Ecology & Public Policy

QEW BECAME ACTIVE at the international public policy arena during planning for the 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. QEW (then FCUN) received accreditation as a non-governmental organization (NGO) by the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and was able to send several representatives. Four delegates participated in the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. Since then QEW has also been accredited by the UN Department of Public Information (DPI), the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Economic and Social Development Council (ECOSOC). Over the years QEW members have attended meetings at UN headquarters in New York City, as well as in Paris, Mexico City, and Copenhagen, where they have followed and reported on negotiations that have distinct ecological implications. Individuals within QEW’s network are pursuing many other opportunities for spirit-led local and state-level public policy actions and programs as well, allying with other religious, social, and environmental organizations.

THE VISION of Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) includes integrating into the beliefs and practices of the Society of Friends the Truths that God’s Creation is to be held in reverence in its own right, and that human aspirations for peace and justice depend upon restoring the earth’s ecological integrity.