

Adult Religious Education Schedule for October 2008 – January 2009  
 Gathering time before Meeting (9:15 to 10:20 am) in the Homewood Meeting Room

OVERVIEW

There will be adult religious education activities three Sundays a month from October 2007 through May 2009. The schedule below is for October 2008 through January 2009. Child care will be available in the nursery.

You'll see a pattern – 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays we will be exploring *Faith and Practice*, both the 1988 version and the proposed revisions to the Queries section of that document. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays we will be participating in Experiment with Light, a guided meditation practice based on George Fox's writings. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays we will not meet, but hope that all will go to Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business after lunch. 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays we will have a variety of offerings brought forward by committees or individuals who feel led. If you have a topic that you would like to develop and lead at a Sunday Religious Education session, please let Susan know!

Date 2008-09	Topic	Responsible Person	Before you come you may want to....
October			
5	Faith and Practice – What is it and why do we need revisions? (#1)	Susan Russell Walters and Sarah Bur will lead the discussion about Faith and Practice with a look at the changes proposed at the BYM 2008 Yearly Meeting in August.	Take a look at the <i>Faith and Practice (1988)</i> and the proposed changes to the Queries. These can both be found electronically at <a href="http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html">http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html</a> Hard copies of both are also in the Library. We will have a few copies on Sunday if you don't have time to look at it beforehand.
12	Experiment with Light (EwL)	George Amoss, who facilitates monthly EwL sessions at Little Falls Meeting, will provide an introduction and lead us through a guided Light meditation.  Experiment with Light (EwL) is a guided meditation practice based on George Fox's writings on the transformative working of the Inner Light. It was developed by Friend Rex Ambler in Great Britain about 12 years ago, and reportedly there are now 100 or	Read the attached 3 page document about Experiment with Light entitled "George Fox's Message on Firbank Fell" By Rex Ambler from <i>Seeing, Hearing, Knowing: reflections on Experiment with Light (Sessions of York, 2008)</i> .  Please plan to come a bit early rather than a bit late so that we can take full advantage of the time we have.

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		<p>more EwL groups around the world. EwL may give us a taste of the early Quaker experience in worship.</p> <p>EwL uses Fox's approach to "waiting on the Light" to go deeply into our lives and allow new insights to arise. The main EwL Web site warns that "The Light meditation is best practised within a group of friends who can provide each other emotional support when needed." EwL is a potentially intense practice that can bring up some difficult thoughts and feelings. (The first Quakers did physically quake!) It is also an experience that can enrich and deepen our spiritual lives.</p>	
19	No program – Meeting for Business after Meeting for Worship		
26	The Meeting Community	Clearness and Counsel	Come ready to share your ideas about community and anything else that would help make Homewood your “spiritual home”.
November			
2	Faith and Practice (#2)	Susan Russell Walters will lead a discussion on the first five of the Advices, Queries, and Voices (Caring for One Another; Children and Young People; Education; Equality; Fostering Community)	Take a look at the <i>Faith and Practice (1988)</i> and the proposed changes to the Queries. These can both be found electronically at <a href="http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html">http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html</a> Hard copies of both are also in the Library.
9	Experiment with Light	Susan Russell Walters, facilitator	See October 12 information.
16	No program– Meeting for Business after Meeting for Worship		

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23	“The Heart of Quakerism”	George Amoss will present and discuss ideas from his essay "The Psychology of Salvation".	
30	No program – Young Friends Conference		
December			
7	Faith and Practice: (#3)	Susan Russell Walters will lead a discussion on the Advices, Queries, and Voices of Integrity; Listening; Outreach; Peace; Simplicity; Social Concerns	Take a look at the <i>Faith and Practice (1988)</i> and the proposed changes to the Queries. These can both be found electronically at <a href="http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html">http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html</a> Hard copies of both are also in the Library.
14	Experiment with Light	Susan Russell Walters, facilitator	See October 12 information.
21	No program– Meeting for Business after Meeting for Worship		
28	“The Meeting as a Covenant Community”	Claire Twose will lead a discussion based on Lloyd Lee Wilson’s chapter in his book <b>Essays On The Quaker Vision Of Gospel Order.</b>	Read the chapter. Copies will be available several weeks prior to the session on the table in the meeting room.
January			
4	Faith and Practice: Using it in our every day life (#4)	Susan Russell Walters will lead a discussion on the Advices, Queries, and Voices of Meeting for Business; Meeting for Worship; Membership; Stewardship; Vocal Ministry.	Take a look at the <i>Faith and Practice (1988)</i> and the proposed changes to the Queries. These can both be found electronically at <a href="http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html">http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/fnp1.html</a> Hard copies of both are also in the Library.
11	Experiment with Light	Susan Russell Walters, facilitator	See October 12 information.
18	No program– Meeting for Business after Meeting for Worship		
25	(Women’s Retreat)	No Adult Education program.	