



# Quaker Religious Education Collaborative

*Joining Hands in Service to Quaker Religious Education*

## **An Introduction to the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC)**

QREC is an international, cross-branch, grassroots network of Friends sharing a stewardship for lifelong Quaker faith formation through religious education. We welcome you to our community of practice as we inform, inspire, connect, and support Quaker religious educators across languages and continents. We lift up educational resources and facilitate sharing among Friends who labor in the ministry of Quaker RE, mindful of the similar challenges we encounter and the rich body of innovation arising throughout our global network. The intent of our work is to kindle a living, experiential Quaker faith that ignites hearts to live as Spirit leads. Please see our website, [www.quakerrecollaborative.org](http://www.quakerrecollaborative.org) to learn more about our Resource Library, Conversation Circles, and conferences.

Four essential elements shape our identity as the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative, and our interactions with each other and with the wider Quaker family.

- 1. Independence.** We are independent of other large Quaker organizations. Thus, we may partner with any individual Friend or Quaker organization for specific projects. We are equally free to lay down active connections when a project reaches its conclusion. As individuals, we are free to hold affiliations with multiple Quaker organizations.
- 2. Equality.** We share the conviction that we are all both teachers and learners. We are non-hierarchical and equal partners in ministry. While we play different roles in service to QREC, we actively try to minimize differences in power, access, or voice, especially resulting from access to technology. We make a conscious effort to lift up and empower younger practitioners.
- 3. Clarity of Purpose.** We are a community of practice, holding a primary stewardship for lifelong Quaker religious education. Additional areas of work must be directly connected to Quaker faith formation, for example, supporting Quaker families and parents. This clarity has helped us to maintain our independence and keep our vision sharp. It makes it easy to discern what is our work and what work belongs to someone else.
- 4. Faithfulness.** Faithfulness is our Strategic Plan. We strive for a nimble and light-footed response to God's leading. When faithfulness is the measure of our work, we can dare to be bold.

**Join us!** Membership supports our vital community of practice. There is no set fee, although contributions are gratefully received and wisely used. To complete an application, visit our website: <https://quakerrecollaborative.org/get-involved#membership>

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The **Resource Library** is a searchable online collection of quality Quaker RE materials. It includes an African Quaker Library and *Biblioteca QREC* for Spanish language resources.

Our **Faith at Home** section features simple practices families can use to kindle experiential faith, and to explore Quaker faith and practice amid the busy swirl of daily life.

**Conversation Circles** are periodic, free informal online video conferences around topics of shared interest. See our webpage for upcoming conversations.

A multi-lingual QREC website includes an **events** page with QREC offerings and other selected Quaker events.

We actively nurture **regional communities of practice** among Quaker religious educators in Africa and Latin America. Please explore what we have to offer and find your place in the circle.

Our lively **Facebook** page is rich in RE resources, events and opportunities to share questions and insights. **Valiant Together** is our Facebook group for RE support, and Spiritual nurture at home during COVID-19.



## QREC 2019 Annual Conference

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## 2021 QREC Conference: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

*Integrating Lessons Learned and Leadings that Light the Way*

**M**ARK YOUR CALENDARS for the online **2021 QREC conference**,

**August 13–15**, when we come together to share what we have learned during this pivotal time, how we've changed, and to prepare for the new day. We will listen together for Divine guidance as we step through the threshold from this time into what comes next.

What is asked of us now?

What will we take with us and continue?

What are we returning to?

What will we leave behind?

Bring your questions, leadings and experience, and gather with our international, cross-branch community of practice. Come away inspired, with insight and resources for effective ministry, vital faith formation, and fully multi-generational community.

**Learn more and register:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUdOytrzssGt0z9VKjZHUBoJm9AxtpA86k>

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