Lecturers continued
• Demaris Wehr
• Tatiana Pavlova
• David G. Bloesch
• Rosemary Radford Ruether
• Barbara G. Wheeler
• Marjorie Suchocki
• Daniel Smith-Christopher

• James Walvin
• Margery Post Abbott
• Jim Wallis
• Margaret Kornfeld
• Ted Peters
• Luke Timothy Johnson
• Margaret Benefiel
• José Miquel Torres

Directions to ESR:
Approach Richmond via Interstate 70, exiting at Williamsburg Pike south, merging after about a mile into Northwest 5th Street. Follow Northwest 5th Street to U.S. 40 (National Road W.). Turn right and prepare to turn left one block later, at College Avenue. Turn left (south) on College Avenue. The ESR Center (stone building) sits on the southwest corner. To reach the parking lot, continue south on College Avenue to the first stop sign, turn right. Turn right again at the next stop sign and take the next right into the large parking lot.

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The Quaker Testimony of Community: Interfaith and Intrafaith

For more than a century, Friends have been actively involved in formal relationships of dialogue and collaboration with followers of other religions and with many Christian communities. In everyday settings, we experience the “dialogue of life” with an even wider variety of other religious groups. Among Friends, we have engaged one another to understand our differences, deepen our appreciation of what we share and reach toward deeper spiritual community.

Rooted in living faith, spiritual experience, the Bible and our Quaker tradition, these processes of dialogue draw on all of our historic testimonies. Viewing interfaith and intrafaith dialogue through the lens of the historic Friends testimony of community offers a fruitful but underdeveloped resource for assisting Friends in assessing what we have learned in the dialogue experiences of the past and helping to articulate and practice those principals that have the most possibilities for guiding our deepening relationships in the future.

This year’s lecturer:

Friend ANN RIGGS is an independent theological author and editor and a member of the adjunct teaching faculty at Earlham School of Religion. She holds a Ph.D. from the School of Religious Studies, Catholic University of America. She has served the U.S. Roman Catholic bishops in their ecumenical office and the National Council of Churches USA as Associate General Secretary for Faith and Order. She has represented Friends and the wider community of Christians of the United States in a wide variety of national and international dialogues and discussions. Co-editor of Seeking Cultures Of Peace: A Peace Church Conversation, a book of essays from the 2001 international Historic Peace Churches meeting in Bienenberg, Switzerland, and a member of the planning team for Watu Wa Amani, the 2004 international Historic Peace Churches meeting near Nairobi, Kenya, she will lead the Friends group working with Brethren and Mennonites to plan an international Historic Peace Churches meeting in the Americas in up-coming years.


Schedule of Events
The Quaker Testimony of Community: Interfaith and Intrafaith

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008
7:30 p.m. ESR Center
Lecture I: Community and Solidarity

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2007
10:00 a.m. ESR Center
Lecture II: Community and Transformation
11:20 a.m. Common Meal
ESR Dining Room
[Persons wishing to attend Common Meal should contact Rita Cummins at ESR for reservations/payment information.]
12:00 p.m. ESR Center
Lecture III: Community and the Otherness of Others

Willson Lectures

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- Charles Davis
- Dr. Carl F.H. Henry
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