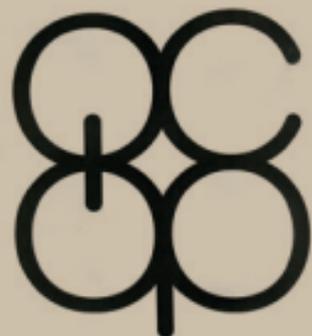


# The Roger Plenty Lecture

QCOP Special Interest Meeting at BYM

19:30 Saturday 21 March 2026

Holding the Tension: What We Struggle to  
Name About Population and Suffering



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**BLONDEL**



Florence Blondel, Ugandan born population and development specialist, will reflect on how for many communities, population growth is inseparable from lived experiences of poverty and environmental stress. She will invite Friends to consider how a Spirit-led community might engage in difficult conversations with humility and empathy, seeking common ground.

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