



*Do you seek to live in
that Life and Power
which takes away
occasion for all wars?*

**Fifth
Pacific Northwest
Quaker
Women's Theology
Conference**

**June 3 to 6, 2004
Menchu Retreat Center
Corbett, Oregon**

The Pacific Northwest Quaker Women's Theology Conference welcomes women primarily from Canadian, North Pacific and Northwest Yearly Meetings. As women from divergent Friends traditions, we strive to articulate that which has been meaningful in the expression and development of our faith. We are open to God's leadings and willing to make a

commitment to prepare, to risk, and to be open to learning from one another.

Our purposes in coming together are:

- To grow in the knowledge and love of God, trusting that the Inward Teacher, the Christ within, the Inner Light, the Holy Spirit will be present to guide us;
- To create a place where it is possible to talk openly from different perspectives with love and honesty, and without rancor or tempering to accommodate perceptions of what might be acceptable;
- To use narrative theology, that is, our stories of faith, as a means of integrating our experiences and our understanding;
- To encourage articulation of experience and beliefs, both verbally and in writing, expecting that we will bring what we learn back into our home faith communities.

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Our time together will include small groups, plenary sessions, creative workshops, music and expectant worship that reflect our different traditions as Friends. The gatherings will present opportunities to consider perspectives on Quaker women and women from the Bible, and to share from our own experiences living our testimonies in our personal lives and in the wider world. Each day will include free time to enjoy our tranquil and beautiful setting, and to visit with each other informally.

THURSDAY

Gathering

Welcome, orientation

FRIDAY

Sharing

From our personal journeys

SATURDAY

Reaching out

To the wider world

SUNDAY

Worship and Business

Location:

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center is located in Corbett, Oregon, in the Columbia Gorge a half-hour drive from Portland. The Center has woods and gardens, a swimming pool, and hiking trails. You may choose between dormitory or semi-private rooms with shared baths.

Costs:

Registration fees (\$US or \$Canadian)
Include housing and food:

Dormitory room	\$ 200
Semi-private room	\$ 265

Linens can be provided for an additional \$7.00.

If you need financial assistance, please check first with your home meeting. A limited number of scholarships are available on request.

Food:

The conference center will provide vegetarian and vegan meals on request.

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Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

John 14: 27 New American Standard

In war, truth is the first casualty. If peace is to grow, it needs the pure fresh air of truth, openness, sincerity. Peace works in the daylight, in the open air: it has nothing to hide from God or man. --Marjorie Sykes, British Quaker in India.

Along with your pre-registration and \$25 (US or Canadian) deposit, we ask applicants to write a short paragraph from their own experience on some aspect of living our peace testimony. This is intended as a first step in focusing on our theme of living in that Spirit which takes away occasion for all wars.

Applications are due by January 15, 2004, but early registration is advised since acceptance is primarily on a first-come, first-serve basis, and spaces are limited. We do seek a balance in numbers between programmed and unprogrammed Friends.

We expect to respond to all applicants by February 1st. Those accepted will receive details regarding the conference, including information on the reflection paper to be written on the query (see quotations above). This paper and the balance of the registration fees are due by March 1, 2004. If there is insufficient space for all, those not accommodated can choose to receive a refund of the \$25.00 or be put on a waiting list for possible cancellations.