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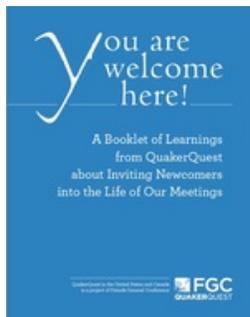


Dear Friend,

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Summer is never a quiet time for Friends General Conference. Each year, we pack up our bookstore, much of our office, and almost the entire staff and travel to the [annual Gathering of Friends, held this year in California, Pennsylvania.](#)

The theme of this year's Gathering was *Let Love Be the First Motion*, a touchstone that manifested throughout the week in Friends' attention to contemporary social issues like mountaintop removal, mass incarceration, and challenging oppression both within and outside of our faith community.

FGC organized a panel of Adult Young Friends to answer the commonly-asked question [Why is everyone in our meeting over 50?](#) Watch the engaging discussion about outreach, technology, and the future of Quakerism.

Now that we are back home and the boxes are - mostly - unpacked, there is little time for rest. Change is in the air. [The bookstore is gearing up to launch a completely-rebuilt QuakerBooks.org](#), with improved browsing, convenient checkouts, and easier downloads.

Finally, we are overjoyed to welcome [four new staff members](#): Christen Clougherty, Sonali Kumar, Musa Hamideh, and Marta Rusek.

Thank you for reading, and we hope your summer is as wonderful as ours has been!

Bookstore launching new website

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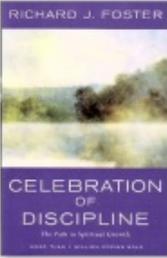
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Let Love Be the First Motion: Gathering 2014



Every summer, more than 1,200 Quakers gather to share a week of worship, music, activism, and blessed community. The week of the Gathering is packed with programs and events, from small group morning workshops to public evening plenaries, and programs for children, teens and young adults. We leave transformed and energized, ready to share our faith and our learnings with the world.

[Read about the 2014 Gathering of Friends in California, Pennsylvania at our website >>](#)

[Watch videos of Gathering 2014 evening programs >>](#)

Why is Everyone in Our Meeting Over 50? A Panel Discussion with Young Adult Friends

Does your meeting struggle with attracting young adults to your community? Do Young Friends graduate from high school and seem to disappear forever?

FGC Welcomes Four New Staff Members



FGC convened a panel of Adult Young Friends at Gathering to talk about what our meetings are doing right, what needs improvement, and how meetings can better welcome and incorporate young people into the life of the meeting. We invite you to check it out!

[Click here to watch the video.](#)

Meet the newest additions to our staff! Christen Clougherty is our Spiritual Deepening Planning Coordinator; Sonali Kumar is the Quaker Voluntary Service Fellow, working with the Ministry on Racism; Musa Hamideh (pictured) is our Development Associate; and Marta Rusek (pictured) joins us for the year as our Communications Intern.

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