

# About Jane Orion Smith, Plenary Speaker

Jane Orion Smith is the General Secretary of Canadian Friends Service Committee, the peace and service arm of Canadian Yearly Meeting. She also serves as past chair on the Board of Kairos, the ecumenical justice agency in Canada. Jane Orion has a concern for spiritual discipline as we seek leadings, undertake “activism” and generally live life. She is also interested in dialogue among people of difference, particularly branches of Friends. She has lead workshops and published on social concerns, sexuality and spirituality, and Quakerism in Canada, the USA, and the UK. She served as a Friend-in-Residence at Woodbrook Quaker College (1996 – 1999). In a “previous life,” she was a lighting-and-set designer, with a focus on the development of new Canadian plays. Jane Orion is very happily married to Janet Ross Melnyk of Atlanta Friends Meeting, a biblical scholar, who will be moving to Toronto, Ontario later this year.