**Quaker Institute for the Future (QIF)**

**Genetically Modified Crops: Promises, Perils, and the Need for Public Policy** assesses the record of GM crops and the role of public policy in their regulation within an ethical context of concern for equity, the environment, and the common good.

Quaker Institute for the Future (QIF) Pamphlets aim to provide critical information and understanding born of careful discernment on social, economic, and ecological realities, inspired by the testimonies and values of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

**Quakers, expert in both the technical and ethical issues, provide key information, critical analysis and thoughtful dialogue on choices for our energy future. Fueling Our Future will assist concerned citizens in their evaluation of public policy and personal choices.**

**Summer Research Seminar**

The Quaker Institute for the Future holds summer research seminars on a yearly basis. The location varies each year, but the purpose is always to encourage spirit-led research using Quaker methods of discernment and reflection.

Daily activities include silent worship, group discussion, solo research time and a convivial atmosphere of shared effort. Summer Research Seminars have been held regularly since 2005. The QIF website <quakerinstitute.org> has a report from each Seminar.

**Circles of Discernment**

Circles of Discernment (CoD) are small groups of Friends who study and research topics of critical importance for the future of life on Earth, and often prepare pamphlet length texts on their findings. These and other studies are published and distributed by Quaker Institute for the Future.

This pamphlet series is oriented toward advancing further study and consultation among Friends, and toward making a Quaker contribution to the larger public dialogue on how human communities can live in right relationship with Earth’s commonwealth of life.

The following eight pamphlets are the results of this work of Research in the manner of Friends from 2009 to 2014.

**Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy** was the product of QIF’s first project, the Moral Economy.
How Does Societal Transformation Happen? is aimed directly at the kind of societal transformation required to stop the current slide into catastrophe and advance the growth of security and well-being for human communities and the whole commonwealth of life.

The economies of most nations require growth to function, but it makes the wealthiest even wealthier, while unemployment, hunger, and violence are widespread, and human economies are already larger than Earth's ecosystems can continue to support. *It's the Economy, Friends* is a primer to help understand the complexities of the economy.

Beyond the Growth Dilemma builds a framework for the changes that are needed for an ecologically integrated economy. This kind of economy leads to prosperous and thriving lives for humans and other creatures within the limits of planet Earth.

QIF is concerned with the double challenge of feeding a growing human population in the face of climate change. The purpose of *Climate, Food and Violence* is to provide the information needed for an understanding of the issues arising in this double challenge in an accessible form to facilitate appropriate action.

QIF publications, including *Right Relationship* and pamphlets can be ordered from: Keith Helmuth <ekhelmuth@mindspring.com>, QuakerBooks <QuakerBooks.org>, Amazon, and other online bookstores.

Our Vision

The Quaker Institute for the Future envisions a global future in which humanity is in right relationship with the commonwealth of life.

Our Mission

The mission of the Quaker Institute of the Future is to advance a global future of inclusion, social and economic justice, and ecological well being through participatory research and discernment.