

## Directions to ESR

Approach Richmond via Interstate 70; exit at Williamsburg Pike south, merging after about a mile into Northwest 5th Street. Follow Northwest 5th Street to U.S. 40 (National Road West). 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.

## Schedule of Events

- 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Welcome and Waiting Worship
- 9:20 am Plenary Session #1: How Is The Spirit Leading You? What Is The dream?
- 10:30 am Break Out Groups: (Paper, art supplies, markers, creativity!)
- 11:15 am Report on What's New at ESR (Matt Hisrich)
- 11:45 am BREAK
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Plenary Session #2: Know Where You Come From. Know Where You're Going.
- 2:15 pm Break Out Groups: Culture/needs assessment mapping
- 2:45 pm Small Group Sharing
- 3:00 pm BREAK
- 3:20 pm Plenary Session #3: Multi-Age Worship, Special Programming, First Day School
- 4:30-5:00 Small group discussions: What is one multi-age program could you imagine happening in your community? Special Event? Multi-age Sunday School once a month? Build a children's space in worship?
- 5:00-5:15 Small group sharing and closing worship

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## Pastors Conference

Intergenerational Worship &  
Religious Education

October 7,  
2019

Richmond,  
Indiana



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Keynote Speakers:  
**Margaret Webb  
& Karin Heller**  
of New Garden  
Friends Meeting

# Keynote Speakers

## Margaret Webb & Karin Heller

As ministers and religious educators we dream of thriving and dynamic communities that include people of all ages and abilities. Over 4 years ago, Margaret and Karin spread out on Margaret's office floor with plenty of coffee and snacks, big pads of paper, and colorful markers, and allowed themselves to dream big. Since then, they have built multi-age (intergenerational) Sunday School programming and special events to provide intentional, educational, and spiritual nurture opportunities for the whole community.

This conference is an opportunity to explore what multi-age programming and worship could look like in your faith community. We will talk about rooting this work in spiritual practice, some possible ways to make your worship services accessible across ages and abilities (think outside the children's sermon!), how to design intergenerational Sunday School and how to creatively think about spiritual nurture across the developmental spectrum.

Join us for this exciting opportunity to examine the spiritual needs of your community and dream big about how to welcome people of all ages. We will provide the food (and coffee!) and the art materials and you bring your enthusiasm!



**Margaret Webb** is the pastoral minister at New Garden Friends Meeting in Greensboro, NC. Margaret grew up in a small liberal unprogrammed Quaker Meeting in upstate NY. She attended Earlham College where she earned a BA in religious studies and then went on to attend Princeton Theological Seminary and earn an MDiv. Margaret serves on the board of advisors at Earlham School of Religion. Margaret and her husband Christopher have two children: Teddy (7) and Claire (4). Margaret greatly enjoys the mess and chaos of parenthood.



**Karin Heller** is the Religious Education Coordinator at New Garden Friends Meeting. She earned her BA in Elementary Education and Psychology at Guilford College. After spending a decade in the classroom as an elementary school teacher, she found herself called to ministry (although she would not have identified it as such at the time). Karin lives in Greensboro, NC with her husband, their two boys Owen (11) and Matthew (3), and their big, goofy dog, Barney.

Margaret and Karin have worked hard to build an intentionally multi-age worship experience at New Garden Friends Meeting. They are continually working to build new programming and events that meet people where they are on their spiritual and developmental journeys. Margaret's theological background and Karin's educational background and their shared joy in the gifts and ministry of all people led them to design and implement an intergenerational First Day (Sunday School) program at New Garden. Much to the delight of all, New Garden Friends Meeting now welcomes a number of families each week to worship.

Margaret and Karin have also recently co-authored a chapter in *When Kids Ask Hard Questions: Faith Filled Responses to Tough Topics* which will be published in the fall of 2019.

## Registration

Send to: ESR Pastors Conference 2019,  
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The \$40 conference includes breakfast and lunch. Free for students with ID.

Please make checks payable to: Earlham School of Religion.

Conference: \$40.00

Student: Free

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