Quaker Earthcare Witness
Spring Steering Committee Draft Agenda
April 23 – 26, 2020
Via Zoom!

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.

Activities for Earthday and Global Climate Action Strike have been distributed on our list-serve and our Facebook page

All listed times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time:

For example, 2pm Eastern is the same as 1pm Central, noon Mountain, 11am Pacific, 3pm Atlantic, etc.
Thursday April 23
6:00 - 7:00  **Greetings**, orientation to advance material and schedule, using Zoom, introduction of staff and clerks table, staff report – state of QEW, explain committee/working group breakouts and worship sharing breakouts. (Shelley and Hayley)

7:00-7:15  **Break**

7:15- 9:00  **Introductions and Stories** (facilitate: Mary Jo) Tech: Shelley

Friday April 24
11:30 – 12:00  **Gathering** – announcements, outline for the day, instructions about breaking into worship sharing groups:
Shelley       Tech: Hayley

12:00 – 1:00  **Worship Sharing** in breakout groups
Tech: Hayley and Shelley – available during worship sharing for tech issues that come up.

1:00 — 2:00  **Break**

2:00 - 3:00  **Standing Committees**: Finance and Development (Jack), Nominating (Open to current Nominating Committee members only), Publications (Brad and Judy), Spiritual Nurturance (Mary Ann and Christopher), Outreach (Alice)
Tech: Shelley

If you haven’t signed up for a committee or working group in advance and you would like to join one, send a chat to Shelley and Hayley so they can set you up.

There will be a 5 min break while we reconfigure breakout groups

3:00– 4:00  **Working groups**: Population (Dick), United Nations (Beverly and Jack), Friends Committee on National Legislation (Ruth
D and Pat), No Name (Mary Jo), Sustainability Faith and Action (Mey), Mini-Grants (Brad and Maia)
Tech: Hayley

4:00—5:30  **Break**
5:30 to 7:00  **Presentation and Discussion:** Permaculture and Regenerative Agriculture. Presenter – Carol Barta (facilitated by Mary Jo)
Tech: Shelley

7:00 to 7:30  Last questions for Carol, comments or concerns

**Saturday April 25**

11:30—12:00  **Gathering** – Questions, concerns, gratitude – Mary Jo
Tech: Shelley and Hayley

12:00 - 1:00  **Worship Sharing** – same groups as Friday
Hayley and Shelley do tech.

1:00 -2:00  **Break**
2:00 - 3:30  **Meeting for Worship for Business**
Clerks Table: Mary Jo (Clerk), Stan (Mentoring Clerk), Noel (Recording Clerk), Mary Ann from Spiritual Nurturance
Tech: Hayley

3:30-4:45  **Break**
4:45—5:45pm  **Standing Committees:** Finance and Development (Jack), Nominating (Open to current Nominating Committee members only), Publications (Brad and Judy), Spiritual Nurturance (Mary Ann and Christopher), Outreach (Alice)
Tech: Shelley

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**5:45- 6:45** Working groups: Population (Dick), United Nations (Beverly and Jack), Friends Committee on National Legislation (Ruth D and Pat), No Name (Mary Jo), Sustainability Faith and Action (Mey), Mini-Grants (Brad and Maia)
Tech: Hayley

**6:45—7:15** Break

**7:15 to 8:45** Presentation and Discussion: Jennie Ratcliffe – Nothing Lowly in the Universe  Facilitator – Mary Jo
Tech: Shelley

**Sunday April 26**

11:30 - 12:00 Worship. Tech: Hayley

12:00 – 1:00 Worship Sharing in breakout groups – same as Fri and Sat
Tech: Hayley and Shelley

1:00 - 2:00 If our business was not completed at the Saturday Meeting possibly longer for Worship for Business, we will schedule a second session at this point, and hold a Closing Session afterwards.
Tech: Hayley

**Closing session** – Meetings for beginnings – what will you carry home with you; gratitude, perhaps a song or two, closing worship. (Facilitator: Mary Jo)

2:15 – 3:15 OPTIONAL: Evaluation, survey to follow online