



QUAKER EARTH CARE WITNESS

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Vision & Witness

WE ARE CALLED to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is Interconnected and is a manifestation of God.

WE WORK to integrate into the beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends the Truth that God's Creation is to be respected, protected, and held in reverence in its own right and the Truth that human aspirations for peace and justice depend upon restoring the Earth's ecological integrity.

WE PROMOTE these Truths by being patterns and examples, by communicating our message, and by providing spiritual and material support to those engaged in the compelling task of transforming our relationship with the Earth.

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) is a network of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in North America and other like-minded people who are taking spirit-led action to address ecological and social crises from a spiritual perspective, emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies, including continuing revelation.

We approved the following statement today:

We, the Friends of Quaker Earthcare Witness, recognize the sacredness of the Earth and follow our Spiritual leadings. We are aware of the damage that would occur from the 42" pipeline that will carry natural gas extracted from wells in West Virginia using hydraulic fracturing. This process that has the potential to release significant amounts of methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas accelerating climate change.

We hold in the Light and support all those protecting the land, air and water under their stewardship from the destructive natural gas pipeline, the Mountain Valley Pipeline, proposed for southwestern Virginia. In specific, we have deep concern for the citizens of Bent Mountain, Virginia, and those who, following their conscience, have undertaken a non-violent act of civil disobedience sitting in trees to prevent the cutting down of trees on their private property. We see the harsh response of local and state police, under direction of the higher authority of the state of Virginia, to prevent food and water to be delivered to those sitting in trees as a violation of human and civil rights.

We ask for the immediate intercession by persons in higher authority to direct the police to desist this action and allow basic needs to be delivered to tree-sitters and continue their rightful demonstration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stan Becker'.

Stan Becker, Clerk