

SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Registration

2012

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*



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

\$3.00 per Workshop/Seminar that follows.

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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 who may or may not be able to attend; and/or who may wish to help subsidize the lectures.

Forty-second Annual
Quaker Michener Lecture
in Florida



**LISTENING TO HEAR:
DEEPENING FAITH,
NURTURING COMMUNITY**

by

Patty Levering



First Day, January 15, 2012
Orlando Friends Meeting House
316 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL

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Patty Levering completed the Spiritual Nurturer program of School of the Spirit Ministry in May of 2006 and became a Core Teacher with the program shortly thereafter. Patty's teaching reflects her care for the reality of the life of faith, both its doubts and struggles and its joys and possibilities. She enjoys helping people find a deeper communion with God and from there to nurture the spiritual life of their meetings. In addition to her teaching she is also a spiritual director, which gives her the opportunity to accompany others in their spiritual journeys.



Patty is a member of Davidson (NC) Friends Meeting, which she helped found in 1989. The meeting has been a part of Piedmont Friends Fellowship and appreciates its connections with Friends General Conference. More recently it has also joined North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, a yearly meeting that witnesses to the traditional Quaker expression of Christianity, values the contemplative life, and practices deep listening to the Inward Teacher. Patty is clerk of her meeting's Ministry and Counsel and is on its First Day School Committee.

Patty gave the Bible Half Hour lessons for the 2009 Friends General Conference Gathering. They were published as *Listening for the Voice of Truth* and are available from Quaker Books.

Her academic background includes a BA in religion from Duke University, an MDiv from Earlham School of Religion, and two units of Clinical Pastoral Education at Carolinas Medical Center.

She is married and has two grown sons and eight grandchildren.

LISTENING TO HEAR: DEEPENING FAITH, NURTURING COMMUNITY

Quaker writer Patricia Loring says Quakerism is a listening spirituality. Listening is fundamental to our way of worship and of doing business. We come together not to be a group of individuals "doing our own things." It is easier to be an individual on our own. We gather because there is something that happens in the group as we attune ourselves to something more than any of us as individuals. We move into a living stream of stillness—of listening and hearing—where we are connected and where we are heard, touched, taught, and moved. We may call that place different names. We may talk about what happens with different words. But listening together into that place of hearing is what matters.

Our ability to listen corporately is impacted by our practice of listening individually. Using Bible stories, early Quaker wisdom, and personal experiences I will be talking about learning to listen to hear oneself, others, and God, and the interrelationship of all three. The invitation is to really hear one another in love. Listening at that depth deepens faith and nurtures community, making it possible to live our testimonies of simplicity, integrity, equality, community, and peace.

What helps you listen deeply and what makes it hard? Which is easier for you—to listen to yourself, to others, or to God? Listening to hear involves intention and attention, dropping into stillness with openness and a tendered heart. What would it be like if you or your meeting became more able to listen? May we come together with ears to hear and a ready heart.

Schedule

First Day, January 15, 2012

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., 407-843-2257

11:30 am:

Simple Lunch at Orlando Meeting House

1:00 pm Michener Lecture:

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Michener Workshops/Seminars:

2:30 pm: Workshop/Seminar I

3:30 pm: Tea

4:00 pm: Workshop/Seminar II

5:00 pm: Close

