



## Tending Relationships in the Meeting

Friday, 6 April, 2018 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

*An evening open to all (no partner required)*

## Tending the Heart of Your Relationship

Saturday, 7 April, 2018 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*A workshop for couples, registration required by March 25*

**At the Meeting House, 227 College Street, Palmerston North**

**Facilitated by Marsha and Mike Green**

Resident Friends at Mt. Eden, Auckland

### **ABOUT THE EVENING OPEN SESSION**

Open to all, with a particular invitation to elders and overseers, we will explore what it means to tend relationships under the care of a meeting. What is required of us to care for relationships pro-actively, when so often a relationship is revealed to be in distress when it is too late and all we can do is react? How is the vocation of a committed relationship more fully realized? Registration not required.

### **ABOUT THE DAY WORKSHOP**

Our intention is to provide a safe, confidential, and sacred space in which each couple is invited to explore their relationship and reconnect with their beloved in the loving company of other couples. All exercises are modelled by the facilitating couple and partaken at a level of comfort determined by each couple. Couples spend time in the whole group, in small groups, and in private. The workshop introduces a style of dialogue that promotes deep understanding. We celebrate the commitment of couples to growth and change, and the ability of couples to use the inevitable moments of conflict creatively. Expect honesty, laughter, insight, worship, and learning. For information and to register, contact Mike and Marsha by email ([res.friends.ak@gmail.com](mailto:res.friends.ak@gmail.com)) or call (09-630-6834) by March 25.



### **ABOUT THE FACILITATORS**

Mike and Marsha are trained leaders in Friends Couple Enrichment (FCE) and have been leading workshops and retreats for couples and parents for almost 30 years. They bring to their ministry a deep commitment to love as compassionate peace-making. They understand their marriage to be a divine gift that, like all such gifts, needs constant tending. They have raised 3 children who have now flown the coop. They are currently serving as Resident Friends at Mt. Eden in Auckland.

### **ABOUT FRIENDS COUPLE ENRICHMENT**

Friends Couple Enrichment is a Quaker organization located in the USA. It has been in existence for almost 50 years. Its programs are open to all, regardless of marital status, gender identity/orientation, or religious affiliation. Based on Quaker principles of respect for the dignity and worth of every person, FCE has helped hundreds of couples and communities to learn how to tend and deepen appreciation for the sacredness of committed relationships.

*With the blessing and under the care of Palmerston North Monthly Meeting*