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# NURTURING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE MEETING

## REDISCOVERING ELDERING

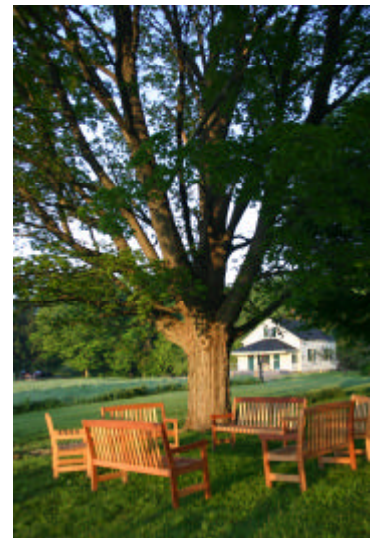
Explore the role and gifts which traditional “elders” brought to the Quaker meeting to nurture its spiritual life. Like their predecessors, contemporary elders name and nurture spiritual gifts, hold members in prayer, articulate a sense of the meeting, deepen the silence in worship, and give voice to hard-to-hear truths. Reclaim and make visible these gifts of the Spirit – gifts which quietly and inconspicuously knit our communities together and nurture our life in the Spirit. We encourage all friends who take an active interest in the health of their monthly meeting to attend.

NOTE: This workshop will run concurrently with “Living with a Call to Ministry.” There will be opportunity for exchanges between the two groups.

*Elaine Emily is a member of Strawberry Creek (CA) Monthly Meeting and has an anchor committee under their care. A healer and body-worker, Elaine is often called upon to accompany other Friends (and non-Friends) traveling in the ministry in support of their spiritual work. She currently serves on the Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Committee and in a spiritual nurturing capacity at Pendle Hill.*

*Joe Garren (Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, NY) will serve as elder for this retreat.*

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