

Maine Wisdom InGathering 2020

May 30 – June 5, 2020

Overview. The 2020 InGathering program will begin on Saturday evening, May 30 and conclude on Friday, June 5, with our “Adventure Day.” While we strongly encourage participants to come for the entire week, we can accommodate a limited number of flexible arrangements for those with weekday or weekend commitments. The first session will be on Saturday evening in the Stonington Town Hall. On Sunday there will be a full day of activities including a special celebration of Pentecost. On Monday and continuing through Thursday we will settle into our regular Wisdom rhythms: morning and afternoon teachings, prayer, chant, conscious work, and a simple lunch together in the Odd Fellows Hall just across the street from the Town Hall. Evenings will have time for making connections and fellowship as well as Paulette Meier’s Quaker Chant Concert and Doug Hertler’s Thomas Merton play.

Cost: The program fee is \$175 per individual and \$225 per family unit, no matter its size. This fee covers our basic operational expenses and lunches on Monday through Thursday, which we will prepare as part of our practical work together. The basic fee applies to all participants, regardless of the number of days in attendance. In addition, you will have your accommodation costs in a variety of price ranges, transportation expenses, breakfast and dinner on your own, and whatever extra you want to plan for tourist adventures.

Registration. *This event is now at capacity. If you would like to be placed on a wait list, please email us at ingathering2020@gmail.com with your name and phone number.* Do not send any money at this time. If a space opens up, we will fill on a first-come, first-served basis. If we notify you of an opening prior to April 1, we will send you a registration link; a \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your space. After April 1 the full program fee is due.

Accommodations. Stonington is a picturesque Maine fishing village with a variety of motel and rental housing options at a range of prices. You can either book your own accommodations or apply for a spot in one of our limited Northeast Wisdom booked houses. If you are booking your own, we recommend that you work with our local partners in Stonington at the Island Agency: <http://www.islandrentalsmaine.com>, or telephone the office at (207) 367-2828. Christina Carter at the Island Agency has worked to help find accommodations for our previous InGathering participants and knows the various possibilities well. Other internet-based agencies that are also reliable and experienced include <http://www.vacationrentals.com> and www.rentalsmaine.com, which is locally based in Blue Hill and can also be reached by phone at (207) 354-5444. If you have booked a house and have a room to spare and are looking to connect up with other InGathering participants who might like to join you, please let us know at ingathering2020@gmail.com.

Northeast Wisdom Managed Housing. Northeast Wisdom has rented three large houses in Stonington, where we are able to provide accommodations for twenty-five to thirty people depending on sleeping configurations: Harbor View (21 Seabreeze Ave), Harbor Heights (19 Seabreeze Ave), and Sea Cake (15 Seabreeze Ave). The cost of a room in these houses ranges from \$400 to \$675 for the entire week. Of course, if a room is shared with another person (whether by sharing a double bed or two people with twin beds) the price per person will be much more modest. Each of these houses has a kitchen for meal preparation. After you have registered for the InGathering, we will work with you to find the optimal configuration for your requirements and budget. If this option appeals to you, please act quickly to secure a room in one of these houses, by contacting us at ingathering2020@gmail.com. Include your name, a phone # and any helpful details about the accommodations. If needs be, we will look into renting additional space, but at the moment we cannot guarantee Northeast Wisdom sponsored housing beyond these already booked properties.

Payment: Since our contracts require us to pay in advance for these houses, we are asking for a **non-refundable deposit of \$100** to hold a room in one of these houses with **non-refundable full payment due by April 1**. This will give us the opportunity to try to find another person to use the room we are holding for you if your need to cancel. If we are able to reassign a cancelled room, we will refund all of the room payments you have made. After you have made tentative arrangements with us, we will send you the link for how to pay online or by mail.

Contact. Questions about the InGathering may be sent to the event managers Eileen Clark and Mary Ellen Jernigan at ingathering2020@gmail.com. If you would like to speak to either of them by phone, use this email address to give your phone number and the best times to call you.