

Eileen Flanagan will be leading a workshop on the intersection of climate change and racial justice at the Friends Center for Racial Justice on July 13th and 14th.

Just as the problems of today's world are deeply interconnected, so too are Friends testimonies. During this participatory weekend, we will explore how the issues of toxic pollution and climate change are deeply intertwined with economic and racial inequality, and how our activism and advocacy can be more effective when we are grounded in our deep connectedness.

Eileen Flanagan is Clerk of Earth Quaker Action Team, whose current campaign combines racial, economic, and climate justice. A former teacher at Pendle Hill and University of the Arts, Eileen shares what she has learned about effective and spiritually grounded activism through her online courses, which have included over six hundred people since the 2016 election. The award-winning author of three books, she is currently working on a new book called The Illusion of Separation, which explores the issues we'll be working on during this weekend. Read more about Eileen at eileenflanagan.com

Earth Quaker Action Team is the group that successfully pressured PNC Bank to stop financing mountaintop removal coal mining. Their new campaign integrates racial, economic, and climate justice, three issues that are deeply important to Eileen. Using nonviolent direct action, they're pushing PECO, Pennsylvania's largest utility, to make a major shift to rooftop solar and do it in a way that creates local green jobs and other economic benefits, especially in low-income neighborhoods, which have been hit hardest by the fossil fuel economy.

The weekend runs from an introductory session on Friday the 13th starting at 7pm (preceded by dinner for those from out of town) through 5pm on Saturday the 14th.

For those able to stay, there will be an opportunity for fellowship and more sharing on Saturday evening. Participants are invited to worship on Sunday morning with Ithaca Monthly Meeting.