

BERKELEY FRIENDS CHURCH

Quaker Heritage Day 2010

Saturday, April 1

CAROLE SPENCER, guest speaker

HOLINESS: THE SOUL OF QUAKERISM

PROGRAM:

9:00 a.m. *Sign-in, enjoy the breakfast buffet, and browse the book table.*

9:30 a.m. **“Early Quakerism: A Radical Holiness Movement”**

11:15 a.m. **“19th Century Revivalism: Love It or Hate It?”**

12:45 p.m. *Simple lunch buffet prepared by Berkeley Friends Church*

1:30 p.m. **“Holiness, Mysticism & Modernism: A 21st Century Synthesis”**

3:00 p.m. *Closing Worship*

CAROLE SPENCER is a recorded minister in [Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends](#) (Quaker) and the Director of the [Friends Center at George Fox Evangelical Seminary](#). In her pre-academic life she and her husband built a log cabin in the woods of New Brunswick, Canada and raised four sons. In addition to her passion for teaching about the Christian mystics, and Quaker history and spirituality, she loves listening to rock and roll music, playing tennis, skiing, and roaming the beaches and the mountains of the Great Pacific Northwest. Carole has recently accepted a faculty position at the [Earlham School of Religion](#), in Richmond, IN. For more about Carole, go to: <http://www.georgefox.edu/seminary/faculty/Spencer1.html>.

Holiness: *the Soul of Quakerism?*

Holiness is an idea that has been more divisive than uniting for the Society of Friends. Yet it was unmistakably important in the experience and faith of the first Quakers. Carole Spencer maintains that holiness, while neglected by many Friends today, provides an “ongoing thread that serves as the common denominator of normative Quakerism”.* Nor was holiness solely the domain of nineteenth-century revivalist Friends. In fact, we can see various aspects of holiness in the lives of Quakers throughout our history and in each of our divergent traditions. What's more, understanding holiness as a “spiritual quality in which human life is ordered and lived out as to be consciously centered *in* God”* opens the way for us to see the possibilities for our own lives, whether we might consider ourselves to be evangelical, liberal, mystical, or some other kind of Friends.

* Quotes above are taken from Carole Spencer, *Holiness: the Soul of Quakerism*, (Paternoster, 2007)