



BERKELEY FRIENDS CHURCH PRESENTS:

Quaker Heritage Day 2015

“My faith, in spite of everything, keeps straining up to God”: Reading Helen Morgan Brooks and Howard Thurman after Ferguson

with Stephen Angell, Professor of Quaker Studies at Earlham School of Religion

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Helen Morgan Brooks (1904-1989) was a poet, home economist and dietician, a convinced Friend, a member of the board of Pendle Hill and of many other Quaker organizations; Howard Thurman (1899-1981), a member of the Wider Quaker Fellowship, was pastor of the Church for the Fellowship of all Peoples in San Francisco, a noted author, professor, and university chaplain and a frequent speaker at Quaker conferences. Both were intensely interested in movements for justice in the United States and worldwide.

On this occasion, we will have an opportunity to read from their poetry and prose, as anthologized in *Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights*. In Steve Angell’s talk and in our workshops, we will consider these questions: How did Thurman and Brooks minister to people in their time, especially on issues of justice? In the aftermath of Ferguson, what can Brooks and Thurman teach us or remind Friends, as we seek to engage with the current struggle for justice? What lessons might we draw from them that can assist us in strengthening, building, and healing our communities?

Your RSVP helps us plan a great event! Please make sure we receive your registration by February 15.

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Program is free and open to all. Suggested donation: \$25 with lunch; \$20 without. Donations are welcome, gratefully accepted, and support our annual Quaker Heritage Day event. Make checks out to BFC and put “QH Day” in the memo line. **Questions? Call (510) 524-4112 or e-mail qhd@berkeleyfriendschurch.org**

TO HAVE LUNCH OR CHILDCARE PROVIDED, PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Your name(s) and contact information (including number of children, ages, and names if childcare needed):	
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Location: Berkeley Friends Church
1600 Sacramento St. Berkeley CA 94702
Corner of Cedar and Sacramento Streets
2 blocks north of North Berkeley BART
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Stephen W. Angell is (along with Hal Weaver and Paul Kriese) an editor of *Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights*; the author of *Bishop Henry McNeal Turner and African-American Religion in the South*; and co-author of three other books. He has also written numerous journal articles and book chapters in the areas of Quaker Studies and of Africana Religions. He is the past co-chair of the Afro-American Religious History Group of the American Academy of Religion. He taught religious studies at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida for eleven years (where his most frequently offered course was Black Religion in America) and now teaches Quaker Studies at the Earlham School of Religion. He is a member of Oxford Monthly Meeting in Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting, and he lives in Richmond, Indiana, with his wife, Sandra Ward-Angell, and two cats, Rosie and Pippin.

Steve Angell will also speak at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015. Plan to make the most of this full weekend of offerings!

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