

Integrating Children into the Spiritual Life of the Meeting: Creating One Spiritual Community



A Nurture Coordinating Committee Retreat for All Ages*

Saturday, September 19, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, 110 Schermerhorn Street

How can our meetings better integrate our children into the spiritual life of our Meeting? How can we give them a voice in their experience of Quakerism and an awareness of Quaker process? Participants will leave with new energy, new ideas, and new tools to implement these ideas.

Sessions will explore both the worship and the community aspects of Quakerism, including:

- *Children in the circle of meeting life: joys and challenges*
- *Supporting children's spiritual development*
- *Hands-on approach to teaching children Quaker process*

*Some parts of the day will be multigenerational and childcare will also be provided.

Who should attend? Religious Education Committee members, Ministry & Counsel Committee members, Parents, Families, and anyone with a concern for the spiritual life of our children. *We recommend that Meetings send two or more participants to the session.*

Facilitators:

Mary Harpster has served on Ministry & Counsel and Religious Education Committees; as a First Day School teacher she develops programming that gives the students input into Meeting life.

Melinda Wenner Bradley leads religious education workshops for yearly meetings, FGC, Pendle Hill and Friends schools. She serves on the NYYM Youth Committee, and is the former clerk of the Children's Spiritual Life Committee of Philadelphia YM.

Registration

[Download the registration form](#) from the NYYM website and email to [Deborah Wood](#), [Mary Harpster](#), and [Melinda Wenner Bradley](#)

*If you will be bringing children, please let us know their age(s)