



Spring/Summer 2017

Dear QREC Friends,


Warm greetings! We've been busy this winter and spring preparing for our August gathering and getting the new version of "Quaker Meeting & Me" ready to share with your yearly meetings. Progress continues on the website and its new resource library, and **we're delighted to be joined in all these projects by Friends from around the Collaborative.** The Collaborative is a grass roots network, and we wonder where you are called to add your energy to what we're creating as an RE community of practice. Especially in the troubling times we're living in, we need to call each other into relationship -- which is how QREC began in April 2014, after a phone conversation among Friends in four yearly meetings. We asked, "What can we share?," and now we're turning to you with that same question: What can you share of your time, gifts, and experience? *At the gathering in August, we'll have a session for envisioning the future of QREC and whether or not you can be there in person, we hope to hear from you about your leadings and interests. We make the road together!*


You're invited! To the 4th QREC gathering in August! Join RE friends and our special guest Annie Patterson, who will share her ministry of music with us! A Saturday panel will explore, "What is the role of the Bible in Quaker religious education?," and there will be workshops, interest groups, fellowship and worship together.

REGISTER!


Join Us!
August 18-20, 2017
at Quaker Hill in Richmond, IN
for the 4th Annual Gathering of
The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative

- Panel Discussion: *What is the Role of the Bible in Quaker Religious Education?*
- Workshops & Interest Groups
- Two Nights of Music & Singing with Annie Patterson

 Annie Patterson is a song leader, folk singer, banjo fiddler, record producer, retreat leader and long-time Friend. She co-created the songbooks, *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* with her husband, Peter Blood. Annie is an experienced First Day School teacher, Young Friends leader and Friends School teacher.



Learn more and register at www.quakers4re.org

 The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) is a grassroots network of Friends holding a sense of stewardship for life-long Quaker Faith formation.

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[Click here to learn more: flyer and program information](#)

QREC is delighted to have received a generous grant from the Sue Thomas Turner Quaker Education Fund for Friends school educators interested in attending this summer. Contact us at quakercollaborative4re@gmail.com
The deadline for requests is June 1. We hope everyone will pass along information about the QREC gathering and exciting scholarship opportunity to Friends school educators who you think might be interested!

Baltimore YM Friends! The RE Committee of BYM is offering generous scholarships to current and prospective first day school teachers and monthly meeting religious education committees to attend the QREC gathering this August! Up to 100% cost of attendance paid for depending on need and number of requests. Car pool is a possibility as well. Please [email QREC](#) for contact info about BYM scholarship.

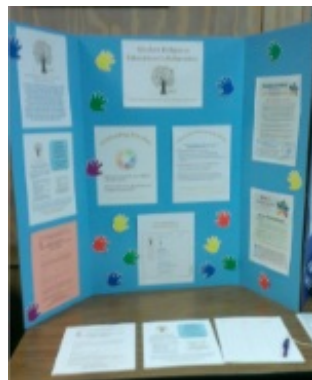


With thanks to the generosity of the Shoemaker Fund, we have published a revised, bilingual edition of *Quaker Meeting and Me: a children's guide to Quaker meeting for worship* (*La reunión Cuáquera y yo: Una guía para los niños a la reunión para la adoración*) for programmed and un-programmed meetings. We need your help to distribute the free copies we have set aside for your yearly meeting!
Can you share a contact for mailing the books? We envision they can be distributed to monthly meetings at your summer sessions, in a "Friendly courier" system, or through intervisitation.

[READ MORE ABOUT Quaker Meeting & Me](#)

**NEW
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QREC
Website!
Under "Sharing
Resources"**

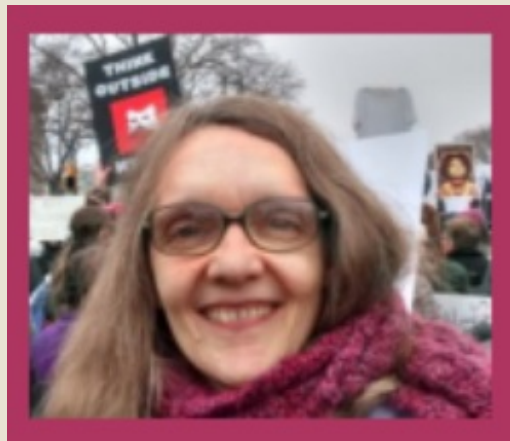
- A brief guide to introducing discernment practices to children: ["When the Light is at Work in Us"](#)
- From the Friends who gave us "Sparkling Still" [Choosing Books for First Day School: Guidelines for Selecting Books](#)
- [Planning Calendar for First Day Programs 2017-18](#)



**Connect RE Friends
to QREC**

Create a display for your upcoming yearly meeting sessions using [materials on our website.](#)

Thank you!



***Nurturing
Worship,
Faith &
Faithfulness***

**with Marcelle
Martin!**

August 2017 to May 2018

A program with residencies, on-line and local components.

Website: woolmanhill.org/upcomingprograms/nwff/

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