

Hallmarks of Quaker Quest

It is vital that the presenters use these hallmarks when preparing for Quaker Quest public sessions. We invite Quakers to consider keeping these in mind whenever sharing with others.

Use Positive Language

- Say what Quakers do believe and do “do,” rather than what Quakers don’t believe and don’t do.

Use Very Little History

- There is time for that later.
- Seekers are usually interested first in what the Quaker way has to offer them today.
- Later, sharing about and holding classes in Quaker history will be part of integrating newcomers into the life of the meeting.

Avoid Jargon

- Jargon, like monthly meeting and First Day School, can be confusing and can indicate that Quakers are a closed group. If needed—or used—then explain it. For example, Testimonies can be explained as statements about putting faith into practice, as well as actions taken when putting faith into practice.

Don’t Criticize Other Religions or Other Branches of Quakerism

- This can come across as self-righteous and judgmental.
- There is no need to do this. Simply share what the Quaker way is.


Use Stories to Share Your Journey

- It isn’t necessary to speak on behalf of all Quakers everywhere, throughout time.
- Share from your heart.

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