Above all, Ruah Swennerfelt’s book, Rising to the Challenge: The Transition Movement and People of Faith, is a hopeful book.

Filled with stories of people who feel moved to take action toward right relationship with nature, the book offers readers a close, engaging look at the unique nature of thriving Transition groups all over the world and makes the case for people of faith to let conscience and spirit lead them toward practices in support of the common good.

With uplifting prayers and poems from a rainbow of traditions, Ruah frames her introduction to the Transition movement with practical information about the movement’s unfolding history and its foundational ideas, key personalities, and trajectory toward growth.

Her own story demonstrates how her inner stirring toward action led her through protest and engagement toward ideas that bring about the blossoming of a collaborative Transition community. In one of my favorite chapters, Ruah gives readers snapshots of various Transition groups in different countries, sharing their challenges, their unique approaches, and ideas that help us understand how the Transition approach arises out of the unique needs and assets in individual landscapes and communities. The group we feel led to create will be uniquely ours, but it will share the common ideas and values at the heart of the Transition approach.

Along the way, there are resources available to help. In addition to writing her book, Ruah and Friend Steve Chase have developed Quakers in Transition (http://quakersintransition.wordpress.com), a blog that is an online project of the New England Yearly Meeting Earthcare Ministries Committee, where Friends can learn more about the Transition movement, find study aids, learn about
workshops, and more.

You can purchase a print or Kindle copy of Ruah’s book at Amazon.com: https://www.amazon.com/Rising-Challenge-Transition-Movement-People/dp/9768142928 or purchase and/or download the book in PDF form from the Quaker Institute for the Future website at http://www.quakerinstitute.org.

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