

Quaker Diversity: Leadings, Service & Ministry

Save the Date: Saturday, August 8, 2015

Community, Cincinnati, and Eastern Hills Meetings invite you to explore some of the many varieties of service found among Friends in an all-day gathering on Saturday August 8, 2015 at Cincinnati Friends Meeting (8075 Keller Rd, Cincinnati). The event will provide Friends in the region with an opportunity to understand different forms of ministry within the Religious Society of Friends, from preaching on Sunday morning to serving on a meeting committee to providing service in the wider world – any work that arises from a divine call. Child care will be provided.

To register, click on this link:

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THREE FRIENDS HAVE AGREED TO SERVE ON THE PANEL:

Lloyd Lee Wilson is a recorded minister in North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) and attends Friendship Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina. He is well known for his many books, book chapters, journal articles and pamphlets for Quakers. He has also traveled extensively in the ministry, presented public lectures, and led workshops and retreats. He has chosen conscious, intentional ministry in his employment; as a volunteer in prison visitation; and in offering military and draft counseling.

Rachel Bugenimana was born in Rwanda and lived through the 1994 genocide. In the aftermath, she and her husband raised orphans in their home, helped their churches in peace and reconciliation, and encouraged widows to have hope and build their future. She brought street children together, sought families to adopt them, and helped them go back to school. During this time she also led the women's department in Rwanda Yearly Meeting, training women in conflict resolution to face their trauma and live peacefully in society.

She has led the women and children's department at the Friends Peace House and served as the team leader at the local Friends church in Kigali. Since 2011, she has been on the pastoral team at Kicukiro Evangelical Friends Church and a leader of spiritual life at Kagarama Monthly Meeting.

Martha Viehmann is a member of Eastern Hills Meeting in Cincinnati. Since 2008, she embraced the gift of time and sought opportunities to serve as recording clerk for her meeting, on the OVYM Middle Youth and Planning Committees, and on the "Party Committee" of Miami Quarterly Meeting. She also served on Greater Anderson Promotes Peace and is now a GAPP co-director. Through GAPP, Martha learned of the Martin Luther King Coalition which organizes the city of Cincinnati's MLK Day events.

As a scholar of Native American literature and film, she works to bridge the divide between popular ideas about Indians and Indigenous self-representations. She has published book chapters and essays on Native and western North American literature.

The day will begin at 9AM with bagels, coffee, and other light food. In the morning, each presenter will have an opportunity to describe his or her ministry and in the afternoon, to talk about the spiritual process that led them to that particular service. There will also be time for questions and comments from the audience. A simple lunch will be provided for those who pre-register. The event will end at mid-afternoon.

Update: Rachel Bugenimana was denied a visa to enter the United States. Her son, Yves Dusenge, a student at Guilford College, will stand in for her on the panel. He will read a statement prepared by his mother, adding his reflections and talk about his own ministry.