associated with our deepest emotions and our most profound worshipping, luminous with effulgences from far beyond the words — without them what deprivation would be ours!


a three-session study program on

Marriage and Family

sponsored by Quaker Theological Discussion Group

Newtown Friends Meetinghouse, Newtown, Penna.

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A theological study of where we came from and where we're going. Are Quaker marriage and family more than "a haven in a heartless world"? Is happiness the essence of marriage? What difference do covenantal marriages make in a religious community? Why do we have children? Older people: a burden or a bridge? Is there a Quaker vocation for singleness? Abortion as a religious issue. Who benefits and who suffers from changing values? Can the family survive the autonomous individual? Limited to approximately 30 persons who are prepared to explore the issues over a period of several weeks.

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