

Meeting Needs linked with FGC Resources: A Sampling

(Words that are **bolded** can be put into a search engine like Google this way - “fgc clearness committees”, or” fgc outreach” for example or into the FGC search window on the website without the “fgc”)

Outreach: How can we attract more visitors? How can we use digital media to reach out? What are newcomers expecting? How can we reach out to other religious congregations?

- **Quaker Meetings Toolbox:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/quaker-meetings-toolbox-outreach-and-publicity>
- **Grow our meetings toolkit:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/grow-our-meetings-toolkit-outreach>
- **CIRC** (Christian and Interfaith Relations Committee) Helps Friends be involved in interfaith, ecumenical and broader Quaker activities: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/outreach/christian-interfaith-relations-committee-circ>
- **Quaker Cloud** for websites, community building: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/services/quaker-cloud>

Integrating Newcomers: How can we welcome **new attenders** so they will return, including those who are **LGBTQ** and Friends of Color, and those with young children? How can we make sure we don't overwhelm new attenders? How do we educate new attenders about Quakerism?

- ❖ Spiritual Deepening E-retreat **Weaving a Wider Welcome:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/spiritual-deepening-eretreats-weaving-wider-welcome> (Oct 27-Nov 22, 2019)
- **Welcoming Friends project:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/welcoming-friends-encourage-whole-meeting-practice-authentic-welcoming>
- **Grow our meetings toolkit** - <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/grow-our-meetings-toolkit-welcoming-integrating-newcomers>
- **FAQ about Quakerism** and explanations: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/discover/faqs-about-quakers>

Community building: How can we build community between different ages in the meeting? How do we get to know each other more deeply?

- **Welcoming Friend project** suggestions: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/welcoming-friends-encourage-whole-meeting-practice-authentic-welcoming>
- **Grow Our Meetings** toolkit (downloadable). <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/grow-our-meetings-resource-and-activity-toolkit> .
- The FGC **Gathering** is great for community building, meeting other Quakers: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>
- **Build it! Toolkit:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/intergenerational-community-12-how-tos>

Racial Justice/Becoming an anti-racist faith community: How can we make sure we are truly welcoming to all? What might we need to do differently to become more diverse? What training/education do we need? What are Quakers doing to erase white supremacy?

- **Quaker Meetings Toolbox** - <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/quaker-meetings-toolbox-spiritual-education-eldering-inclusion-racism-and-more>
- **Institutional Assessment Implementation Team** is available to meetings. <https://www.fgcquaker.org/news/fgcs-institutional-assessment-racism-june-2019-update> . Contact them at: institutionalassessment@fgcquaker.org .
- **Spiritual Deepening e-Retreat** (annual) on **Understanding and Healing White Supremacy** (e-library resources also for this topic) <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/spiritual-deepening-eretreats-understanding-healing-white-supremacy> and <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/living-wholeness>

- What has FGC been doing to become an anti-racist faith community?
<https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/help-your-meeting-challenge-racism/becoming-anti-racist-faith-community> (info about the Institutional Assessment and work to date; also includes links to FGC yearly meeting resources)

Conflict Resolution: How can we resolve conflict in our meeting? People don't share their concerns directly with others. Some have hurt feelings and feel judged....

- Put **conflict resolution** into the FGC website search window and see what meetings who use Quaker Cloud for their websites are doing in this area....
- **FGC QuakerBooks:** Books on **conflict:** <https://quakerbooks.org/collections/conflict-resolution>

Adult Religious Education: How can we get people to come to adult religious education programs? How can we help the meeting become spiritually enriched? What kinds of programs should we offer?

- **Spiritual Deepening e-Library** has exercises, readings, books. For example, here are activities under the topic "The Light, Seed, Christ Working in Us" : <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/light-seed-christ-working-us/experiential-activities>
- **Spiritual Deepening e-retreats** on a variety of topics (see resources for Vocal Ministry and Worship below) <https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/spiritual-deepening/spiritual-deepening-eretreats>
- **FGC QuakerBooks** carries Quaker authors and many topics of interest to Quakers: <https://quakerbooks.org>
- **Young Adults and High School Clerks Training:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/news/young-clerk-trainings>

Children and Youth Religious Education: We need materials for a wide age group in our First Day School. How can we build community in our First Day School?

- **Spiritual Deepening Library resources for children:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/facilitators> Each topic has resources for children.
- **FGC QuakerBooks** carries materials on Godly Play and other children's religious education resources including **Sparkling Still** a resource for children's religious education ages 3-8 (e-book): <https://quakerbooks.org/collections/religious-education>
- For example, The Spiritual Deepening Library has a section on **Living into Wholeness** with resources for children including books to read (or to show the YouTube video!). <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/living-wholeness/living-wholeness-children>
- **Faith and Play stories** (Godly Play Quaker style) <https://www.fgcquaker.org/faith-and-play> , faithandplaystories@gmail.com , Melinda Wenner Bradley is the contact person.

Vocal Ministry and Worship: How can we encourage deeper worship? How do we help people learn about vocal ministry without making them feel "wrong"?

- **Silence and Expectant Waiting** resources in the Spiritual Deepening Library. <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/silence-and-expectant-waiting>
- **Spiritual Deepening E-Retreat** on Silence and Expectant Waiting (annual)

Clearness Committees: How can we help someone asking for help deciding on a vocation or calling? How are clearness committees created? When is a clearness committee appropriate?

- Guidelines and process for **clearness committees**, many other resources. <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/clearness-committees-what-they-are-and-what-they-do>
- <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/friendly-practices/real-play-clearness-committee> .
- **QuakerBooks:** Pendle Hill Pamphlet #446 by Valerie Brown <https://quakerbooks.org/search?q=valerie+brown>

Eldering/Eldership/ Spiritual Accompaniment:

- Information on **eldering** can be found here: Quaker Meetings Toolkit: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/quaker-meetings-toolbox-spiritual-education-eldering-inclusion-racism-and-more>

Faithfulness: How can we support people in living their faith?

- **QuakerBooks:** <https://quakerbooks.org/search?q=faithfulness> including Marcelle Martin's book **A Guide to Faithfulness Groups**
- **Spiritual Deepening e-Library** resources on **Becoming Patterns and Examples** (also an e-retreat): <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/becoming-patterns-and-examples>

Aging, Death and Dying: How can we open up the topic of aging and end of life issues? How can we help people with their **end of life** decisions? How can we help parents with resources on **aging, death and dying for children**?

- **Spiritual Deepening e-Library:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/spiritual-deepening/library/aging-death-and-dying> . Including exercises, books (even for children), articles, videos and more.
- **Spiritual Deepening e-retreat on Aging, Death and Dying:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/spiritual-deepening-eretreats-aging-death-dying> (annual)

Funding sources: Where can I find **funding to renovate** my meeting house? Are there loans or grants to help us become ADA accessible? Are there travel funds to help Friends of Color?

- **The Meeting House Fund**, loans and grants for meeting houses: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/friends-meeting-house-fund>
- **The Bayard Rustin Fund**, travel support for Friends of Color: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/registration-details/financial-aid/bayard-rustin-fund-0>
- **Scholarships for Gathering for Young Adults:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/registration-details/more-financial-aid#familiesYOUTH>

(For individuals) There is no meeting near me, or I can't go to worship on Sundays...or I'd like to participate virtually...or my meeting is very tiny...or I'm the only Friend of Color/Adult Young Friend/LGBTQI Person at my meeting.

- Resources for **online meeting for worship** and other social media groups. <https://www.fgcquaker.org/news/how-foster-community-online-guide-friends-who-participate-quaker-faith-practice-through-web> .
- **Spiritual Deepening e-retreats** on various topics. <https://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/spiritual-deepening/spiritual-deepening-eretreats>
- Specifically for Friends of Color there are virtual meetings for worship which occur several times monthly on different days and at different times to facilitate participation. Contact: oliviap@fgcquaker.org, FGC's Ministry on Racism Fellow for 2019-20 for information. You can also reach out to Sabrina.mccarthy@verizon.net.
- **FGC Gathering - pre-retreats** for Adult Young Friends, Friends of Color and Friends in Business; housing options for different groups, a wide variety of worship and workshop and other gathering opportunities.
- **Retreat for Friends of Color:** <https://www.fgcquaker.org/FOCRetreat>
- **Quaker Finder** is a database to find Quaker Meetings and Churches in North America

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