



STORRS FRIENDS MEETING

Invites You To:

A DAY OF EXTENDED WORSHIP

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

57 Hunting Lodge Road, Storrs, CT 06268

*“God alone is able to strengthen us to dig deep,
to remove all which lies between us and the safe foundation...”*

John Woolman

In earlier times, Friends would often worship for hours, fully expectant and deeply patient for the Living Presence to do its work in the gathered body of Friends. These gathered experiences were core to Quaker conviction, personal transformation, and prophetic challenges to the cultural behaviors in the places where Quakers lived.

In May of 2022, modeled after more than 25 years of practice in the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Jean Rosenberg and Michael Wajda revived the practice of extended worship in the New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM). Building on that work, the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting has taken on an independent extension of Jean and Michael’s initiative by providing extended worship in our quarterly meeting. On June 13, I hope you will join Storrs Friends Meeting (SFM) for extended worship with some new added opportunities: joining our worship via Zoom, and a children’s program for parents who wish to bring along their children or who cannot otherwise attend without such a program.

We will gather in the Storrs Meetinghouse at 9:30 a.m. for three hours or so of expectant waiting worship. Three hours may sound like a long time, but Friends who have been practicing this kind of extended worship have often been surprised by how quickly it seems to go by. Friends are free to get up and move around, use the bathroom, even take a walk outside, and rejoin the worship as led. After worship, we each eat our own brown-bag lunch (beverages provided). After lunch, we will return to the meeting room for some worship-sharing about our experiences of the morning. We will close by 2:30 p.m. Friends are welcome to come for the morning only, to stay for lunch, or to stay for the entire day.

Transformative experiences can happen when the Living Presence has adequate time to remove the spiritual cobwebs and to shine a Light on the deep calls that are beckoning us to change and to make the world a better place. It is God's work to awaken people to God's wisdom, guidance, and love. These extended meetings for worship can provide a seedbed for God to do that awakening. You can also read Marcelle Martin's Pendle Hill Pamphlet, *An Invitation to a Deeper Communion*, which describes the beginnings of these extended worship experiences in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

SCHEDULE

- 9:00** Tea, coffee, and light snacks will be available with an opportunity for quiet conversation outside of the meeting room.
- 9:30** Meeting for Worship
- 12:30** Brown Bag Lunch and time for a walk, relaxation, conversation, etc. SFM will provide beverages, or you may bring your own.
- 1:15** Reflections on the morning experience of extended worship
- 2:30** Closing

CONVENOR: Will be a member of SFM familiar with the Ministry passed down by Jean Rosenberg and Michael Wajda.

LOGISTICS

- Please remember to **bring your own lunch** if you plan to stay beyond the morning worship.
- **Parking:** If the meeting parking lot is full, there is parking close by in one of UCONN's parking lots. We will provide a shuttle to and from that lot.
- **Questions about the day:** Please get in touch with Ray Fricano at rayfricano@charter.net or (860) 428-2683.
- **Zoom or children's program:** If you wish to utilize either of these opportunities, please contact Ray Fricano at the email or phone number above by **May 25**. This will give SFM ample time to plan.
- **Announcements:** To allow us to hold the deep experiences of the longer worship, and the reflective time in the afternoon, we ask Friends not to plan to make announcements of other Quaker events at the end of either session of the extended meetings. The only announcements that we will make will concern the extended meetings themselves. If you want to share information about another upcoming Quaker event, please bring it in printed form and place it on a table we will provide.

Our vision is to strengthen Friends corporate yielding to the Living Presence in all our meetings for worship and business so that the Inward Teacher can fully do its work of abundant guidance and love.

We look forward to being with you in That Which Is Eternal.