

To: Continuing Committee of Illinois Yearly Meeting
From: 2012 Program Committee (Brad Laird, Monica Tetzlaff,
Chip Rorem, Bridget Rorem)

Dear Friends:

Our speakers for the 2012 Annual Sessions will be Peggy Senger Parsons, Niyonu Spann, and Shan Cretin. Mark Mattaini will give the Plummer Lecture.

Peggy Senger Parsons is a Quaker pastor, a Licensed Professional Counselor, and Certified Spiritual Director counselor based in Salem, Oregon. Her congregation is Freedom Friends Church. She likes motorcycles. She has worked with David Niyonzima in Burundi, Rwanda and the Congo training pastors, relief workers and trauma healers. Peggy received the Northwest Yearly Meeting Award for excellence in peace and justice work in 2001. Peggy gave the 2011 Weed Lecture at the Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston, Mass.

Niyonu Spann has worked with organizations throughout the country to increase diversity and strategic effectiveness. A member of Chester Monthly Meeting (PA), she served as dean of Pendle Hill, founded a new nonprofit, 4 Circles Beyond, Inc., and is the founder/director of the performance group Tribe I.

Shan Cretin, Secretary General of American Friends Service Committee, is a former clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting, the regional body that includes Quaker meetings from California, Hawai'i, Mexico, and Guatemala. She co-founded the Los Angeles chapter of Alternatives to Violence Project and has facilitated conflict resolution workshops at the Chino Youth Correctional Facility and in the Los Angeles community. She also serves on the board of directors of The California Endowment.

Mark Mattaini is a member of 57th Street Meeting of Friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Rorem

for the committee