

## Quaker Quest—Core Principles

Quaker Quest is a form of outreach that supports Friends in clarifying and speaking convincingly of their faith experience, while simultaneously serving as a powerful form of meeting inreach. It assists a meeting in developing a stronger sense of itself, of what it has to offer seekers, and in the process strengthens the meeting community.

A Quaker Quest public session is a varied and lively program that includes: short presentations from three Quakers, a time of listening to seekers in small groups, a question period, a 30-minute meeting for worship, and hospitality.

Quaker Quest is a way of doing Quaker outreach—where success depends on broad support within a Meeting, thoughtful preparation in advance of public sessions, and the use of extensive publicity to promote the Quaker Quest sessions. Meetings wishing to embark on a Quaker Quest program commit themselves to be guided by the following **core principles**:

- Quaker Quest affirms that Quakers have a spiritual path for today that is simple, radical, and contemporary.
- Three Quaker presenters speak from their personal faith experience, as spiritual journeys convey information more powerfully than a list of Quaker facts.

If the Quaker Quest name is used, the founders of Quaker Quest request that you work under the care of an experienced Quaker Quest facilitator and with their support create a program which is faithful to these core principles. The concern to maintain the integrity of the Quaker Quest name—to use these principles and a trained facilitator—is patterned on the very successful facilitator training and certification program of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP).

FGC has a team of trained facilitators, the Quaker Quest Travel Team, who are ready to provide this support. Contact FGC to arrange for a QQ workshop with your meeting.

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