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TWO NEW PAMPHLETS PUBLISHED IN 2012

THE PUBLISHING PROGRAM OF QUAKER INSTITUTE FOR THE FUTURE takes another step with the publication of two new Pamphlets in 2012.

It's the Economy, Friends:

Understanding the Growth Dilemma

Edited by Ed Dreby, Keith Helmuth, and Margaret Mansfield

Available July 1st, 105 pages, \$10

Confronting the Growth Dilemma

Policies and Strategies for an Ecologically Sound Economy

Edited by Ed Dreby

Available November 1st

These two QIF Pamphlets are companion volumes that collect and extend work done by the Friends Testimoies and Economics Project from 2004 to 2007 and The Growth Dilemma Project from 2008 to 2012 (Philadelphia Yearly Meeting). *It's the Economy, Friends* is a guide to understanding the intersection of economics, ecology, and ethics. It starts with a review of Quaker concerns in this area and then moves to a comparative study of conventional economic concepts and ecological economics. It concludes with a section of ethical perspectives on the economy leading to a further critique of the growth economy. *Confronting the Growth Dilemma* will carry the discussion forward into an analysis of specific policies and strategies needed to bring the economy into balance with Earth's ecosystems while maintaining prosperity and advancing social equity. These two volumes have been prepared specifically to be of assistance to Friends Committee on National Legislation as it takes account of critical economic issues in reviewing and revising its Policy Statement.

Previously Published QIF Pamphlets

Fueling Our Future: A Dialogue About Technology, Ethics, Public Policy, and Remedial Action

coordinated by Ed Dreby & Keith Helmuth, edited by Judy Lumb

(67 pages, \$9)

How on Earth Do We Live Now? Natural Capital, Deep Ecology & the Commons

David Ciscel, Barbara Day, Keith Helmuth, Sandra Lewis, Judy Lumb

(91 pages, \$9)

Genetically Modified Crops: Promises, Perils, and the Need for Public Policy

Anne Mitchell, with Pinayur Rajagopal, Keith Helmuth, Susan Holtz

(68 pages, \$9)

How Does Societal Transformation Happen? Values Development, Collective Wisdom, and Decision Making for the Common Good

by Leonard Joy

(85 pages, \$9)

Previously Published Book

Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy

Peter Brown, Geoffrey Garver, Keith Helmuth, Robert Howell, Steve Szeghi
\$16.95

“*Right Relationship* is absolutely right: we need to redesign our economic system so our relationship to life trumps our relationship to profit”.
Peter Barnes, author of *Capitalism 3.0*

“This book deserves to sell a million copies.”
Herman Daly, School of Public Affairs, University of Maryland

“Out of the rich Quaker tradition comes this powerful call to transform our relationship to the earth and its commonwealth of life.”
Curt Meine, conservationist and author of *Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work*

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- from Quaker Book Service, Box 4652, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5H8, Canada
- Online from Amazon (US and UK)
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Institute Programs

Summer Research Seminar

QIF's seventh **Summer Research Seminar (SRS)** was held in July at College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor ME. Participants spent the weeklong period sharing presentations from their work in a setting of collaborative discernment, and in working on their individual research projects. See **SRS** on the QIF website for further details. In 2013 the **SRS** will be held in Salt Lake City UT. The **SRS** welcomes both scholarly and action oriented research contributions. For further information on joining this unique Quaker gathering, contact Shelley Tanenbaum at sheltan@pacbell.net

Circles of Discernment

QIF's **Circles of Discernment Program** continues to develop online. E-mail exchanges and conference calls are giving Friends who share the same research interests, but live at a distance, the ability to work effectively in a collaborative manner. Contact Keith Helmuth at ekhelmuth@mindspring.com for information on the **Circles of Discernment Program** and how it relates to **QIF Pamphlet** publication.

Moral Economy Project - Social Fairness and Ecological Integrity: Strategic Action for a Moral Economy

The first phase of this project created a substantial critique and re-visioning of the economy in the book, *Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy*. The second phase involves workshops focusing on the twin pillars of a moral economy - social fairness and ecological integrity.

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