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Dear Friends,

Hello, and greetings from Friends General Conference! Here at FGC, we are anticipating the activity that comes with spring – the committee meetings attending to FGC’s work and the visits to our affiliated yearly meetings in session. It is a blessing to see Quakerism at work.


Quaker outreach – or making Quakerism visible – is the focus of this quarterly mailing from FGC. FGC has a firm commitment to outreach, which finds expression through the work of our Advancement & Outreach Committee. We believe that spiritual vitality is the key to effective outreach, and we seek to help meetings offer true spiritual hospitality.

Contacts and clerks – It would be a great help if you could take the following steps to help bring FGC outreach resources to your meeting or worship group:

1. Examine your meeting’s listing on www.QuakerFinder.org for accuracy. FGC operates this searchable user-friendly directory to help seekers find more than 725 Quaker meetings or worship groups in North America. On average, 70-80 “seekers” use this site each day.
2. Please encourage your meeting to consider participating in an Inreach/Outreach workshop. We now offer a one-day workshop especially designed for Quarterly Meetings or other groups of meetings. These workshops are intended to help meetings identify specific steps they can take to build community, increase vitality, and make themselves more visible and welcoming. If you would like to bring this workshop to your area, please contact Deborah Fisch at (515) 277-2189 (day) or deborahf@fgcquaker.org.
3. Share the two flyers of outreach materials (one of free resources, one of items available for purchase) with the Friends most likely to make use of them. A number of free materials and “food for thought” can be found at www.fgcquaker.org/ao/ or by returning the attached “free resource” order form. Additional resources, including books, pamphlets, and “Friends Meeting” signs (with arrows), are available at www.QuakerBooks.org.

Thank you, Friends, for helping to make our faith known in the world.

In the Spirit,



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