

2025 QUIP Fall Annual Meeting

Quakers Writing in these times of Crisis and Change Workshops

Friday, October 3, 2025

Pendle Hill Conference Center Barn

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3:45- 5:00

Title: ***Re-Visioning Grief & Trauma with a Co-Creativity***

Trauma is a story that has forgotten how to dance, gotten stuck. I will begin with a brief overview of the research on trauma that supports my work. Then using stories and movement, we will learn and practice a method of healing for grief & trauma.

Presenter Bio: **Dr Jennifer Elam** is a licensed psychologist who spent 25 years studying and teaching Arts & Spirituality for Quakers and beyond. In 2020, she brought these together with her writing, painting, and dancing, creating a workshop on grief & trauma. Her latest book is "Dancing Through the Fires of Grief & Trauma with Co-Creativity."

Friday, October 3, 2025

7:15-8:30pm

Title: ***A Quaker Theology of Nonviolence***

Description: This workshop consists of a twenty minute presentation on an embodied theological basis for nonviolent resistance, based on Truth and Testimony. Following the presentation there will be a worshipful discussion on the query: Can Quakers unite behind this theology and offer a clear alternative to Christian Nationalism and the prosperity gospel?

Presenter Bio: **Barbara Birch** is a member of Strawberry Creek Meeting in Berkeley CA and a board member at Ben Lomond Quaker Center. She is the author of *Lectio Divina: Revelation and Prophecy from Quaker Quicks*, as well as essays in the *Friends Journal* and *Western Friend*. She is offering a course at Woodbrooke on *Lectio Divina: Reading Rufus Jones with the Heart*.