**Research in the Manner of Friends**

**Summer Research Seminar**

QIF’s Summer Research Seminars (SRS) are held yearly to advance Spirit-led inquiry. Friends speak of their core spiritual exercise as a “meeting for worship.” The SRS can be thought of as a “meeting for worship for the conduct of research.”

As individuals share their projects in a process of collaborative discernment, research findings may arrive at a configuration of knowledge that would not have occurred through individual efforts. Daily schedules include silent worship, presentations, group discernment, solo research time, and convivial activities. QIF’s website <quakerinstitute.org> has reports from past Seminars.

SRSs are held regularly in a different location each year. In 2017 it will be hosted by Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and in 2018 by Ithaca Friends Meeting in Ithaca, New York.

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Circles of Discernment (CoD) are small groups, either in one location or working via conference call and email, who study research topics of critical importance for the future of life on Earth. CoDs often prepare **QIF Focus Books** for publication from their discernment.

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with Keith Helmuth, Robert Howell, and Steve Szeghi was published in 2009 by Berrett-Koehler Publishers of San Francisco. US$ 16.95

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