**for meeting newsletter**

**DO YOU SEEK A DEEPER SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE?**

You are invited to participate in the BYM Spiritual Formation Program.

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting **Spiritual Formation Program** invites its participants into a deeper experience of God’s presence through retreats, devotional readings, spiritual community and individual spiritual practices. Spiritual Formation provides a practical way for busy people to turn to God with their minds through spiritual reading, with their hearts through daily spiritual practices and with their human relationships through local friendship groups**. A local group is planned for insert your Meeting’s name here Meeting this year.**

Participants attend retreat weekends at the beginning (**September 6-8, 2013**) and end (**May 9-11, 2014**) of the Program year. During the year, participants attend two meetings per month: (1) the monthly meeting of the local group to share reflections on a spiritual book that all have agreed to read; and (2) the monthly meeting of the friendship group, a subset of the local group -- usually three to five people -- who meet to share spiritual journeys and to support one another in spiritual practices. In addition, each participant is encouraged to devote at least 15 minutes per day to a spiritual practice. Those who participate in the Program are rewarded with a closer relationship with God and an opportunity to form deep spiritual friendships.

If you would like to participate in the **2013-2014** Spiritual Formation Program, send in the registration form below along with payment (the cost covers both retreats) by **August 16, 2013**. Mark your calendar for the retreat dates: beginning retreat **September 6-8, 2013,** and ending retreat **May 9-11, 2014**.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION REGISTRATION**

**Name**:

**Address**:

**Telephone Number**:

**e-Mail address**:

**Monthly Meeting**:

**Vegetarian**? Yes No

**List any food allergies or dietary restrictions**:

**Have you participated in the Spiritual Formation Program before**? Yes No

**Enclose a check payable to Baltimore Yearly Meeting for**:

\_\_\_ **$350** to cover the full cost OR

\_\_\_ **$375** or higher amount $\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help support others\*

(note: any amount above **$350** is tax deductible) OR

\_\_\_ **$310** because I cannot afford the full cost of the Program

Note: A few single rooms may be available. The single supplement charge is $60 ($30 per retreat).

Payment of at least half of the registration fee must be received by August 16 to reserve your place at the opening retreat.

*\* Note:* *Any amount above* ***$350*** *is considered a tax deductible donation to Baltimore Yearly Meeting*

Return your registration before **August 16, 2011** to:

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