

# Writing Techniques as an Aid to Discernment



## Writing for Discernment

In this very busy world with its numerous distractions and relentless output of information, how do we, as Quakers, navigate our true path? Quakers have always been very careful with both the spoken and written word as these have an influence on events.

Galations 5: Verses 22 – 26 demonstrate whether the source and probable outcomes are connected to the “Fruits of the Spirit”: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, and Self-control, and all can aid in bringing forth a right decision.

Using the gift of discernment to distinguish God’s guidance from other worldly motives, we explore writing techniques to unravel how writing can clarify issues. Sometimes a closing door is as valuable as an opening one.

During this weekend, we aim to:

- Explore what we mean by “discernment”;
- Consider how we may discern a way ahead;
- Look at different tools to aid in discernment;
- Name an issue on which to practice a writing technique;
- Share our process with others and listen to them describe their process;
- List and use writing techniques.

Facilitators: Jacque Aldridge MA(SocSci)Hons, and Jan-Louise Hamblyn.

Recommended reading: Patricia Loring’s Pendle Hill Pamphlet 305 “Spiritual Discernment”.

To reserve your place please register by Friday 8 September 2017.

## Registration Form

### Writing for Discernment Seminar 2017

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Transport:

Arriving: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

I can offer \_\_\_\_ seat(s) in my/our car OR

Please collect me/us from:

Intercity Bus Depot  Whanganui Airport

(Note: we will only collect out of towners from Whanganui arrival points)

#### Catering:

Simple wholesome vegetarian fare.

Gluten free catered for if indicated here:

*If you need special foods please BYO.*

**Accommodation and Total Costs** (including registration and food). Tick choice please

#### Units

Made up beds and towels provide \$158

#### Sleeping House

Bring sleeping bag, pillowslip and towel \$128

**Camping (caravan/tent)** \$106/102

**Living out** \$96

#### To Register

**Either**, return this form with a cheque (account details below),

**Or**, email [marionbsanson@gmail.com](mailto:marionbsanson@gmail.com)

with **all** details requested on the above form.

**Or**, online <https://bit.ly/QuakersWriting>

Bank account details for payment:

“Friends’ Settlement Seminar Account”

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## The Quaker Settlement

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm start, ending with  
lunch on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017