

# Melissa Foster and Carl Williams

## February 19-21, 2010

# MINUTE BY MINUTE

## CAPTURING THE SENSE OF THE MEETING: A WORKSHOP ON RECORDING

Recording is a spiritual exercise that involves listening deeply, finding God's unity in sometimes diverse voices in the meeting and capturing that sense in words. Join two former yearly meeting recording clerks in considering the spirit and practice of taking minutes.

Melissa Foster and Carl Williams offered a very well-attended and well-received afternoon workshop at New England Yearly Meeting Sessions last summer. This is a chance to go even deeper into exploring the challenges and joys of recording the movement of the spirit through a corporate body.

NOTE: This workshop will run concurrently with "Clerking." There will be opportunity for exchanges between the two groups. Meetings are encouraged to send a representative to each workshop.

*Kevin Lee*

*Melissa Foster, a member of Framingham Monthly Meeting, has served as recording clerk for her monthly meeting, Salem Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting. Melissa credits her 25 years as a professional sign language interpreter with shaping the way she thinks about the process of recording.*

*Carl Williams is a member of Plainfield Monthly Meeting and has recently served as recording clerk at yearly meeting sessions. He is active in monthly, quarterly, and yearly meeting and travels in the ministry. Being a high school teacher helps him practice listening deeply, to that place "where the words come from."*



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