The Quaker Cloud

Friends General Conference
The Reasons

1. To more effectively provide services and resources to meetings and Friends
2. To enable people to share and collaborate at a distance
3. To build a platform that will support new services - online learning and the Quaker Cloud for example
4. To enhance outreach to people who are interested in learning more about the Quaker way
5. To provide a resource that is easy and pleasing to use
The Quaker Cloud?

A set of services created by and hosted by FGC

Intended to help meetings in three ways

- Provide robust easy to use tools
- Support the operational aspects of meeting life
- Enhance sharing and outreach

Resources for Meetings
For information: www.quakercloud.org
Three Services

• Meeting websites
  • Connected with Quakerfinder
  • Stand alone or supplement existing site

• Minute Manager
  • Store minutes
  • Share
    • Within meeting community
    • Publicly

• Meeting Directory
  • Private database
  • Editable by members
  • Printable

Services can be used individually and as the meeting wishes
Objectives

Put meetings needs at the center of design

• Neutral branding (not FGC, quakercloud.org web addresses – also can use own web address)

• Flexible

• Easy to use

• Support available

• Secure
Draft Initial Screen Shots
Meeting Home Page

Main Menu - can add menu items under “about”

Content selected by meeting, can be image, slide-show, or YouTube video

Intro text selected by meeting

List of featured/recently added content

General public only sees content marked public, logged-in meeting members/attenders see both public and private content

Meeting can select image, if no image default icon appears

Only FGC branding is: “Quaker Cloud: a service of FGC”

Logo/image selected by meeting

Map auto-generated based on meeting address

Worship times, address, contact and other info

Link to meeting Facebook and Twitter pages

Meeting can add side-bar box with text, images, calendar and more

Anything not used by your meeting will not appear on page
Names added to directory that are not currently in FGC’s database will not be accessible to anyone other than meeting members/attenders and system admins. Data is stored in an enterprise level database that is much more secure than a home computer.

Meeting defined block of text/images

Member directory only visible to logged-in meeting members/attenders

Photos uploaded by member/attender – if no photo, default icon appears
Meeting defined block of text/images

About can include family info, other details maintained by member/attender

Committee memberships maintained by meeting administrator

Contact information can be maintained by member/attender

Photo of member/attender

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Contact Information

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Committee Membership

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About

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Minutes can be:

- Private, visible only to logged-in members/attenders
- Shared with other Quakers that have Quaker Cloud accounts
- Public, shared with anyone visiting the website
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Minute page and entry form

2nd Street Community Friends
Quaker Meeting

Minute summary or other info

Links to related websites

Attached files: PDF, RTF, DOC, DOCX

Summary info, draft, or approved, tags, meeting date and more

Related events, pages, other minutes

Uploading minutes:
- Private minutes can be uploaded as attached files or pasted into page
- Public minutes must be pasted into page for ease of public access
Committee homepage:
- Same features as meeting homepage
- Private or public pages
- Share documents
- Discussion
- News and events
Cost

• Why Charge:
  • Cover the cost of a staff person to support the services
  • Set aside funds for future enhancements
  • Charges not used for hosting services or initial development

• Proposed charges (based on meeting size)
  • Small meetings (under 50 members) $10 a month
  • Larger meetings (50 and over members) $20 a month
  • More accepted

No meeting will be excluded from using services based on their resources
• All content from the FGC website can be reused by meetings as printed documents or on your own website regardless if you use the Quaker Cloud or not.
When

- First meetings launch sites in mid October as part of beta launch
- General enrollment starting in November
  - Access to beta sites in December
  - Training materials
  - Coaching
Questions?

• Visit www.quakercloud.org for more info and to sign-up for email updates about the Quaker Cloud.

• Contact chrisp@fgcquaker.org with questions, comments or concerns

The services and features described here are currently being created by FGC and our partners. We believe this is an accurate and viable depiction of the initial Quaker Cloud offering available in October, though unanticipated circumstances may result in changes to individual services and features. We will do our best to keep this presentation up to date and to notify interested Friends of any changes, however features or services may be subject to change without notice. See above to sign-up to receive updates.