



Dear Friend,

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As we rest and unpack from [a very successful Gathering in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains](#), FGC has been reflecting further on this year's theme, *At The Growing Edges of our Faith*. This year's Gathering explored ambitious questions about growth and reconciliation in the Light.

Quakerism itself is growing and changing, and the new Quaker Voluntary Service is a living testimony to Friends' desire to be the change we wish to see in the world. Living in community, these young Friends are serving the wider community in their placements at social justice organizations. FGC welcomes [our first Quaker Voluntary Service Volunteer](#), who will work on racial justice issues in the Quaker world.



FGC continued its tradition of sponsoring a group of Quakers at this year's White Privilege Conference, a challenging and transformative event. [Three Friends write about their reflections.](#)



New from QuakerBridge Media, [a book about the French and Indian war](#) aimed at middle school readers. *The Snake Fence* explores how Quakers in the past have faced the tough issues of violence and prejudice.

Thanks for reading, thanks for participating, and happy Fall!

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FGC and Quaker Voluntary Service



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FGC is excited to partner with the new Philadelphia branch of the Quaker Voluntary Service. Through a generous grant from the Shoemaker Foundation, we will be welcoming Maire Elizabeth Moriarty to support our

racial justice work among Friends. [More info >>](#)

The Color of Money: Reclaiming Our Humanity

Three Friends Reflect on the White Privilege Conference – April 10-13, 2013 in Seattle, WA



The 2013 White Privilege Conference took place this year in Seattle with more than 40 Friends of 2,100 people attending. This was the fourth year FGC has sponsored a group of Friends attending. Three of these Friends,



Liz Oppenheimer, Joan Broadfield, and Kitty Taylor Mizuno, have shared their reflections on their experiences at the conference. [Click here to read their stories in their entirety. >>](#)

FGC Gathering: *At the Growing Edges of our Faith*



The first FGC Gathering hosted by Intermountain Yearly Meeting sparked excitement among western Friends, who attended in record numbers this year. In total, 1146 Friends and seekers from all over the world came together in beautiful Greeley, Colorado for a week of workshops, discussion, worship, and music. With the theme *At the Growing Edges of our Faith*, this year's Gathering concentrated on deliberate and spirit-led dialogue about the challenging questions that face the Religious Society of Friends and each of us as seekers. [Pictures and more information >>](#)

New Book from QuakerBridge Media: *The Snake Fence*



We are pleased to announce the publication of *The Snake Fence* through QuakerBridge Media. This is an exciting young adult novel about a Quaker farm boy from Pennsylvania caught up in the moral and peacemaking dilemmas of the French and Indian Wars. Author Janet Olshewsky has based this story on real characters and careful historical research. Order it at: http://www.quakerbooks.org/the_snake_fence.php

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