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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 the things that have 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 in beliefs, both verbally and in writing, expecting that we will bring what we learn back into our home faith communities.

## The Pacific Northwest Quaker Women's Theology Conference



Walk With Me:  
Mentors, Elders, and Friends

June 16-20, 2010  
Seabeck Conference Center  
Seabeck, WA

[pnwquakerwomen.org](http://pnwquakerwomen.org)

## Costs and Registration

**Join us for a chance to listen deeply to God and one another.**

We practice a kind of theology called *narrative theology*, the story of how the Spirit is at work in our lives and communities. Anyone can participate! Come ready to reflect on your spiritual journey and examine where you feel the presence of the Divine in your religious tradition.

During the conference, we will explore the theme **“Walk With Me: Mentors, Elders, and Friends.”** We will worship through singing, unprogrammed silent worship, and a message from a pastor. We will also share our interests in workshops, interest groups, activities, and free time. Home groups provide a safe space for each woman to reflect, process, and share from her own experiences.

By bringing women together from the different branches of the Friends tradition, we hope to discover the best of our faith tradition and take what we have learned back to our faith communities. We also hope that the bonds of friendship we form will extend beyond the conference and help Quakerism as a whole move toward reconciliation.

The conference lasts from Wednesday evening to Sunday noon. The cost of the conference is based on the type of housing you choose, ranging from \$272 to \$310.

To learn about housing choices and to register online, please visit our website at [www.pnwquakerwomen.org](http://www.pnwquakerwomen.org).

To receive a \$20 Early Registration discount, you must register and pay in full before **May 1, 2010**. Attenders may still register after May 1.

### *Prefer not to register online?*

Please call Patty, our registrar, at (206) 522-6513 to register over the phone, or if you have additional questions.

## Scholarship Information

Scholarships may be available but are not guaranteed. Our scholarship funds are provided only by donations. We encourage women who need financial assistance to ask their monthly and yearly meetings first. If you need scholarship help, please contact Patty, our registrar, as soon as possible.

## Reflection Paper

Every woman attending the conference will write a brief reflection paper (1-2 pages) on the theme and/or any of the following quotes. The paper is due by May 1, 2010.

## Quotes for Reflection and Preparation

### **From: 2 Timothy 1:5-7**

I’m reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and now, I’m certain, in you as well. That’s why I want to remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God didn’t give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, of self-discipline.

### **From: Martha Paxson Grundy, Tall Poppies: Supporting Gifts of Ministry and Eldering in the Monthly Meeting.**

“Many Friends today are crying out for spiritual mentors, for ministers and elders who are lovingly steeped in our tradition. Some Friends hunger for a deeper relationship with God, for a connection with a divine power that heals and empowers. We long for wise and loving role models and examples.”

### **From: Patricia Loring, Listening Spirituality Vol. II.**

“As meetings became settled, elders performed a variety of functions, according to their gifts and leadings. . . . [A]ll gifts and ministries were for building up the spiritual life of the meeting and the Society: directing and re-directing people to the Spirit of God, to the Inward Christ, the Light, the Inward Teacher, the Guide, the one true Priest and Shepherd. It was clearly understood that any member of the meeting might be called to some part of this service, but that some were specifically led by the Spirit at any given time.”