



## ***Preparing the Way:*** **Queries for Worship Sharing\***

Meeting growth and vitality are as much a product of “inreach”—deepening the spiritual life of the meeting—as outreach—letting the world know that we are here. Both are needed if we are to draw seekers in and offer them what they are hungry for. To help your meeting begin to consider how to make itself more vital, visible and welcoming, you might want to organize a series of worship sharing sessions around some of these questions.

- Do we truly want our meeting to grow?
- What does our meeting have to offer to those seeking a spiritual community?
- How can we let seekers know that we are here?
- How can we build a more diverse membership?
- How can we practice “spiritual hospitality” toward those who come to visit?
- How can we strengthen our meeting community?
- How can we deepen our worship and fellowship, so that visitors will want to return?

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