

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.

To pre-arrange childcare or for information, please contact:

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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.

2011

Forty-first Annual
Quaker Michener Lecture
in
Florida



Evolving Quakerism

Lloyd Lee Wilson



First Day, January 16, 2011
Orlando Friends Meeting House
316 E. Marks St., Orlando, FL

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Lloyd Lee Wilson was born in 1947 on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He was raised in the Methodist Church and became a convinced Friend as a young adult “when he was invited to attend a Quaker meeting in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he had a deep spiritual experience including the reassurance that he had found his permanent spiritual home.” (*Essays On The Quaker Vision of Gospel Order*, p.199)

Lloyd Lee Wilson is a member and recorded minister of Rich Square Monthly Meeting in Woodland, North Carolina, North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative). His service among Friends organizations has included Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, the Bible Association of Friends in America, AFSC, and various committees in New England, Baltimore, and North Carolina (Conservative) yearly meetings. He has served North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) as presiding clerk and as clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers, Elders, and Overseers. He has authored many books and frequently travels in the ministry.



Excerpt from: *Where Should I stand? A Field Guide for Monthly Meeting Clerks* by Elizabeth Boardman

In San Francisco, more than twenty of us gathered in April 2002, to hear Lloyd Lee Wilson talk about how we can “nurture our faith” and about restoring “gospel order.” We were entranced. Lloyd Lee dresses the part of the old-time Quaker, with a collarless shirt, a big beard, braces and a black felt hat (straw in summer, he said)—and he told how it took years for him to take up this dress, one step at a time, and how it affects his own behavior and his interactions with others.

As he talked on and on, sitting in the circle

with us, at ease, smiling, addressing any individual as “thee,” Friends appeared to be “thirsting” for his words and inspiration. We heard he had affected other meetings the same way.

Lapping it all up myself, at first I was dismayed to think that we have starved ourselves of such leaders. A regular meeting clerk is so mundane in comparison! But later, I realized that the old-time Quakers had it right. We would have no “hireling priests” here at home, who would become jaded and boring to us, but instead these gifted Friends, recognized and guided in their ministry by their own meetings, who travel among us with refreshing messages heard only occasionally.

The genius of this old practice, still fostered by North Carolina Conservative, is that it is the home meeting that identifies, names, and monitors the development and deployment of that gift in its “recorded ministers.” Lloyd Lee made clear that on the travel minute, I (as clerk) should write the truth of how he was received by us, saying that all the entries from his travel will be reviewed by his yearly meeting and he himself queried about his behavior and faithfulness. He clarified the role of the elders, also “recorded,” in providing such oversight and guidance for a minister. I felt a pang of envy. How marvelous it would be to have such guidance! How deepening a role for a Ministry and Oversight committee. And it would be just the right context for the growth of one or two of our members, who are “growing like topsy” right now, partly because we have no organized way of guiding them.



“At first I was put off by the Quaker garb and beard and hat business, but when he opened his mouth, I knew he was the real deal.”

—One SEYM Friend’s experience upon meeting Lloyd Lee Wilson

Schedule

First Day, January 16, 2011

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:

Evolving Quakerism

Michener Workshops/Seminars:

2:30 pm, Workshop/Seminar I

3:30 pm, Tea

4:00 pm, Workshop/Seminar II

5:00 pm, Close

