

You are invited to Ben Lomond Quaker Center for a weekend retreat about Earthcare as a Spiritual Discipline.....



# Walking Lightly on the Earth:

## An Interfaith Retreat on Care for Creation

### October 31 – November 2, 2008

We are called to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected and is a manifestation of God. Quaker Earthcare Witness Vision Statement

**What is the purpose of this retreat?** We are becoming increasingly aware that we are not so separate from nonhuman creation that we can justify dominion over it. We need to experience concern for the environment as a spiritual and moral undertaking. In the redwood groves and meeting rooms of Ben Lomond Quaker Center we will share our hope that our efforts and the work of like-minded people everywhere will be adequate to the world's great need. We will not examine the grim facts of environmental degradation but rather the ways we have discovered to confront each fatal trend.

Among the issues we will address are practical matters of raising awareness and surmounting barriers in our communities, overcoming the common denial of our disharmony with the needs of the Earth, and recognizing the disconnect between our spiritual consciousness of the place of humankind in Creation and our outward actions. Words alone are inadequate, so spoken presentations will be interspersed with worship-sharing in small groups, poetry, song and silence.

**Who is this retreat for? Who should attend?** This program is for anyone who perceives concern for the environment to be a spiritual and moral issue. If this is your leading, join with other participants in mutual support of our work individually and within our faith communities. The retreat should be especially valuable to clergy and members of Earthcare committees of churches and other religious communities. Persons of any or no religious discipline are welcome to attend.

**Who will be facilitating this program?** This retreat will be under the care of Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Unity with Nature, with co-sponsorship and presentations by Acterra, EarthLight, and California Interfaith Power & Light Peninsula Working Group. For further information see the reverse of this flyer.

**What is the schedule and cost for the workshop?** The workshop will start on Friday evening October 31<sup>st</sup> and will continue through Sunday November 2, ending by 2:00 p.m. The cost for this weekend is a suggested sliding scale of between **\$130 and \$210 per person**. Nobody will be turned away because of inability to pay the suggested fee. This fee includes the program, two nights of semi-private accommodations, and six meals.

**Questions:** Call or e-mail us at Quaker Center. We'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

# QUAKER CENTER

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I plan to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the **\$130 - \$210 sliding scale**. (See below for more on this.)

Diet Restrictions/Special Housing Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER BY E-MAIL TO [MAIL@QUAKERCENTER.ORG](mailto:MAIL@QUAKERCENTER.ORG), AND SEND YOUR DEPOSIT BY MAIL. YOUR E-MAIL REGISTRATION WILL HOLD YOUR PLACE FOR ONE WEEK PENDING RECEIPT OF YOUR DEPOSIT. \$50 DEPOSIT PER PERSON, PAYABLE TO QUAKER CENTER. MAIL TO: **PROGRAM DIRECTOR, QUAKER CENTER, P.O. BOX 686, BEN LOMOND, CA 95005**

#### A NOTE ABOUT OUR SLIDING SCALE

- **Comprehensive rate:** The top of our scale covers all our costs. **(\$210)** Some participants choose to support Quaker Center's work by paying more than the comprehensive rate
- **Standard rate:** We hope most people will pay at least this amount. **(\$170)**
- **Special reduced rate: (\$130).** We never refuse access to our programs because of lack of funds. Scholarship support is available. Please ask if you are in need.

**Schedule:** You may arrive as early as 4:00 p.m. to register. The program begins with dinner at 6:30 on Friday. The weekend concludes Sunday about 2:30 p.m. after lunch and final cleanup

**Food:** Meals are vegetarian. Participants share in kitchen chores before and after each meal. Please let us know in advance about special dietary needs.

**Lodging:** Sleeping accommodations will be in the Redwood and Orchard Lodges. Wheelchair access is available. Bring a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, pillowcase, towel, soap, flashlight, and slippers. **NO PETS PLEASE** except for certified assistive animals. For those traveling from a distance, inexpensive housing may be arranged the night before or after the program

**Refund Policy:** All but \$15 can be refunded if you cancel more than one week before the program. After that the full standard deposit will be retained.

**Transportation:** See our website, [www.quakercenter.org](http://www.quakercenter.org), for directions. If you need to carpool or are arriving on public transportation let us know and we will provide whatever help we can.

### Sponsoring Organizations and Individuals

**This important program is sponsored by the Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Unity with Nature** ([members.aol.com/quakernature](http://members.aol.com/quakernature)) with co-sponsorship and presentations by

- **Acterra** ([www.acterra.org](http://www.acterra.org))
- **EarthLight Magazine** ([www.earthlight.org](http://www.earthlight.org))
- **California Interfaith Power & Light Peninsula Working Group** (<http://cipl.pensbay.googlepages.com/>)
- **Ben Lomond Quaker Center** ([www.quakercenter.org](http://www.quakercenter.org))

#### Organizers of this program and key presenters are:

- **Joe Morris**, clerk of the Unity with Nature Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting and also a member of Santa Monica Friends Meeting. He has been an active Sierra Club outings and conservation leader since 1974.
- **Eric Sabelman**, former clerk of the Unity with Nature Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting and Quaker representative to Stanford Associated Ministries. He is currently clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting and secretary of the EarthLight Board of Directors.