

Our 2006 Pre-CYM workshop STANDS OUT!

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Thanks to the suggestion of interested Friends and Meetings, we were able to secure noted Quaker activist George Lakey as leader of our pre-CYM workshop for 2006, and we truly hope that many Friends will make an extra effort to attend.

George is a member of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, under whose oversight he has been conducting a Ministry in Nonviolence since 1991. He has served Friends in many ways: as keynote speaker for a number of Yearly Meetings in the U.S. and Europe, as a frequent leader of workshops for Friends General Conference and other Quaker groups, and as a retreat leader for Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. Formerly on the Pendle Hill staff, he was also a guest teacher at Woodbrooke College in England. He has been a guest lecturer at Wilmington, Bryn Mawr and Earlham colleges, and has taught courses at Swarthmore and Haverford colleges.

In daily life, he is director of Training for Change, an international training center for nonviolence in Philadelphia (<http://www.trainingforchange.org>). Trained as a sociologist, he is the author/co-author of six books, and has given leadership to a wide range of social change movements. His sixth book treats organizational development: *Grassroots and Nonprofit Leadership: A Guide for Organizations in Changing Times*, (1996). On the personal side, at sixty-eight, he is very much a Quaker, and a father and grandfather, in an interracial family.

Canadian Yearly Meeting is very pleased that he has agreed to come to Winnipeg to present "The Power of Positive Anger." Quakers understandably worry about encouraging anger. In the current world, though, anger at the injustices that seem to prevail is better acknowledged, not suppressed, lest it turn to despair and depression. Positive use of our anger assists our actions for positive social change. George will work with us to think freshly about anger, its place in our lives and in

movements for justice and peace. Using prayer, small groups, experiential exercises, and video, Friends attending will have the chance to consider new, positive ways of tapping the energy which anger represents. George's experience in helping groups develop in this way is a great boon for us.

We hope that his daughter, Ingrid Lakey, will be able to assist him. She is a radio producer for National Public Radio. Educated in a Friends School, she has lectured at Pendle Hill and currently teaches First Day School for high school age. She performs with Tribe I, an interracial gospel group.

The workshop runs from 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning, August 11, to 5:00 p.m. that evening, and again on Saturday, ending at 4:00 p.m. A workshop fee of \$120 covers the presenters' costs of travel and accommodation. We are very grateful to them for making their time freely available, so that a workshop of this quality can be offered very inexpensively. If you plan to stay and eat at Canadian Mennonite University during the workshop, show this on your registration form. Please check the CYM Registration insert in the March issue of *The Canadian Friend* for further details. ↶

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