

Meeting for Worship

The meeting for worship lies at the heart of the monthly meeting and the larger Religious Society of Friends. Worship together is central and fundamental to Friends. Worship is based on direct communion with God. The unprogrammed meeting for worship is a distinctive Quaker practice which has existed from the beginning of the Society and in today's practice remains grounded in expectant listening for Divine inspiration and guidance.

Meetings for worship are held at established times, usually once a week; specially called meetings for worship are arranged by the monthly meeting on the occasion of marriages, memorial services, or other events.

See "Expectant Worship, Vocal Ministry" in Chapter 3, "Friends Spiritual Disciplines," about the spiritual nature and experience of meeting for worship.