Resources from QEW
- Healing Ourselves and the Earth, by Elizabeth G. Watson.
- Population is People—A Friends Perspective, edited by Stan Becker et al.
- EarthLight, a magazine of spirituality and ecology and the New Story.
- BeFriending Creation, the bimonthly newsletter of QEW.
- A number of leaflets on population, energy, simplicity, living lightly in the city, and the spiritual dimension of earthcare.
- A list of videos to borrow.
- A list of books and study guides.
- A list of speakers.

Changing the human heart and consciousness

Goal: To grow in experience and understanding that all Earth beings form a community filled with the Divine Light.
- Celebrate the sanctity of Creation through worship, meditation, worship-sharing, song, dance, and exercises (such as the Cosmic Walk and the Council of All Beings) that move us to know ourselves as Earth beings in a world suffused with Divine Light.
- Meditate on written accounts of revelations of the divine in nature (such as John Muir) and in the person (such as Meister Eckhart). Study the Bible and what it has to tell us about caring for the Earth and the human place in Creation. Study the wisdom of the Quaker heritage as it connects the spiritual life to our ecological setting. Central to Friends testimonies is that “there is that of God in everyone.” QEW challenges Friends to consider extending this concept to “that of God in everything.” Explore the implications of this new revelation through worship and discussion.
- Seek other sources of wisdom that nurture an understanding of the human relationship to Creation, such as:
  - The New Universe Story, a modern origin account of the 14-billion-year epic unfolding of the universe to its present state of beauty, diversity, and complexity. Many people have discovered it has vast implications to help us embrace our embeddedness in the Earth, and simultaneously find a place for full religious experience and inner leadings.
  - Native American spirituality.
  - Zen Buddhism.
  - Deep Ecology.

- Identify the gifts of group members so that all may contribute to the group and its work.
- Recognize that the well-being of the Earth is a fundamental religious concern.

There’s a garden in our galaxy! And we are it!
—Mary Southard, CSJ
Discuss Earth-friendly ideas for holidays, vacations, parties, and recreation.

Share with the group any individual leadings with regard to Earthcare and seek assistance from the group to find clearness about leadings.

Let us be open to discern how the seeds of destruction of our planet are present in our ways of living.

—John Woolman

Conduct a Meeting House “eco-audit.”

Encourage other Meeting Friends to join in meetinghouse and grounds projects that foster sustainable living.

Discern how the Meeting as a whole can engage in the corporate witness for caring for the Earth. Support one another in carrying out that witness.

We will enter the future as a single sacred community or perish on the way.

—Thomas Berry

For more information or a list of other QEW publications, contact:

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How to develop a vital unity with nature group

A local Friends in Unity with Nature (FUN) group is more than a committee with a worthy project among many worthy projects. It's members are called to be part of a fundamental change in our understanding of the nature of the human and the Earth.