

# Announcing Willamette Quarterly Meeting

February 4, 2012  
Corvallis Friends Meeting House  
3311 NW Polk Street  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Friends,

The Winter Session of Willamette Quarterly Meeting will be held on the date and place shown above. This session is our traditionally business oriented session during which a number of "housekeeping" and operational issues will be shared, Friends input sought, and decisions made. In addition, one of our members will lead a stimulating exploration based on the following query and comments:

## **Have Quakers created their own "language barrier"?**

Words define; language shapes culture. How does "Quakerish," our sometimes arcane, quaint and in-groupy language, define us — for ourselves, for outside seekers and for the public at large?

Rick Seifert, clerk of Multnomah Monthly Meeting and a writer, will invite participants to explore with him the often murky and confusing nomenclature of Friends. The group will be invited to contribute its own favorite Quaker terms for consideration. The group will ponder the tension between Quaker traditional terms and today's need for Quaker clarity. The perspective of newcomers may be particularly enlightening because they see Quaker terminology through "fresh eyes."

### Schedule for Saturday, February 4, 2012

9:00 a.m.	Arrival, greetings, refreshments (by Corvallis and Salem MM's)
9:45	Meeting for Worship
10:55	Meeting for Worship for Business
12:15 p.m.	Lunch (by Corvallis and Salem MM's)
1:30	Exploration: Have Quakers created their own language barrier?
3:15 ?	Adjourn

No pre-registration needed. However, people from a distance needing overnight hospitality should contact Esther Schiedel (541-753-6889, [ceelf@aol.com](mailto:ceelf@aol.com)) for arrangements. Boise and South Mountain Friends should know that Spiritual Life Funds are available to help with exceptional travel costs; contact Lyn Gordon (360-882-8120, [woodyg55@msn.com](mailto:woodyg55@msn.com)) by January 23 for help. With no children's program, child care needs must be conveyed to Wendy Robinson (541-753-6094, [robburton@comcast.net](mailto:robburton@comcast.net)) by January 21.

Questions? Contact: John Etter, WQM clerk at [johnetter4449@gmail.com](mailto:johnetter4449@gmail.com) or 541-554-4515