

INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING SPRING UPDATES 2017

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ALL are invited to join the INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING 2017 ANNUAL GATHERING
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM, June 11-18, 2017
Registration is OPEN at WWW.IMYM.ORG where you can register online or print a form

THEME AND SPEAKER

About Money: A Call to Integrity, Community, and Stewardship

Pamela Haines, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, coauthor of *Toward a Right Relationship with Finance: Debt, Interest, Growth, and Security*, Quaker Institute for the Future, 2016.

Our speaker has provided us with queries to ponder as we prepare for the conversation at Ghost Ranch. We hope that monthly meetings hold conversations about these questions so that those not attending IMYM can be part of a wider conversation. If you discuss these questions and take notes, please forward them to me by May 15th for posting at imym.org (imymclerk@gmail.com).

How do our traditional testimonies – Integrity, Simplicity, Equality, Peace, Sustainability/Community – guide us in regard to:

- stewarding our personal money and other resources?
- aligning our monthly and yearly meeting budgets and budgeting processes with our professed Quaker values?
- providing the means for the spiritual development of our families and young people to be nurtured, and for all Friends to fully participate in our activities?
- living in a corporation-dominated global capitalist growth economy that profits from war, exploitation, and environmental destruction?
- creating and participating in alternative life-sustaining economies as we steward Earth's finite resources?

Our present money system can only function in a growing economy, yet our ever-growing economy is on a collision course with the realities of a finite planet, and is systematically moving wealth from borrowers to lenders, from those with less to those with more. How did we get to the point where our security, both individual and institutional, depends on being lenders? How can we move forward with integrity toward a right relationship with finance?

Upcoming Business: Representatives Committee is recommending to the IMYM business meeting that we adopt Pay as Led for financing the annual gathering. Please learn as much as you can about Pay as Led so that we can have an informed discussion. A great place to start is "An Experiment In Abundance," *Friends Journal*, December 2015 by John Humphries and Cathleen Wooten. Documents in Advance, a folder of information at imym.org under the 2017 Annual Gathering, will have more information soon.

Evaluating the New Structure: In 2014 IMYM established a new structure with the understanding that in 2017 we would evaluate it. The process is underway! Please respond to surveys you receive and be willing to be interviewed at the annual gathering. If you have comments, please send them to the clerk (Molly Wingate) at imymclerk@gmail.com.

I look forward to reading all of the State of the Meeting reports. Please send them to imymclerk@gmail.com as soon as possible.