

# Forming a Core Group

A Core Group is composed of six-to-eight folks (in a small meeting) or eight-to-twelve folks (in a mid-to-large sized meeting) who are excited about and committed to shepherding the process of holding Quaker Quest public sessions in the meeting. In some meetings, the entire meeting will form the Core Group.

The Core Group asks meeting for business for approval for holding public sessions. It is important to include everyone in the meeting in the work to ensure that QQ continues to be a whole meeting experience.

## The Core Group:

- ***Does not do all of the work but does ensure that all of the work gets done.***
- Has the clerk of the group stay in touch with FGC, including requesting a Half-Day Preparation Session that will be held about six weeks before the first public session.
- Meets monthly for the first few months; more frequently as the public sessions approach.
- Worships together.
- Reviews the over-all logistics in advance of and during the public sessions.
- Commits to attending every public session, only missing for unchangeable conflicts (illness, work, etc.).
- Finds the host and presenters (see note, below, for the Presenters Working Group).
- Creates working groups, being sure to include many others in the meeting. These often include:
  - Presenters Working Group, to invite, prepare, and support presenters.
  - Newcomers Working Group, to consider ways to integrate newcomers into the life of the meeting.
  - Space or Facilities Working Group, to consider the physical space and the needs of newcomers, including safety, ease of use, visibility, and welcoming.
  - Hospitality Working Group, to plan for hospitality.
  - Publicity Working Group, to plan and implement publicity. FGC has a number of resources to support the work of this group. Well-planned publicity is essential for having people actually attend public sessions.

For an example of how the Core Group worked in Monadnock Meeting, NH, go to:

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/quakerquest/for-meetings-in-process/forming-core-group>.

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