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## About the Friends World Committee for Consultation

The purpose of the Friends World Committee for Consultation is to encourage fellowship among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. The Quaker community circles the globe, spanning a rich diversity of regional cultures, beliefs and styles of worship. FWCC programs unite Friends around the world through Spirit-led fellowship.

Our work with the Quaker United Nations Offices, both by appointing members to their governing committees and by providing consultative status, offers a means to engage Quakers in world affairs. Our consultation extends to those of other faiths through work with the World Council of Churches and Christian World Communions.

### Our Mission

Answering God's call to universal love, FWCC brings Friends of varying traditions and cultural experiences together in worship, communications, and consultation, to express our common heritage and our Quaker message to the world. (Approved 2006)

### History

In 1937, after years of concerned work to reconnect a fragmented Quaker world, the Second World Conference of Friends created the FWCC "to act in a consultative capacity to promote better understanding among Friends the world over." Today, Friends from yearly meetings and groups in 75 nations continue this work. Around the world there are four cooperating, autonomous FWCC Sections serving Africa, the Americas, Asia and the West Pacific, and Europe and the Middle East. FWCC's World Office is in London.

### FWCC World Office

The world office is based at Friends House in London, England. It serves four main roles:

- Organise world gatherings, including triennial meetings and consultations of Quakers world-wide.
- Support and maintain contact with the work of the four FWCC sections and the Quaker United Nations Offices.
- Coordinate the International Membership programme, which joins isolated Friends and worship groups to the wider Quaker community.
- Promote an understanding of the world-wide character of the Society of Friends, through conferences, staff travel, correspondence and publications, and through ecumenical and interfaith work on behalf of Friends.

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# Greetings to Friends Everywhere . . .

## *I, God, Am in Your Midst*

Returning home after 3 weeks of travel, my husband and I, as usual, had so much to catch up on we nearly stumbled over our words. I wanted to tell him about the new strategic directions FWCC is working on, and he wanted to catch me up on all the news of the past weeks. I was talking about how Quakers can create resilient communities of faith, he was talking about the destructive direction of US politics. I was talking about how God makes us new, he was talking about the loss of hope in democratic systems. He was talking about grieving, I was talking about co-creation.

Sitting in a pool of systems that no longer seem to work for us, I find it easy to wallow in despair. Our politics are too narrow, our economic systems too competitive, our ability to care about even the most narrow of defined environments eludes our ability to prevent trashing it. I walk to the tube in London each day, picking up bits of rubbish along the way, wondering how our human family got to this place. How can our awareness not have the power to change our old habits of consumerism and destruction? How can the human family ever bridge the gap between how we live and what we love?

Then I remember 2 Corinthians 5:17-18:

*Whosoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold new things have come. And all this is from God who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

I am so often moved by God's promise that through him, all things are made new. I see world circumstances in a new light by remembering that I KNOW this already. I have felt the power of God's love course through my veins, reminding me that it is only through God that we are given the ministry of reconciliation, that it is God who has reconciled us to him, not the other way around. This is Gospel sight, and the minute we take our eyes off this we forget that it is God's transformative love that will heal, and IS healing the world. I get my hope from God's promise and from being part of the Quaker family, who all around the world, live into this gift of the 'ministry of reconciliation', a gift from God and a gift to the world.

*We feel small and weak, but we are gathered together to signify the power of God who transforms death into life. That is our hope, that God is doing the impossible: changing death to life inside of each of us, and that perhaps, through our community, each one of us can be agents in the world of this transformation of brokenness into wholeness, and of death into life.*

— Jean Vanier, *From Brokenness to Community*

In the fullness of each day, we are given the gift of life, of relationship, and of a strong faith. And at the end of this day, I will rush home to talk with my husband and read him this Hildegard of Bingen quote:

*I, God, am in your midst. Whoever knows me can never fail. Not in the heights, nor in the depths, nor in the breadths. For I am love, which the vast expanses of evil can never still.*

*With an open heart,*

*Gretchen Castle*

Gretchen Castle

GENERAL SECRETARY, FWCC WORLD OFFICE



The FWCC Central Executive Committee at Camp NeeKauNis, Canada in June 2019.

# Central Executive Committee Notes

*2019 CEC minutes will be available soon on the FWCC World Office website*

This year the Central Executive Committee (CEC) of FWCC met in the beautiful surroundings of Camp NeeKauNis north of Toronto, Canada. This camp site is owned by Canada Yearly Meeting. We experienced the joy of being hosted and catered for by a number of wonderful Canadian Friends who fed and supported us as we worked on the many issues that FWCC carry as concerns. The wonderful setting continuously reminded us of God's glorious creation and our responsibility to continue and develop our sustainability work.

Our week of work together considered the fundamental activities of the organisation including the work of the World Office in London, the approval of our annual budget and other financial matters such as the ever present need to fundraise both for the World Office and for the Sections. Fundraising remains a core concern for the organisation and its work.

We heard reports from the various Sections and explored ways in which to continue developing our 5 offices – 1 organisation approach to our global work. Each Section faces different problems and challenges but they also offer different skills and insights to the overall work of FWCC. The opportunity for Section secretaries and the general secretary to meet together while in Canada prior to our CEC meeting helps the global staffing team to benefit from each other's experiences and strengthens the ties between Sections and with the World Office.

We heard reports of the valuable work our Sustainability Officer is doing among Friends globally and we considered how we might seek potential funding to keep this essential work going when the initial period of funding supported by Britain Yearly Meeting ends. Not only has the employment of a Sustainability Officer allowed for Friends working on sustainability in various parts of the world to know what other Quakers across the planet are doing but it has sent a message out that this issue really matters to Friends globally.

We further discussed the growing concern within our organisation to explore the very broad and important matter of 'Addressing Issues of Privilege and Historical Injustice.' We heard of plans to seek funding to employ a part time worker in this field for the period before the World Plenary. We recognise that this will be one of the key areas of concern to be explored by Friends meeting in Durban in 2023 and realise that considerable preparatory work will be necessary if dialogue at that event is to be fruitful. We hope that fund givers who see the vital nature of this work will be forthcoming.



With the establishment of the Young Adult Friends Development Fund in recent years we were very encouraged by the success of the first two projects to receive funding support. First, the Young Quakers Christian Association-Africa conference, leadership training and attendance at the FWCC Meeting of Representatives in Uganda in 12th month 2018. Second, the visit of two young Friends from evangelical and programmed yearly meetings in the USA and Mexico travelling in the ministry among European Friends in 4th and 5th month 2019. Both seemed to work exceedingly well. At the suggestion of the Europe and Middle East Section we agreed to appoint a young Friend to join the selection committee who approve applications for this fund.

We were encouraged by many stories shared of bridge building work that is happening across the theological divides among Friends and we long to see further efforts made in the future to develop an understanding of our shared spiritual heritage.

Our planning for the World Plenary in 2023 will develop over the next year and we anticipate selection of a venue before the end of 2019. The Local Arrangements Committee is in the early stages of its work and an International Planning Committee will meet for the first time next year.

While we are a small committee doing this global work on Friends' behalf, we recognise the dichotomy we face between the needs to live up to Friends' ever growing testimony on sustainability and the essential need for Friends from across the globe to meet face to face, in order that we might encourage and challenge each other, both in the things that are of this earth and the things that are eternal. While we see no neat solution to this dilemma, during our week in Camp NeeKauNis we were aware of the sweet promptings of almighty God in encouraging us in all that we do and we give thanks for that Divine presence surrounding our work.

Simon C. Lamb

CLERK, FWCC CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



FWCC Africa Section Executive Committee, Lugulu, Kenya, June 2019. Photo: Alfred Wasike

# Bringing Friends Together Around the World: Section Reports

## *Africa*

As a Section we appreciate the support and cordial relationship we have with the World Office and the rest of the Sections in terms of idea sharing, guidance and all the moral support we have received in the past two years and the recent successful CEC meeting in Toronto, Canada where we were represented by the Africa Section clerk Bainito Wamalwa and the assistant clerk Thuli Mbete.

The Young Quakers Christian Association-Africa is doing well with new leadership and it is showing growth in terms of reaching out to youth in Africa through the yearly meetings and FWCC.

The Africa Section has had successful Executive Committee meetings this year and it has upcoming plans to continue achieving both its short-term and long-term goals.

The following are some of the targeted activities in the Section:

1. We continue to fundraise locally to achieve our targets
2. The Section has set the following meetings for 2020 and 2021:
  - March 2020, the last week of the month, is a Representative Meeting and Peace Conference in Uganda
  - The FUM, Quaker Men International and United Society of Friends Women International (USFWI) Triennial is 12-17 July 2020 in Kisumu, Kenya
  - The Africa Section Triennial will take place in March 2021 in Mwanza, Tanzania
3. The Section is sensitising yearly meetings about World Quaker Day on 6 October 2019

We look forward to achieving the main objectives of improving our Section in terms of communication, connections and linking through website development.

Thank you, Friends. Let's continue working together to build the Body of Christ by *Connecting Friends, Crossing Cultures, and Changing Lives through Faith*.

*Blessing to you all Friends.*

Job Bikokwa Wanyonyi  
AFRICA SECTION SECRETARY

## Asia-West Pacific

There are many small groups in our Section and they value their contact with the wider Quaker community. If you are travelling in the region please plan a visit to a Friends church or meeting. This link tells you how to contact these groups:

[www.fwccawps.org/churches-and-meetings](http://www.fwccawps.org/churches-and-meetings)

*I wish for Friends around the world that they are also blessed with such a local Friends community as we have in Singapore – not big, but a great source of spiritual refreshment and fellowship.*

— A Singapore Friend

## Highlights of the last 12 month

### *Indian Friends Schools Working group*

A working group has been formed to explore ways AWPS can offer tangible support to the Board of the mid India Friends schools.

Members are from Britain, Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia, India and Philadelphia. At this stage they are listening to the concerns and stories of our Indian Friends.

### *Crossing cultures – Sharing stories*

The number of stories on our website is growing. The stories are diverse and some are short and some are long but they all are stories of the heart. [http: www.fwccawps.org/category/crossing-cultures-sharing-stories](http://www.fwccawps.org/category/crossing-cultures-sharing-stories)



Friends at the AWPS Gathering in Hong Kong, 2018.



## **Section Gathering**

The 2018 gathering was well attended with good representation from across our vast geographical area. We weathered a typhoon together in a calm and joyful way. Together we explored the Quaker Testimonies, Quaker Friendships, and the Quaker contribution to caring for the earth.

From the Epistle:

*The Quaker concern for justice and fairness to all brings an invaluable perspective to action. Climate change is a double injustice: it has been caused by actions that have benefited the affluent; while its adverse impacts fall most heavily on the poor and disadvantaged. A just response must recognise this.*

## **Meeting for Worship Online**

This meeting has been going for nearly 3 years now and meets twice a month. There are 25 people from 9 different countries on the mailing list. We meet in silence and encourage vocal ministry and also ministry by 'chat'. We worship together for 30 minutes and then have conversation. Many participants are isolated Friends or seekers and the fellowship time is one of deep and caring ministry.

## **Webinars**

We have conducted 3 webinars (on American Friends Service Committee work in North Korea, and climate change) over the last year and have more in planning stage. The support that has been generated from this new venture is encouraging.

## **Challenges for the next 12 months**

- Finding ways to bring young Friends together
- Increase technology use to provide learning and spiritual nurture opportunities
- Contribute to new and creative planning of the 2023 World Plenary
- Keep committees active and energized
- Strengthen connections between meetings, churches, and isolated Friends
- Increase fundraising

From one of our small worship groups:

*AWPS serves as anchor for our religious identity, makes us feel part of the larger global Quaker community with key people keeping in touch with us regularly and enables us to contribute to and receive from the Quaker world.*

Ronis Chapman  
AWPS SECRETARY

## ***Europe and Middle East Section***

2019 is a transition year for EMES. We have a new 10-year strategy, from 2020 to 2030, which we shall start implementing officially next year, though work is naturally underway. There are changes ahead, but Sue Glover Frykman has been confirmed as our clerk until the rise of the Annual Meeting in 2021 and will be able to oversee this transition to completion.

The highlight of the year was the Annual Meeting, held in early May in Budapest. Our theme was “Living in a Foreign Land”, which we explored in various ways during our gathering. We started with reflections from four Friends on how their experience of living in a foreign land influenced their ministry and opened them to new ways of thinking, doing and being. While we are aware of the danger of othering and the discomfort of being ‘othered’, looking for God in everyone can help us get beyond the ‘other’ and understand we are all humans. Evan Welkin (Olympia Monthly Meeting, North Pacific YM, living in Italy) spoke on Vulnerability as Witness: To be of service in a foreign land. He spoke honestly and humbly of his experience of growing up in a supportive and fairly closed Quaker community and how his hope for his life and for Quakerism were thrown into doubt by his experiences in Turkey in September 2001 and his realisation of the limitations of Quakers and Quaker institutions. He asked us to consider the ways in which Quakers have done harm as well as good when they have held power, such as through the industrialisation of whaling, the establishment of penitentiaries and the running of boarding schools for Native American children.



Friends at the EMES Annual Meeting 2019 in Budapest. Photo by Cecilia Clementel

We were delighted to host the first “travel in the ministry” by Yulieed Avila of General Meeting of Friends in Mexico and Ashley Weinacht of Northwest Yearly Meeting, USA, under the auspices of the Young Adult Friends Development Fund provided by FWCC. They led us in rich programmed worship that gave us an insight into both their worshipping communities. Through talking of her own experience of living in a foreign land, Palestine, and her first experience of unprogrammed worship, Ashley reminded us that learning can be uncomfortable and we need to be attentive to what is important to others in deepening their relationship with God.

Many Friends in Europe have participated enthusiastically in Extinction Rebellion activity, and the urgency for action on the climate emergency and social justice issues that accompany it, is keenly felt.

After 45 years, EMES, together with Friends United Meeting (FUM), has withdrawn from directly managing the Am'ari Play Centre near Ramallah. We are supporting United Palestinian Appeal, under the leadership of Saleem Zaru, currently Clerk of Ramallah Monthly Meeting and nephew of the Play Centre's founder, Violet Zaru, in its negotiations with the United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) for starting up the project again in a more stable and sustainable fashion. The many supporters of Am'ari in Europe and the United States have pledged to continue their financial support.

Marisa Johnson

EMES SECRETARY

## ***Section of the Americas***

Much has changed in the Section of the Americas since our last report. On the volunteer side, we have a new Clerk, David Shiner from Illinois YM. Our new Treasurer is Beverly Shull from Ohio YM (Conservative). Benigno Sanchez-Eppler and Nancy Wallace will continue as Assistant Clerk and Assistant Treasurer for one year. Our new Operations Manager, Heather Gosse, member of Monteverde MM, is settling in nicely. Our new Advancement Manager, Nancy Martino has just joined our team in July to work on fundraising and related communications.

Our biennial Section meeting was held March 21-24, 2019 in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, USA, at a rural retreat center in the center of the country. Overall, we had 160 registered participants. About 1/3 were first time attenders. 21 Latin American Friends attended from eight yearly meetings and five countries. Of the total participants, approximately 20% were members of Evangelical Friends yearly meetings, another 20% from FUM affiliated yearly meetings, plus another 10% from the dually FGC & FUM affiliated, and 10% were members of conservative Friends yearly meetings. A little more than 10% self-identified as young adult Friends.

In the evaluation survey one respondent shared:

*How good it is to be with Friends from outside our smaller circles, and, when we are together, how the Spirit of God breaks through our human narrowness of vision again and again. And how full of joy that is.*

The third cohort of the Traveling Ministry Corps completed their training at the Section Meeting. They are available to visit meetings and churches in the affiliated yearly meetings in the Americas. These traveling Friends share their own spiritual experience and sense of unity that is possible across the branches of Friends. Open exchange builds understanding, respect, trust and love, and, with God's help, renews awareness of the worldwide family of Friends.

The Representative Engagement and Development committees have been holding discussions around how to communicate the compelling story of FWCC and invite people to support it at a deeper level. We are looking at how to better integrate our digital communications, our print materials and our representative engagement communications for more effective results. This is part of a growing focus on helping both Representatives and their meetings to understand the value of the Friends World Committee to them.

Robin Mohr

SECTION OF THE AMERICAS SECRETARY



Friends at the 2019 Section of the Americas meeting in Missouri, USA.

# News from the FWCC World Office

## *FWCC Sustainability Programme*

### **New Resources**

We have published a number of new case studies and videos highlighting the global Quaker response to climate change. These can be found on our website: [www.fwcc.world/sustainability-resources](http://www.fwcc.world/sustainability-resources)

In the video *Quakers and Climate Change Around the World*, three Friends from different theological traditions share their experiences of climate change and how their Quaker faith inspires them to take action.

The video *Quakers Coming Together to Care for the Earth* brings together voices from across the Quaker spectrum in North America, including those affiliated with Evangelical Friends of North America, Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference to share their personal testimonies on environmental justice, earthcare and stewardship.

We have produced suggested guidelines for discussing the video in your meeting or church, and we are planning a webinar series to begin in July 2019 to help support conversations on earthcare and stewardship at the local level. Visit [www.fwcc.world/category/events](http://www.fwcc.world/category/events) to sign up.

In May I recorded a podcast for British Quakers and enquirers about the role of Quakers in the wider climate movement and what Quaker action to tackle climate breakdown looks like in different parts of the world. You can listen to the recording on the FWCC website.

There are several new case studies on our website including inspiring personal testimonies of climate witness as well as stories from yearly meetings.

### **Events**

In March 2019, I attended an international, interfaith conference on 'Religions and the Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs) in Rome. It was organised by the Vatican and brought together around 500 representatives from a broad range of faith traditions and development agencies to consider the unique role of faith based organisations in the implementation of the SDGs. The conference concluded with agreement of several concrete proposals and commitments.

## Webinars

I took part in two webinars, one with the Asia West Pacific Section and one with Britain Yearly Meeting to discuss Quaker sustainability work worldwide and share stories from Friends living in climate vulnerable countries who are experiencing the impacts of climate breakdown. These online events offer us a valuable opportunity to connect with Friends around the world in a sustainable and low-cost way.

## The New Climate Movement

On 22 April 1,000 people, many of them children and young people, came to Friends House the home of Quakers in Britain to hear from Greta Thunberg, the Swedish climate activist and Nobel Prize nominee. Questions from the audience included corporate accountability, dealing with climate deniers, how to get our politicians to take action and how we can all support the Youth Strike for Climate. Two young Quakers from Bristol welcomed everyone to Friends House and spoke about Quaker witness for climate justice. You can watch a recording of the event here via *The Guardian*: <https://youtu.be/ZyY8yarwI5g>



Young Quakers Pearl and Sam welcome Greta Thunberg to Friends House in London Photo: Anne van Staveren



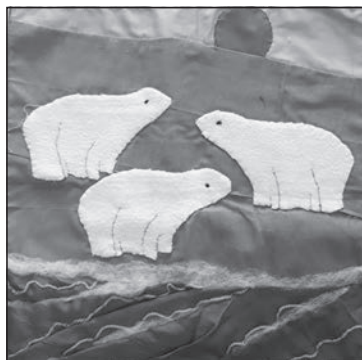
## Living the Change

As people of faith we know that behavior change is just one of a number of steps that we must take to address climate breakdown. To create a flourishing future for all people, we need changes at the personal, institutional, and systemic levels. The facts are clear – we need to do everything we can. FWCC is a supporter and partner of *Living the Change*, a shared faith response at the individual level. We want our lives to reflect our values, avoiding excess and embracing sufficiency and reducing the impact of our consumption is a spiritual challenge. By *Living the Change*, we embark on this journey with joy, alongside other people of faith as part of our response to the climate crisis.

You can start *Living the Change* today by pledging to make your own life a blessing for the Earth and all people. Go to [www.livingthechange.net](http://www.livingthechange.net)

## Loving Earth Project

This new community textile project on the theme of building a more sustainable Earth aims to encourage awareness of how ecological threats endanger the world we love, how we ourselves contribute to this danger, and what more we can do to prevent it. All individuals or groups are welcome to participate by contributing a textile panel (30 x 30 cm) and short text about something they love which is threatened by environmental change, and what could be done to reduce the threat. The first Loving Earth display will be at Swarthmoor Hall in the UK as part of the *Seeking Routes* exhibition from July–September 2019.



Textile panel created for the Loving Earth Project. Photo: Christine Cannon

The project is supported by the Quaker Arts Network in the UK and FWCC. Website: [www.lovingearth-project.uk](http://www.lovingearth-project.uk) Email enquiries to: [lovingearthproject@gmail.com](mailto:lovingearthproject@gmail.com)

## World Quaker Day

World Quaker Day is on Sunday 6 October 2019.

This year's theme, *Sustainability: Planting Seeds of Renewal for the World We Love*, draws us into our shared experience of earth care and the spiritual imperative to sustain life on earth. It is chance to celebrate our wonderful diversity of expression, whilst at the same time offering an important



opportunity to learn about Friends' experiences of climate breakdown in other parts of the world.

We invite you to consider sharing a sustainability story from your meeting or church with another group of Friends elsewhere in the world and begin a dialogue.

It is a good fundraising opportunity, and contributions can be given to your Section or to the World Office to support Quaker sustainability work. For instance, the Africa Section will be raising money this year to plant trees. The World Office continues to raise money to support the sustainability programme beyond 2021.

Visit [www.worldquakerday.org](http://www.worldquakerday.org)

Susanna Mattingly

SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, FWCC WORLD OFFICE

## ***Young Adult Friends Development Fund***

Through the World Office, funding is available for events and projects that benefit and strengthen the network of Young Adult Friends around the world.

Since the launch of the Young Adult Friends Development Fund in September 2018, two projects have been supported with funding:

### **1. YQCA-Africa Triennial Conference and leadership training programme**

The Young Adult Friends Development Fund supported a group of 20 young adult Friends from Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Congo, Kenya and Tanzania to attend the Young Quakers Christian Association-Africa conference and a subsequent leadership training programme focused on Quaker values, heritage and practice and youth participation in the Quaker church. Afterwards the delegates attended the FWCC Africa Section Meeting of Representatives in Jinja, Uganda, where they participated fully and contributed to the proceedings as representatives of their yearly meetings. The three-part project ran from 19–30 December 2018.

### **2. EMES Young Adult Friends Intervisitation Project**

This was a pilot project inviting two Young Adult Friends (YAFs) from Section of the Americas to travel amongst Friends in Europe and the Middle East and attend a number of Quaker events, in order to increase understanding and learning between Friends of different theological and geographical backgrounds, and provide models for future intervisitation.

Ashley Weinacht (Northwest YM) and Yulieed Avila (General Meeting of Friends in Mexico) travelled to Europe from the 22 April–7 May 2019. During their travel



Participants on the YQCA leadership training programme in Iganga, Uganda, December 2018.



Ashley Weinacht from North West Yearly Meeting and Yulieed Avila from the General Meeting of Friends in Mexico (centre) with Susanna Mattingly and Gretchen Castle of the FWCC World Office, April 2019.

they met with YAFs in Dublin, attended Ireland Yearly Meeting, spent a couple of days at Woodbrooke in Birmingham and at Friends House in London where they met key staff and visited the FWCC World Office. They also took part in a Skype call with the Europe and Middle East Young Friends (EMEYF) Spring Gathering taking place in Russia and attended the Younger Quaker Worship Group in London before heading to Budapest to attend part of the EMES Annual Meeting.

Applications to the Young Adult Friends Development Fund are being handled on a rolling basis during the project's first year, until December 2019. Submission dates for applications from 2020 onwards will be 15 January and 15 July. Please visit the World Office website to read the case statement, invitation to apply and to download the application form. These documents are also available in Spanish.

We encourage you to write to your Section clerk, or Susanna Mattingly at the World Office, with any questions and to share your thinking before submitting an application. Email: [susannam@fwcc.world](mailto:susannam@fwcc.world)

## ***Upcoming Meetings***

The next **World Plenary Meeting** is planned for July 2023 in Durban, South Africa. More details will follow soon.

The **Europe and Middle East Section** Annual Meeting will take place 30 April–3 May 2020 in Paris, France.

The **Africa Section** Meeting will take place in March 2021 in Mwanza, Tanzania.



**Sustainability:** Planting Seeds  
of Renewal for the World We Love

**Save the date . . .**  
**WORLD QUAKER DAY**  
**October 6, 2019**

We celebrate all expressions of Quaker worship and we are grateful for all you bring to the Quaker world.

What have you got planned? Please share your stories on **World Quaker Day!** We love hearing from Friends across the globe.

Visit our website **[www.worldquakerday.org](http://www.worldquakerday.org)** for resources, ideas on how to get involved and to share your story.

FWCC invites you to join Quakers around the world to celebrate the 6th annual **World Quaker Day** on Sunday 6 October. The theme is ***Sustainability: Planting Seeds of Renewal for the World We Love.***

Across our churches, meetings, countries and Sections, we feel the power of God connecting us as a faithful family. As the sun rises in each area of the world, we want to remember that Quakers are worshipping through every time zone, celebrating our deep connections across cultures and Quaker traditions.



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