

Advices & Queries – Community

“Let your life speak” is traditional advice for Friends. The life of a Quaker meeting also speaks: by giving practical support for members and attenders in need; cherishing the children and young people finding their spiritual paths; encouraging, guiding, and eldering Friends with love in discernment or in following leadings; welcoming new seekers; and stepping forth in Spirit-led witness in the wider world.

Being part of a community requires us to practice compassion and patience. As members of a community, we pay attention to each other and rely on each other; we consciously nurture our interdependence. It’s not always easy. It’s nevertheless vital to our shared spiritual journey.

- How do we foster love, truth, and harmony within our meeting community?
- Is our community a shelter where we can grow in the Spirit? How can our community provide the best combination of safety and challenge to encourage spiritual growth?
- How do we as individuals share our gifts with the meeting? How do we as a community help individual Friends find their own gifts and share them with others?
- How do we as individuals support the spiritual health of the meeting? How do we as a community support the spiritual health of individual members and attenders?
- How do we make our meeting a beloved community and a living testimony – for all members and attenders, wherever they are in their own spiritual journeys?
- How do we create a radically inclusive culture in our Quaker community?
- How does our meeting community reflect the Spirit and Truth at the center of our lives?