

Readers Write

September QIF Conference Hosted by WFPM

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West Falmouth Friends Preparative Meeting will be hosting the Summer Research Seminars (SRS) of the Quaker Institute for the Future (QIF) beginning on Monday, September 9 through Friday, September 13. QIF is a “think tank” organization dedicated to a mission of engagement in research and discernment on economics, ecology, and public policy leading to a future in which “humanity is in right relationship with the total commonwealth of life on Earth.” The SRS is an annual gathering of scholars (economists, social scientists, ecologists, etc.) and lay Friends convened by QIF for consideration of issues linking social progress concerns and “ecological impacts.” This year nineteen out-of-town guests are expected to be in attendance.

Weekday mornings the SRS group will gather in the WF Meetinghouse at 9 AM for the first of two daily worship-sharing sessions, each focusing on a specific topic introduced by one or more of the attenders. The objective is to gain new insights through a process of collaborative discernment in which alternative approaches for pursuing specific research questions may be perceived that might not have been found through individual effort.

Daily schedules will include silent worship, presentations, group discernment, solo research time, informative group excursions, and convivial activities. **Local Friends and other interested visitors are welcome to participate in nearly all events with the possible exception of the “parting dinner” on September 12.**

All Meeting attenders are invited to the “Welcoming Potluck” hosted by West Falmouth Friends on Monday, September 9, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. (If you plan to attend please contact Cynthia Rankin or Paula Blumenthal to coordinate potluck contributions.)

A tentative schedule accompanies this mailing as a separate attachment. A final schedule will be available after September 3. Contact Larry Jordan or Molly Cornell. Larry Jordan 508-420-1738.