

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE TRANSITION MOVEMENT: HOW QUAKERS CAN RESPOND TO GLOBAL CRISIS WITH CREATIVITY, COURAGE, AND A POSITIVE VISION

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Program cost of \$180
includes program, meals
and accommodation
Friday dinner
through Sunday lunch.
Scholarships are
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As Quakers, we are called by Spirit to love Divine Wisdom, our neighbors, and God's good earth. Yet how do we faithfully respond to the growing and sometimes overwhelming challenges of peak oil, climate change, and an increasingly dysfunctional global economy? How might we work together with our neighbors to create a more environmentally sustainable, economically resilient, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling way of life?

At the 2011 Annual Sessions, New England Yearly Meeting's Earthcare Ministries Committee invited all Friends to consider joining the global Transition Movement and engage with their neighbors in creative local efforts to:

- Dramatically reduce our overall energy use;
- Shift from unsafe and declining fossil fuel resources to safe and renewable energy sources;
- Enhance the heart and soul of what we love most about our communities even as we face the end of the Age of Cheap and Abundant Oil; and
- Relocalize our economies so our communities can increase the number of green-collar jobs and become more capable of producing many of the vital goods and services we need to survive and thrive in the years ahead.

In this participatory retreat, we will explore the inner and outer dimensions of local transition work, how the movement fits in with other ways of working for positive change, and identify some of the most exciting ingredients of this hopeful community organizing model. In addition to sharing how our Quaker testimonies support this work, we will explore what the possible next steps for each of us might be.

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COST & REGISTRATION

The standard rate for this retreat is \$180 (with a sliding scale of \$150-\$220). The fee includes program, lodging and food. Commuter rate is \$130. Please ask if you need additional scholarship funds. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required to hold a space for a program. If you need to cancel, the deposit can be applied toward a future workshop.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

Plan to arrive after 5pm Friday evening, in time for dinner at 6:30. The workshop will end by 2pm on Sunday. We are centrally located in western Massachusetts, close to both I-91 and Route 2. For those arriving by car, we will send directions when you register. Please let us know if you'd be interested in carpooling. The nearest Amtrak train station is in Amherst. Vermont Transit and Peter Pan bus lines stop in Greenfield. Please contact us to arrange a ride from these stations.

ROOM & BOARD

Our 19th-century farmhouse has hand-hewn beams and wide pine floors, with simple dorm-style lodging. The meetinghouse and the first floor of the main building are wheelchair accessible. We serve nourishing, primarily vegetarian, home-cooked meals and always offer a vegetarian option. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. Part of the community building at each retreat includes the joyful sharing of meal chores and clean-up.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring your own toiletries, towels, and bedding (sleeping bag or sheets and blankets or comforter). Pillows are provided. Be sure to bring seasonally appropriate clothes and comfortable indoor and outdoor footwear. You might also like to bring a flashlight, journal, musical instrument... Please do NOT bring pets or candles. Cell phone reception is limited and we have limited internet access. We encourage guests to consider whether cell phone or computer use will detract from their experience of being fully present, here and now.

To register for this program, please fill out the information below and send it to us with a \$50 deposit made payable to Woolman Hill. The balance is due at the beginning of the workshop. For more details about our programs and facilities, please visit our website (www.woolmanhill.or) or use the above contact information.

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Enclosed is \$ _____. I plan to pay a total of \$ _____ on the sliding scale of \$150-\$220 (\$180 standard rate).	
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