*St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting*)
- Treasure Coast, Florida (*Palm Beach Monthly Meeting*)

Unaffiliated Meetings:

- Halifax Meeting, *Florida*
- Friends Meeting of Ocala, *Florida*
- Savannah Meeting, *Georgia*



Registration

\$15.00 suggested Registration Donation for lunch & lecture, at the door.

\$3.00 per Workshop/Seminar that follows.

Childcare available for all events. *It is helpful to know how many children will need childcare.*

For more information, please contact:

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Directions to Orlando Meeting House

From I-4:

Exit I-4 onto **SR 50**, go east two blocks to

Magnolia; turn left, go north four blocks to

light; turn right on **Marks**, go east two blocks.

From East-West Freeway:

Exit Magnolia; go north to **Marks**; turn right,

go east two blocks.

Park in the parking lot behind the Meeting house and Webster Cottage.

All are welcome. We do appreciate your contribution to help cover costs.

Donations are appreciated from Friends wishing to contribute towards the cost of children's lunches (ages 17 and under) and for childcare.



2008

Thirty-eighth Annual
Quaker Michener Lecture
in
Florida



IN THE LOVE OF NATURE
Steve Smith

January 20, 2008
Orlando Friends Meeting House
316 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL



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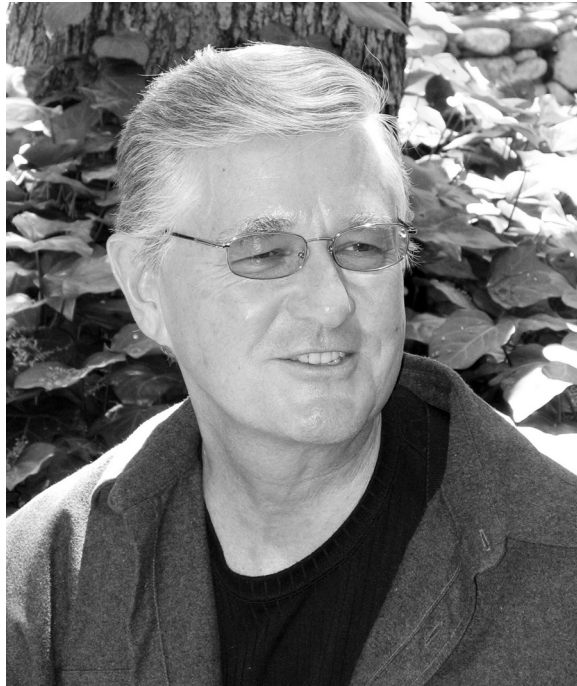


The global environmental crisis poses a boundless challenge to Friends, as it does to all life on earth. To respond faithfully, we must draw upon every aspect of our historic witness, for integrity and simplicity, for equality and community, for peace and unity, and more. Indeed, we may be called to live into new testimonies that can only be imagined.

Friends' historic witness arose from powerful spiritual openings that transformed lives. The same must be true today. To address the environmental crisis, many things are required: cultural shifts, scientific and technological breakthroughs, political will, educational initiatives, community activism, and much, much more. All such efforts are likely to fail, however, unless they are rooted in a profound spiritual transformation of minds and hearts, yielding greater clarity, insight and energy. This will not happen

if we become despairing "prophets of doom." While the crisis we face is certainly tragic, it also offers unprecedented opportunities for spiritual growth. We must know the worst, then look to the best. We cannot think or talk ourselves into a solution; rather, we must know the solution in our bones, to become a truly transforming presence in the world.

At the heart of this transformation is love: of nature, of one another, of Spirit. Surrendering to the truth about the earth, we awaken to beauty, love, and joy. Once again we "walk cheerfully over the earth," caring for our planet, for life itself, for God.



—Pat Smith 2007

Steve Smith grew up within Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), and attended Scattergood Friends School, Earlham College, and Harvard University, where he earned a Ph.D. In 2003 he retired from 35 years of teaching philosophy at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California. A member of Claremont Monthly Meeting, he has served as clerk of his monthly and quarterly meetings and as a member of Ministry and Oversight for Pacific Yearly Meeting. He has served on the Executive Committees of the Southern California Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology, the Friends Association for Higher Education (FAHE), and Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas (FWCC). He has led numerous Friends' retreats and workshops. He has edited three books by Charlotte Joko

Beck, *Everyday Zen, Nothing Special, and Now Zen*. Among his published Quaker writings are *Healing Gender Hurt*, (Friends Bulletin, June 1991, reprinted in Friends Journal, January 1993), *A Quaker in the Zendo* (Pendle Hill Pamphlet #370, 2003), *The Spiritual Roots of Quaker Pedagogy*, in *Minding the Light: Essays in Friendly Pedagogy*, edited by Anne Dalke and Barbara Dixson (Peter Lang 2004), and *Living in Virtue, Declaring Against War: The Spiritual Roots of the Peace Testimony* (Pendle Hill Pamphlet #378, 2005).

Steve has a son, David, and four grandchildren. He and his wife, Pat, live in Mt. Baldy, California.



Schedule—Sunday, January 20, 2008

Meeting for Worship:

9:30 a.m.

Orlando Meeting House
316 E. Marks St.
407-425-5125

or

10:00 a.m.

Winter Park Meeting
Alumni House – Rollins College
Holt Ave., 407-894-8998

11:30 am

Simple Lunch at Orlando Meeting House



1:00 pm

Michener Lecture:

IN THE LOVE OF NATURE

Steve Smith



Michener Workshops/Seminars

2:30 pm, Workshop/Seminar I

3:30 pm, Tea

4:00 pm, Workshop/Seminar II

5:00 pm, Close

