**Enhancing Urban Peace**

**in Port-au-Prince**

**Speakers**

**Jorge Laffitte and Carmen Ortiz**

**of**

**American Friends Service Committee**

**(AFSC)**

Sunday February 27th, 2011

1:00 PM

at Brooklyn Meeting House(Quaker)

110 Schermerhorn Street in

downtown Brooklyn

near Brooklyn Borough Hall

**American Friends Service Committee's** (AFSC) is a Quaker organization devoted to service, development, and peace programs throughout the world. Our work is based on the belief in the worth of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

**Jorge Laffitte,** director of Latin America/Caribbean region for AFSC, led the AFSC assessment team to Haiti shortly after the earthquake to see what potential there was for longer term projects for AFSC. In one program, AFSC provides equipment and training for security committees to help keep the peace in the camps.

**Carmen Ortiz**, newly appointed AFSC Country Representative for Haiti, is a political scientist with twelve years of experience on security issues and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods, both at public and academic institutions. As a professor she has taught ADR, political analysis, democracy and good governance. As a public servant in Guatemala, she worked in several positions, including Director of the Secretariat for Strategic Analysis in the office of the Guatemalan President. She has also provided consulting services on electoral, security and peace issues.

**Directions:** Brooklyn Meeting House at 110 Schermerhorn St is within 3 blocks of these subway stations: Borough Hall (2,3,4,5, M & R), Jay Street (A,C,F & R) and Hoyt Schermerhorn (A, C & G)