

Harmony with Creation

The mystery and beauty of the universe reveal their Source. Spiritually and physically nourished by our home, the Earth, we are filled with gratitude and wonder. Centered in divine Love, we are called to recognize and respect the sacredness and interdependence of the whole community of life, as well as the complex balance required to sustain it. Each of us is part of the whole of life. All of life is in each of us. We grieve over what has been lost through humankind's continuing misuse of divine gifts, leading to extinction of species; pollution of earth, water, and air; and calamitous climate change.

As Friends we are led to live in right relationship to creation, to protect the Earth and all its inhabitants, to educate ourselves, and to witness both personally and as a Quaker community. This state of right relationship will be manifest in lives lived in equality, simplicity, community, integrity, and peace.

We can educate ourselves by learning about the far-reaching spiritual and environmental consequences of our daily activities: our habits and choices of energy usage, housing, travel, reproduction, diet, and consumption. We can witness personally by being "patterns and examples" of environmentally sustainable lifestyles. We can witness publicly by advocating for cultural changes that reflect the principle of harmony with creation. We celebrate the Earth's bounty which provides for us, our fellow human beings, future generations, and all other living beings.

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