

## Registration Form

PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 13, '12

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies/other accommodations needed:  
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Arriving: \_\_\_\_\_ Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekend Fee of \$40 covers food, use of the site, and expenses. After April 13<sup>th</sup>, fee increases to \$50.** Make checks payable to Illinois Yearly Meeting. Prepayment is not required to attend but tell us in advance if you'll be joining us!

I can arrive early on Friday to help with setup or

stay on Sunday to help with closing.

Send Registration to:

ILYM Women's Weekend  
c/o Sharon Haworth  
605 W. Washington St.  
Urbana, IL 61801  
shaworth@sbcglobal.net  
Phone: 217-384-9591 (home)

**No Child Care is available. Please seek help from your monthly meeting.**

### Purpose

The women of Illinois Yearly Meeting gather together each spring.

The time provides the opportunity to share journeys, to enlarge our circle of friendship with Quaker women, to hold each other in loving support, and to honor all women as we seek to grow in the depth of our being and in Light.

Women find their voices, sing their songs, and tell their stories, mingling the rich varied stories of young and old and in-between as we unmask together ourselves and our lives.

All women are invited to become part of the gathering.

### Questions?

#### Coordinators

Valerie Lester 708-383-4940  
val\_geof@yahoo.com

Jeannie Marvin 815-433-4678  
riverstone@mchsi.com

### Emergencies

#### Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies

Marshall-Putnam Medical Clinic 815-339-6245  
322 S. McCoy

St. Margaret's Hospital  
Spring Valley 815-664-1464

THE MEETING HOUSE 815-882-2214

## *DISCERNMENT*

### A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR ILYM WOMEN

APRIL 27 - 29, 2012

*Illinois Yearly Meeting House*

*McNabb, Illinois*





# WOMEN'S WEEKEND



## The Program

*The word discernment comes from the Latin root of “dis” – meaning apart and “cernere” – meaning to sift. Discernment, then, is the act of sifting apart. Among Friends discernment is a spiritual practice. Quakers seek guidance from the Inward Teacher. We believe that this guidance is available to us only as we are able to sift through the messiness of our minds enough to listen for that “still small voice” of God that calls to us. In stilling our own minds, we learn to listen.*

**Emma Churchman will lead us through a program, exercises and worship sharing to help us understand the process of discernment.**

## Our Facilitator

Emma Churchman is the Young Friends Outreach Coordinator at Earlham College. She is a Quaker minister, healer, mystic, artist, shaman and spiritual director.

## The Fees

The fee for the weekend is \$40. Those unable to meet the cost are asked to assess what they can contribute.

No one is turned away due to lack of funds. Young women of high school age are welcome at no cost. We encourage all Quaker women to attend.

## The Schedule

### FRIDAY

6:30-7:30 Dinner (Clear Creek women)  
7:30-9:00 Program with Emma  
10:00 “Lights out” – quiet on sleeping floor

### SATURDAY

7:00-8:30 Breakfast  
9:00-11:30 Program with Emma  
12:00-1:00 Lunch  
1:00-2:00 Free time  
2:00-4:00 Program with Emma  
4:00-5:00 Free Time  
5:00-6:00 Singing  
6:00-7:00 Dinner  
7:00-8:00 Worship sharing  
8:00-9:00 Poetry in Pajamas<sup>1</sup>  
10:00 “Lights out” – quiet on sleeping floor

### SUNDAY

7:00-8:00 Breakfast  
8:00-9:00 Begin clean up  
9:00-10:00 Women’s Weekend Business Mtg.  
10:00-11:00 Final Cleanup  
11:00-12:00 Worship with Clear Creek Friends

<sup>1</sup> Poetry in Pajamas is a lighthearted evening of sharing and laughter. Bring a short poem, reading, story or joke to share; improvisation is also appreciated.

**NOTE:** Please try to arrive before dinner on Friday so you can set up your sleeping accommodations.

## The Details

**The Meeting House** is at 14365 N 350<sup>th</sup> Ave. in McNabb. It is ½ mile east of IL Rt. 89 about 1 mile south of McNabb and 2 miles north of Magnolia, IL.

**Lodging** is available in the Meeting House, unheated cabins (no electricity) or in Clear Creek House. Housing in Clear Creek House will be assigned and preference given to those with a need (please indicate needs/wishes on registration form). Women sleeping in Clear Creek House rooms should not expect a private room.

Although the Meeting House and its restroom are wheelchair accessible, the dining room is not. Meals can be served on the main floor where program activities are conducted and where most women sleep.

**What to Bring:** Your yoga mat (or a blanket), walking shoes and journal, a sleeping bag, towels, toiletries, SONG BOOKS, Musical instruments, Reading materials, writing materials, and anything else you must have.

**Food:** Dinners/Lunches are provided by Meetings (TBD). Shared Breakfast foods will be provided. Individuals may bring snacks to share.

If you have food allergies, please indicate that in your registration. Also, given our interest in emphasizing spiritual/mental/ physical health, we want to emphasize low fat, whole grain, vegetarian/vegan alternatives. All of us want to nurture our group well, to provide healthy food, and as we do for ILYM, allow around \$2.50 per person per meal.

More food information will be provided by email to those who register.