

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
- Savannah, Georgia
- Space Coast, Florida
- Tallahassee, Florida
- Tampa, Florida
- Winter Park, Florida

**Worship Groups:**

- Golden Isle (*Jacksonville Monthly Meeting*)
- Hilton Head, South Carolina
- Key West, Florida
- Lake Wales, Florida (*St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting*)
- Managua, Nicaragua (*St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting*)
- Orange City, Florida
- Treasure Coast, Florida (*Palm Beach Monthly Meeting*)

**Unaffiliated Meetings:**

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



## 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.*

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**Directions to Orlando Meeting House  
From I-4:**

**Exit I-4** onto **SR 50 (Colonial Drive)**, 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.

2010  
Fortieth Annual  
Quaker Michener Lecture  
in  
Florida



## The 'present' of Quakerism: Young Adults

Stoph & Maia Hallward



January 17, 2010  
Orlando Friends Meeting House  
316 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL

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Stoph and Maia Hallward will draw on their individual and shared experiences with Quakerism as “Young Adult/Adult Young Friends”—a descriptive category that encompasses a wide age span (18-30 or-35) that includes a number of distinct life stages. Maia and Stoph will reflect on why they remained connected to Friends at forks in the road (i.e. graduating high school, starting their first jobs, having a child) when their friends and peers have often parted company. They will explore ways that Friends may build new, and strengthen existing relationships across ages and life stages, challenge assumptions regarding Ministry, and remind us all of the reasons why an intergenerationally vibrant Religious Society of Friends is in our collective best interest. Friends often speak of youth as being the “future of Quakerism”, however, the Youth Ministries Committee of Friends General Conference (FGC) notes, younger Friends are also the “present” of Quakerism. Overlooking their spiritual needs/gifts has negative repercussions for both “young” and “older” Friends. Drawing (and retaining) younger Friends to our meetings requires some of the same outreach tools useful in welcoming Friends of all ages. Others, however, are unique to the demographic, and some challenge fundamental assumptions and practices of how Quaker business is “traditionally” done.

Maia grew up in a Quaker family, one of three kids, the child of Quaker educators. As children, all three siblings went to Meeting for Worship weekly and attended Quaker schools through middle school. Yet Maia is the only one who remains active in organized Quakerism. As a teen, Maia was active in Philadelphia



Yearly Meeting Young Friends, participated in a youth delegation to Japan sponsored by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), and went to YouthQuake. YouthQuake was not Maia’s first experience with “programmed” Friends, as her early years were spent in a programmed meeting in Indiana. After college, Maia served as a field worker for Friends United Meeting (FUM), teaching at the Ramallah Friends School. Maia has remained in touch with the work of Friends in the Middle East and is passionate about nonviolent efforts for a just and lasting peace in the region. As a result of her own experiences, Maia values and seeks out opportunities for “cross-branch” initiatives and dialogue as well as efforts that reach out to Quaker communities around the world.

Stoph grew up in an Anglican family with six kids in Canada. He learned of Quakerism at Westtown Friends School near Philadelphia and enjoyed the sense of homecoming so many convinced Friends experience. Only he and one or two of his siblings have stayed with “organized religion”, but ten years went by between Westtown and Stoph’s return to Quakerism at Friends Meeting of Washington. His exposure to BYM and FGC in the same summer started Stoph on a long quest to read and learn about the different aspects of our Society of Friends.

*Maia, Stoph and their son Graham live just outside of Atlanta, in the little town of Acworth. They are members of Atlanta Friends Meeting SAYMA, and are Central Committee members of FGC, where Maia is a co-clerk of the Youth Ministries Committee and Stoph is Treasurer. Maia is a professor of international relations at Kennesaw State University, specializing in Middle East relations. Stoph is an accountant for Yamaha Motor Company’s WaterCraft group. Graham is three and in the Dolphin class, which he will be happy to tell you about.*

## Schedule—Sunday, January 17, 2010

### 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

Faculty House—Rollins College

Holt Ave., 407-894-8998

### 11:30 am:

Simple Lunch at Orlando Meeting House

### 1:00 pm

#### Michener Lecture:

## The ‘present’ of Quakerism: Young Adults

## Maia & Stoph Hallward

### Michener Workshops/Seminars:

2:30 pm, Workshop/Seminar I

3:30 pm, Tea

4:00 pm, Workshop/Seminar II

5:00 pm, Close

