

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS  
ANNUAL REPORT TO PIEDMONT FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING  
July 2020

Quaker Earthcare Witness is the national Quaker organization working for the healing of the Earth. Our Steering Committee consists of representatives from Yearly Meetings all across the United States and Friends from Canada and Central America.

One way to connect with QEW is by reading our quarterly journal, BeFriending Creation, which reflects the range of our interests. This past issue had an article about “Endless War, Endless Environmental Harm”, by our Friends Emily Wurzba and Alicia Canon from FCNL. Another article, “Caring for God’s Creation”, was written by Jim Kessler, who has preserved his land in Iowa by creating a native prairie. BeFriending Creation is available on the QEW web site, [quakerearthcare.org](http://quakerearthcare.org).

Like many Friends, we have been trying to find our way through these pandemic times, including moving our spring meeting to zoom, regretfully letting go of a QEW Meeting at Durham Friends. An unexpected joy is that our virtual meetings have made it possible for beloved Friends to join us without the burden of travel. It is so good to see their faces again.

We are making our speaker’s bureau more available. When you are asking yourselves what to do for the Earth, consider scheduling a QEW forum on zoom. Contact Shelley Tanenbaum, our QEW General Secretary at [shelley@quakerearthcare.org](mailto:shelley@quakerearthcare.org) to learn about our speakers and a visit from QEW. Let’s gather a few meetings together or meet in one meeting’s forum to seek way forward for our precious Earth.

Thank you, Friends      Mary Jo Klingel, clerk

An additional note – Charlotte Friends are welcoming Shelley Tanenbaum from QEW as our Forum Speaker on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, speaking on “Climate, Covid 19 and an Uprising.” beginning at 11:30 and ending about 1:00. All PYF Friends are welcome to join us on Zoom. Look for more information at the PYF virtual gathering or e-mail me, Mary Jo Klingel at [mjklingeltq@comcast.net](mailto:mjklingeltq@comcast.net).