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A simple plan for an all age Meeting for Worship about Lucretia Mott

Preparation. You will need:

- *the three stories about Lucretia Mott that are on Page 2 of Journeys in the Spirit Children's Work edition Issue 56 and Additional Resource 56.C – simplify if necessary; copies of the picture of Lucretia Mott – Additional Resource 56.A.*
- *a big, plain piece of fabric maybe 1mx3m; lots of colourful oddments of fabric; scissors; PVA glue or something stronger; glue brushes; drawing pencils or marker pens.*
- *at least 3 people to read the stories – you could have more than this - people could take it in turns to read paragraphs. This can help worship feel more inclusive.*

This is a plan for Meeting for Worship lasting up to an hour.

- Be seated ready for everybody to arrive. If possible have cushions on the floor for people to sit on during the stories and banner making. After a few moments stillness welcome everyone to all age meeting for worship.
Say that during worship some stories will be told and a big banner made about Lucretia Mott, a Quaker who lived a long time ago. Lay down pictures of Lucretia. She thought it very important to be fair to other people. Say that the three stories are going to be read by several people and that there will be a pause between each of them. Each story should be prefaced with the title that they have in the Journeys in the Spirit text.
up to 5mins
- Settle again. The storytellers begin when ready. **10 mins**
- When they have finished wait a little bit and then ask some questions like, 'What did you like about these stories? What pictures, if any, did you see in your imagination when you heard the stories - what do the stories make you think of? Ask people to think of pictures, words or ideas that they would like to show on the banner. Say that everyone can talk quietly to somebody near them about their answers to these questions. Lay out the resources. Remember to leave some resources on a table for those who can't work on the floor. Lay the big cloth on the floor. **10 mins**
- Introduce the banner making. Say that anybody who would like to can help to make a banner about Lucretia Mott and her friends and what they did. Tell people the things that are available for them to use to make their pictures to go on the banner. Say that it is alright for people of any age to ask for help with ideas, cutting out or sticking. Say that people can start. **30 mins**

Act as facilitator of what is happening – give advice or ideas when it seems appropriate. It is important to remember that this is now unplanned and will involve talk and negotiation about ideas of what goes where and what is made. Your job is to help with this and not be involved in making your own picture

- Bring the banner making to a close. Everybody sits and looks at their combined work so far. If it is incomplete more can be done after meeting ends for a while. Everybody sits in stillness until Meeting ends. Decide where it might be displayed. **5mins**