
CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATION

Friday evening , March 11 & Saturday, March 12

Plainfield Quaker Meetinghouse
Intersection of Watchung Av. and 3rd St.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY

There is no alternate date for the conference. If we cancel due to bad weather, we will select a time in the fall and hold the conference then. We will not cancel unless travel appears extremely hazardous, such in a storm of more than 10 inches, or an ice storm. Otherwise we will remain open, understanding that bad weather may prevent all from making the trip.

FOOD (read carefully)

FRIDAY NIGHT

Participants are encouraged to eat dinner before the 7PM start of the program Friday night. You can bring snacks to share, and/or your own eat-in dinner to the meetinghouse, or eat out/on the way.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We will provide breakfast on Saturday. Some of the hotels, and certainly the bed-and-breakfast on our list, provide breakfast. We want to get some idea beforehand how many people anticipate eating breakfast with us at the meetinghouse, so as to guide our food purchasing.

SATURDAY LUNCH

We will provide lunch.

SATURDAY DINNER

You are on your own for Saturday dinner. The facility will remain open for two hours, and during the first hour the cooking facilities will be available. You're welcome to fix a meal if you have the ingredients. After that, clean up will take precedence.

Coffee and tea available at all times. You may have to make it.

COOKING- AND CLEAN UP

We will need help with the food preparation and clean up of the building. The facility is ours for the period of the conference, but will be in use immediately the next day for religious services. We are able to use the space without charge, but we have promised to return it in good order. We'll announce volunteer opportunities at the conference.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

The Meetinghouse is a two story "barn-like" old-looking structure with yellow shingles, brown trim, and a slate roof. There is limited parking, for about 6 cars, if you pull in the driveway off Watchung Avenue. There are additional parking spaces on 3rd Avenue, and on Church Street behind the meetinghouse property, as well as other locations nearby. THERE IS ALSO A PRIVATE PARKING LOT. DRIVE INTO THE MEETINGHOUSE DRIVEWAY, THEN BEAR LEFT AND CONTINUE INTO THE BACK LOT.

BY CAR

From Rte. 78 - Take Exit 40 "The Plainfields." Take Rte. 531 south about 0.8 mi. to "T" intersection. Turn right on Valley Road. Go about 2/3 around the circle, and follow signs to Plainfield. Follow Hospital signs for overpass across Rte. 22. Turn left onto Somerset Street. Somerset Street becomes Park Ave. Turn left onto North Ave. (just before RR overpass). Two blocks and the Meetinghouse is in front of you, across Watchung Ave.

From Rte. 22 Westbound - Look for "The Plainfields" sign. Turn right onto Somerset St. Follow Hospital signs for overpass across Rte. 22. Turn left onto Somerset Street. Somerset Street becomes Park Ave. Turn left onto North Ave. (just before RR overpass). Two blocks and the Meetinghouse is in front of you, across Watchung Ave. NOTE: You can take Rt. 22 West from the Garden State Parkway. However, the exit from the GSP is

often backed up during rush hour and busy retail shopping hours. It is often better when traveling south on the GSP to go to Exit 131 as given below.

From Rte. 22 Eastbound - At signs for Plainfield/Watchung Ave. turn right onto Watchung Ave. The Meetinghouse is on the left between 2nd and 3rd Aves. (about 1 mile; just before RR overpass).

From the Garden State Parkway - Take Exit 131. Turn right at end of ramp onto Rte. 27 towards Edison/Metuchen. Turn right at light onto Wood Ave. Turn left at light onto Oak Tree Road. Go approx. 3 mi. Turn right onto Park Ave. Go another 3.2 miles. Turn right onto North Ave. (just after RR overpass). Two blocks and the Meetinghouse is in front of you, across Watchung Ave.

BY TRAIN

Plainfield station is on the Raritan Valley Line with trains running out of Newark, NJ. See <http://www.nj.com/njtransit/index.ssf?/njtransit/raritan.html> or check with NJTransit. The meetinghouse is ½ block from the station.

BY AIR

Newark Liberty is the closest airport. From the airport, go to Rt. 22 West and then follow car travel directions.

MAPQUEST GIVES THE WRONG LOCATION...

...depending on what you type in. If you type in our street number, you are shown a location on the same street a mile north of where we are. The solution is to enter the intersection where we are located. MapQuest then shows our location more accurately.

For MapQuest, enter: Watchung Av. and 3rd St., Plainfield, NJ 07060. Then you get the correct intersection. We are actually on the north side of Watchung, and not the south side as the MapQuest map will show.

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HOTELS

Best Western Westfield Inn
435 North Avenue West
Westfield, NJ 07090
(908) 654-5600

\$105 for room with 1 or 2 beds.
\$115 for room with kitchenette.

Ramada, Limited
2989 Hamilton Blvd.
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
www.ramadasouthplainfield.com
(908) 769-4359
\$65 for double with microwave and fridge.

Howard Johnson Express Inn
1025 Rt. 22 West
North Plainfield, NJ 07060
(908) 753-6500
\$89 Queen bed
\$95 2 queen beds
\$119 Queen beds plus jacuzzi
\$109 King, home office
Rates somewhat negotiable. Reserve soon, ask for best rate.

The Pillars - Bed & Breakfast
<http://www.pillars2.com/>
Rooms in the range of \$130 - \$165.
Very nice B & B.
Closest to the conference site - 5 minutes.

Sleep for cheap (FREE)

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The meetinghouse is available for people wanting to sleep over at the conference site. Sleeping accommodations will be in a large open room with carpeting on an otherwise hard floor, in an old and generally comfortable but sometimes drafty building. Three bathrooms available at all times, but only one shower. Please bring your own linens, towels and soap, blankets or sleeping bag, and pillow.

CHECK-IN AT THE MEETINGHOUSE
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The meetinghouse will be open at 5PM on Friday evening. If you are in the vicinity, you're welcome to check in and let us know you've arrived. Cooking facilities are available at that time if you wish to use them and provided you bring your own

ingredients. We expect that some people will experience travel delays, but we cannot anticipate when everyone will arrive, and so we will carry on with the program at its scheduled time of 7:01 PM.

REGISTRATION FEE

White participants will be asked to help cover conference costs. Participants of color may register for free."

WHITE ORGANIZERS WORKING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY is the local group hosting the conference. We met and decided we will cover our expenses by:

1. Tallying up the expenses.
2. Dividing that by the number of white participants, to get an average expense.
3. Asking representatives to make a donation to our group to cover the expenses.
4. Representatives will be asked to donate according to their means and ability to pay.

This will probably take place on mid-day Saturday, once we have had time to tally all our expenses. I anticipate the average per person will be in the range of \$5 to \$25.

Schedule

FRIDAY NIGHT:

5:00 PM Building opens continuously for conference

7:01 PM to 7:30 PM

Opening ceremony, announcements, and remarks. We will begin promptly.

8 PM to 9:30 PM

Discussion theme: The things that divided us. We are united by a race and by a broad perspective. Our perspective is that racism needs to end. We see racism and we are working to undo it. Yet as we unite around a broad perspective, historic fissures come into view. Class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnic origin, and many others we know. How do these fissures shape our experience? How do historic conflicts along these

lines of privilege and oppression shape our experience today? How do we work to heal some of pain these conflicts bring? How do we measure our resources to promote structural change in these areas, while focusing our resources on anti-racism?

9:30PM to 9:45 PM

Closing ceremony, announcements and remarks

10:30 PM Lights out in sleeping area

SATURDAY

9:00 AM to 9:45 AM

Opening ceremony, announcements, and remarks. We will begin promptly.

Events in order; no time assigned as yet:

Roll call

Reports from registered groups

Topic/issue centered discussions and presentations

Discussion of future directions

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Closing ceremony, announcements and remarks

7:00 PM

Building closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

During the conference...

Call 908.757-5736

This phone rings in the meetinghouse office.

Prior to the conference...

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WHAT TO BRING

What to bring:

- 40 copies of your mission statement (per group)
- Any brochures, announcements, and other free literature.
- Items for sale by 501(c)3 organizations
- Information displays
- If you are sleeping over, sleeping bag, towel, soap, air mattress, pillow, flashlight
- Snacks