The Purpose of Quaker Earthcare Witness
To search and to help others to search
for that life which affirms
the unity of all creation.

To apply and to help others to apply
Friends’ practice to live in
deep communion with all life spirit.

To be guided by and to help others to be guided by
the Light within us
to participate in the healing of the earth.

To provide resources, networking, and support
to yearly and monthly meetings of the Religious Society of Friends,
and to others of whatever persuasion; to help them in their search
for effective ways to achieve the above objectives.

To provide a reflective and energetic forum
that will strengthen and deepen that spiritual unity with nature
which values the integrity, diversity, and continuity of life on earth.

Quaker Earthcare 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 to the earth.
Thursday April 11
2:30-3  Fellowship & Worshipful Preparation: For early arrivals, a time to greet one another and share what is on our hearts. Possibly, a nature walk in the neighborhood
3:00  Registration
3:15- 4:10  Continuing Council Committee meets (CCC is made up of committee/working group clerks and officers)
4:15—5:55  Welcome by the Twin Cities Coordinating Team (TCCT)
           Review of the Business and Presentations
           intro to/ of newcomers
6:00—7:00  Dinner, prepared by QEW, or catered in from one of several restaurants on the next block. Or both.
7:10—9:00  Meeting for Worship for Introductions: Introductions and Stories
9:00  Fellowship and travel logistics for home-stays

Friday April 12
8:30—9:00  Informal gathering: Time for people to gather, share news, begin our day together.
9:00 – 10:00  Worship Sharing in small groups
10:10-11:10  Standing Committee meetings: Finance and Development, Nominating, Publications, Spiritual Nurturance, Outreach
11:20 – 12:20  Working group and project meetings: Population, United Nations, Friends Committee on National Legislation ??, No Name, Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, Mini-Grants
12:10 – 12:30  Lunch Prep
12:30 – 1:30  Lunch (QEW)
1:35—3:35  Meeting for Worship for Business I
3:40 – 4:55  Yearly Meeting Representative forum: update on resources, time for questions and feedback
5:00 – 6:00  Free time, Nature Walk and/or Dinner Prep
6:00 – 7:00  Potluck Dinner with Twin Cities and Minneapolis Friends
7:10 – 8:40  Presentation: Friends School Minnesota. Protecting Pollinators Video (and the work behind it), presented by Middle School students
8:45  Fellowship
Saturday April 13

8:30 – 9:00 Informal gathering: Time for people to gather, share news, begin our day together.
9:00 - 9:30 Worship Sharing in small groups
9:40 – 10:50 Standing Committee meetings: Finance and Development, Nominating, Publications, Spiritual Nurturance, Outreach
11:00 – 12:10 Population, United Nations, Friends Committee on National Legislation, No Name, Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, Mini-Grants
12:10 - 12:30 Lunch Prep
12:30 – 1:30 Lunch (QEW)
1:35 – 4:30 Meeting for Worship for Business
3:45 – 4:35 Free time, if possible, depending on conclusion of business
4:45 – 6:00 Transportation to Minneapolis Meetinghouse (rented school bus supplemented by those with cars, as needed)
6:00 – 7:00 Potluck Dinner with Minneapolis and Twin Cities Friends
7:10 – 8:30 Presentation and comments: Transition Towns Panel: Ruah Swennerfelt, Michael and Regula Russelle, Leslie McKenzie and Ralph Jacobson
8:30 – 9:30 Transportation back to Twin Cities Meetinghouse, for those who need it. We will likely arrange rides directly for guests who will be staying not far from the Minneapolis Meetinghouse

Sunday April 14

8:30 – 9:00 Informal gathering, CCC meets if needed
9:00 - 9:45 Worship Sharing in small groups
9:45 – 10:45 Friends Forum: QEW will present a topic to Twin Cities Friends Meeting for reflection and discussion
11:00 – 12:00 Worship with Twin Cities Friends
12:00 – 1:30 Lunch with Twin Cities Friends
1:30 – 3:30 Field trip: Frogtown (urban) Farms and what is happening with immigrant communities