

Inspirations

(about being here)

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“And oh, how sweet and pleasant it is to the truly spiritual eye to see several sorts of believers, everyone learning their own lesson, performing their own peculiar service, and knowing, owning and loving one another in several places.... For this is the true ground of love and unity, not that such a man walks and does just as I do, but because I feel the same Spirit and life in him... and this is far more pleasing than if he walked in just that track wherein I walk.”

Isaac Penington, 1660

“We know ourselves as individuals but only because we live in community. Love, trust, fellowship, selflessness are all mediated to us through our interdependence. Just as we could not live physically without each other, we cannot live spiritually in isolation. We are individually free but also communally bound. We cannot act without affecting others and others cannot act without affecting us. We know ourselves as we are reflected in the faces, action and attitudes of each other.”

Janet Scott, 1980

“The desire of Friends is not in limiting or directing seekers to a particular Truth, a common path. The desire of Friends is in gathering in community to seek Truth, all of us humbly listening for the promptings of the Spirit. In the silence and in the words and actions of each other we discern the full measure of the Light within us and around us. We are not each alone in a world of our own Truth but united in the common light of the same Spirit.”

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Queries

How do these quotes speak to you?

In what ways has being a part of this Quaker Meeting inspired you?

How have you been finding inspiration?