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QIF Focus of Concern

- Moving to an ecologically based economy
- Promoting the common good
- Advancing inclusion and justice
- Facilitating equitable access to the means of life through public policy
- Engaging the complexity of global interdependence and its demands on governance and citizens
- Envisioning a global future in which humanity is in right relationship with the commonwealth of life

QIF aims to nurture a spiritually sensitive interpretation of historical change to give deeper significance to acts of Quaker witness and to contribute a distinctive Quaker voice to the larger public dialogue.

Circles of Discernment

Circles of Discernment (CoDs) are small groups of Friends who meet regularly to study topics of critical importance to the future of life on Earth. CoDs may decide to share their understanding in a QIF Focus Book. Some CoDs are composed of Friends who live close to each other and meet in person, while other CoDs are geographically dispersed. The Summer Research Seminar is an opportunity for geographically dispersed CoDs to gather and meet in person.

Contact Us

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Advancing a global future of inclusion, social and economic justice, and ecological integrity through participatory research and discernment.

Summer Research Seminar

September 9 — 13, 2019
West Falmouth, MA

Do you have a project you would like to develop in a Quaker context?

Would you value the opportunity to share and learn in a setting of collaborative Quaker discernment?

Do you have a concern for public policy that will help ensure a healthy and sustainable future for human communities and Earth’s commonwealth of life?

You are invited!
2019 Seminar

The 2019 Summer Research Seminar will be held in West Falmouth, MA, from September 9th through 13th.

Each morning will begin with a time of silent centering worship after the manner of Friends, followed by the presentation of two projects on which participants are working.

Each presentation includes a time for questions and clarification, followed by a time of collaborative discernment conducted as a “meeting for worship for sharing,” also known as “Quaker Dialogue.”

Afternoons are open for participants to work on their projects or to meet with others for additional collaborative discussion and discernment.

We keep costs as low as possible. Hospitality will be provided by local Friends. We ask those who are able to contribute $100 on a sliding scale to cover costs for themselves and others. Each participant will also contribute to the cost of our meals.

Research in the Manner of Friends

QIF’s Summer Research Seminar (SRS) is held yearly to encourage spirit-led research using Quaker methods of discernment and reflection. Friends speak of their core spiritual practice 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 research projects in a Quaker process of collective inquiry and collaborative discernment, the projects may arrive at a configuration of knowledge and understanding that would not have occurred had they remained individual efforts.