

DEEPENING OUR WORSHIP



PURCHASE MEETING POWELL HOUSE RETREAT

OCTOBER 4 - 6, 2019

RETREAT DESCRIPTION

It may be the deep calm of meeting for worship. Or the insight and inspiration of Quaker values like simplicity, integrity, peace, and protecting the environment. Or the community found in Purchase Meeting from Bible study to coffee hour to special events like Harvest Dinner. Or maybe it's how these or other things come back to you during the week. "If only more of life could be like those moments..."

Maybe it can.

The theme of the 2019 Purchase Meeting Retreat is "Deepening Our Worship." And we mean it in all senses, from how we are when we come together on Sunday, to how we are in the rest of our lives.

Over the course of the weekend, we will talk about what we revere in our lives, taking inspiration from "worship's" root in where we find worth.

We'll explore easy-to-learn practices to help us center down on Sunday and throughout the week. And we'll make space for fun, from walks to take in the colors of Fall, to intergenerational games and activities, to time to just relax.

Please come with an everyday reminder of what is most important to you to share with the group – a photo, or treasure, you carry with you in your purse or wallet, or something from home you find inspiration in.

While this retreat is being hosted by Purchase Meeting, it is open to all meetings in Purchase Quarter, and to anyone interested in the theme of deepening our experience of the worth in our lives.

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RETREAT LEADER



JON BERRY, MDIV

All our life can be a deepening of our worship if we are open to it. How, then, can we be more open? This has been one of the questions Jon Berry has pursued as he has stepped back from a career in journalism and business to a new path in ministry.

It has led him to study not only his own tradition of Quakerism, but what can be learned from other traditions, from Islam to Buddhism, Hinduism, and Judeo-Christian belief, scripture, and practice.

A lifelong Friend, Jon has worshipped in meetings in Indiana, California, and New York, including, for many years, Purchase Meeting. He is a 2017 graduate of the Masters of Divinity program of Earlham School of Religion, the Quaker seminary in Richmond, IN, where, earlier in life, he attended college.

In July 2019 he will begin a yearlong chaplain residency in Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City.