

Revolutionary Roots of Quakerism

**A five-session journey with Early Friends
Sundays 9:30 am at Northampton Meeting
facilitated by Peter Blood-Patterson**

Mid-17th century England was swept by dramatic changes: sharp religious and political conflict, rising hopes, charismatic leaders and popular grassroots movements - in short, a world much like the one we live in today. A song about the Diggers (a 17th century socialist group whose leader later joined Friends) is, for good reason, called "The World Turned Upside Down."

Quakers were born as a faith community into this world - bringing with them approaches to worship, gender and class relationships, beliefs about God and scripture, and ways of making decisions that were a sharp departure from anything the world had seen before.

We will spend this time walking with those Friends, sharing what we know about their fresh approaches to worship, belief, and life with others. Our main intention will be to reflect together on what 1st generation Friends have to teach us in terms of how we live together into these same critical questions as a faith community **today**.

Jan. 6th - The World Turned Upside Down (history overview)

Feb. 17th - This I Knew Experientially (faith / guidance by Spirit)

Mar. 3rd - The Silent Assemblies of God's People (worship)

Mar. 17th - This Is Our Testimony to the World (witness & lifestyle)

April 28th - Gospel Order as a Way of Living with Each Other
(community, nurture, accountability)

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