

## Registration Form

*Please register by April 15, 2016*

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Meeting:

Lodging:

Food Allergies/other accommodations needed:

Arriving:

Leaving:

**Weekend Fee of \$45 covers food, use of the site, and expenses. After April 15, fee increases to \$55.**

Prepayment is not required to attend.

Preregistration helps in planning.

### **Paying by**

Check, make out to Illinois Yearly Meeting.

Credit card/PayPal at [ilym.org/payfees](http://ilym.org/payfees).

Name on account:

Cash or Check at retreat

I can arrive early on Friday to help with setup

I can stay on Sunday to help with closing.

**Send Registration to:**

[AdminCoor@ilym.org](mailto:AdminCoor@ilym.org)

or

ILYM Women's Weekend

5615 S. Woodlawn Ave.

Chicago, IL 60637

**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*

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## Emergencies

Dial 9-1-1 for emergencies

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

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

ILYM Meetinghouse 815-882-2214

## Sharing Our Widsom

Weekend Retreat  
for ILYM Women

April 22 - 24, 2016

Illinois Yearly Meetinghouse  
McNabb, Illinois



## The Program

We all have wisdom we have learned through our time here on Earth. How often do you reflect on it and share what you've gained with others? Buddha said, "A single moment can change the day. A single day can change an entire life. A single life can change the entire world." As Friends we can grow from our tribal wisdom and be change agents in our world. What has life taught us? How will you share this with the world?

*Please bring a couple of books that have had an impact on your life, something that symbolizes a great transition in your life.*

## Our Facilitator

Jill Tikkun has been working on group dynamics and mutual understanding through youth mentorship and the methods she uses in her undergraduate courses. She recently shared these methods at the Association for Experiential Education conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She has developed a continual grounding in Quaker process through her education at Olney Friends School and Earlham College. As Co-Director of Camp Woodbrooke in Richland Center, Wisconsin, she has taken that learning and molded into leadership as she guides programming for youth and mentors young adults in work and community.

Mariellen Gilpi, the Saturday Afternoon Workshop Leader, has helped edit *What Canst Thou Say* since 1999. She edited two anthologies of stories and poems from *WCTS: Discovering God as Companion: Real Life Stories from What Canst Thou Say?* and *Intimacy with God: Real Life Stories from What Canst Thou Say?* She has written several stories and edited several issues for WCTS. She is a storyteller and a good listener to other storytellers.

## Registration and Fee

The fee for the weekend is \$45. 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 registration PDF form can be filled out, saved with another name and email to:

[AdminCoor@ilym.org](mailto:AdminCoor@ilym.org). Printed copies can be mailed to ILYM Women's Weekend, 5615 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-1622.

The fee can be sent by check to the above address or paid electronically by credit cards or PayPal at [ilym.org/payfees](http://ilym.org/payfees).

# Women's Weekend

## The Schedule

### FRIDAY

6:30-7:30 Dinner  
7:30-9:00 Program  
10:00 Lights Out (Quiet on Sleeping Floor)

### SATURDAY

7:00-8:30 Breakfast  
9:30-11:30 Program  
12:00-1:00 Lunch  
1:00-2:00 Free Time  
2:00-4:00 Program  
4:00-6:00 Workshop on What Canst  
Thou Say (Mariellen Gilpin)  
6:00-7:00 Dinner  
7:00-8:00 Games and Pajama Party  
10:00 Lights Out  
(Quiet in Sleeping Areas)

### SUNDAY

7:00-8:00 Breakfast  
8:00-9:00 Begin Cleanup  
9:00-10:00 Women's Weekend  
Business Meeting  
10:00-11:00 Finish Cleanup  
11:00-12:00 Worship with  
Clear Creek Friends

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

## The Location

The **Meetinghouse** is at 14365 N 350th Ave. in McNabb. It is ½ mile east of IL Rt. 89 about 1 mile south of McNabb and 2 miles north of Magnolia, Illinois.

## The Details

**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:** Bring your sleeping bag, towels, toiletries, and the other personal items you will require for two days away from home. You may also wish to bring a yoga mat, song book, musical instrument, and reading materials for your use during the weekend.

**Food:** Dinners/Lunches are provided by Meetings. 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.