PROGRAM FOR SPRING RETREAT 2016

The retreat offers a great opportunity for reflection, relaxation, fellowship, learning, and connections. Through small and large group formats we will explore the theme of Outreach. ANYONE is welcomed to attend - newcomers, attenders, members, families, couples and individuals. On-site childcare and activities are provided by FMC along with ride-share coordination. Sliding scale cost: \$125-\$175; Children - no charge. Some partial scholarships available. Register by: Monday, March 14th

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Friday, March 18th

5:00 pm – on Arrival, room assignments, sign the clean-up volunteer sheet

7:30 pm – 9:00 Welcome / Introductions / Getting to Know Each Other

Saturday, March 19 (Breakfast @ 8:05)

9:00 – 10:15 Outreach: Exploring Our Purpose and Our Hopes

--What do you think of as the primary reason for FMC to engage in outreach?

--What hopes do you have for the results of our outreach efforts?

--What concerns/fears rise up as you think about FMC engaging in active outreach?

10:30—10:45 Break

10:45 – 12 pm What Should Our Beloved Community Look Like?

--Our Quaker identity (What do we really mean when we say we want a "more diverse"

community? What gives rise to that motivation?)

--Diversity in demographic/ethnic/gender identity/sexual orientation (What are our

opportunities? What are the challenges?)

--Balancing inclusivity and perceived risks (either to safety or as a drain on FMC

energy/resources. Are there any limits to our willingness to include others?)

12:05 – 5:30 Lunch / Free Time for fellowship, hiking, reading, activities and games (dinner @ 5:35)

6:30 – 7:30 Our Message and How We Deliver It

--Are there methods of outreach that would make you uncomfortable?

--How do we agree on what we're offering?

7:30 Inter-generational activity – Making Ads for FMC

Sunday, March 20 - (Breakfast @ 8:05)

9:00- 10:15 Outreach, Inreach, and creating a Welcoming Community

--What groups are we targeting?

--What are they looking for?

--What do we need to offer them?

--How do we reach them?

--What is the relationship among Outreach, Inreach and integration of newcomers?

10:30 Meeting for Worship and Closing Worship Sharing

12:05 Lunch and Farewells