

Canadian Yearly Meeting Quaker Education Program Newsletter – January 2013

Welcome Friends – Come Visit with Us

Is this an invitation your Meeting or Worship Group might extend?

“Come to our Meeting, to our Worship Group. Sit with us in silent community. Worship with us. Talk with us after Meeting. Join us in a potluck meal. Perhaps you would like to spend a night or two with one of our families – have breakfast together, long lingering conversations about life...what has meaning for us...what brings us joy, how do we find ways to be faithful.

Perhaps you have some special gift to share, some knowledge, some skill. We'd like to hear about your experience with Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, with vocal ministry, with pastoral care. We'd like to understand more about Quaker history, about the concerns of the wider community. Perhaps you have some experience in supporting Friends who want to work through conflict. We have some older Friends who would like to become more comfortable with what can be found on the Internet. They'd appreciate some coaching.

Come visit, that we may learn 'to know each other in that which is eternal.' ”

CYM Visitation Program

Would your Meeting or Worship Group consider inviting a Friend and companion as Visitors? CYM's Visitation Program is ready to move forward this year in support of a more intentional practice of visitation among Canadian Friends.

Several Friends have been named by their Meetings as having gifts to offer as Visitors. Last year the Program was able to support two visits and two more possibilities are being explored as we begin the new year. Some financial support is available...and we do ask host Meetings and Worship Groups to contribute what they can.

If you'd like to learn more about inviting a Visitor to your Meeting or Worship Group, contact the Quaker Education Program Coordinator (see below) or have a look at the Visitation Program Documents on the website at <http://www.quaker.ca/Committees/hmac/blog/cym-visitation>

<http://www.quaker.ca/Committees/hmac/blog/learning-resources/introduction-to-quakers-and-friends-ways>

Being Peace, Being Quaker – SKYPE Learning Sessions

Six Friends are currently participating by SKYPE (video-conferencing over the internet) in a series of 6 interactive learning sessions on 'Being Peace, Being Quaker'.

The sessions, each 90 minutes long, use an approach integrating Quaker process with a non-violent communications method developed by Marshall Rosenberg. Topics covered include: identifying and naming needs and feelings, speaking truth without judgment, the power of empathy, supporting others in listening and speaking truth and sustaining a practice of Spirit-led peace-full communication.

A new set of Sunday afternoon sessions is planned to begin in Mid February. Contact the Quaker Education Program Coordinator for more information

Introduction to Quakers and Friends Ways

This new study guide is now available on the CYM Website. You can access it by clicking the link just above the contact box below. Intended to be used easily with minimum cost by Meetings and Worship Groups, it uses Canadian Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice and Organization and Procedure as the primary resources. Topics covered include: *Early Friends, Experiencing the Spirit- Our Faith, The Meeting Community – Worship and Ministry, Business and Living the Spiritual Community (Membership, Clearness & Care), and Testimonies–Faith in Action*

If you would prefer to receive the guide by email, please contact the Quaker Education Program Coordinator

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