

Worship Sharing 12/21/21

Faith Community

“The Quaker Meeting is meant to be a blessed community – a living testimony to a social order that embodies God’s peace, justice, love, compassion, and joy, and is an example and invitation to a better way of life. Like our other testimonies, community can be a prophetic call to the rest of society.”

SEYM Faith and Practice, pg. 76

“And do not strive about outward things, but dwell in in the love of God, for that will unite you together, and make you kind and gentle towards another, and to seek one another’s good and welfare, and to be helpful one to another, and see that nothing be lacking among you, then all will be well.”

George Fox, 1676

“We know the power of God’s Spirit at work in the lives of people within the community of our meetings. These people may have been drawn into the community by a sudden conviction, a long period of seeking, or have grown up within it from childhood. We also know that we are engaged in a life-long growth into faith, and experience a continuing irruption of grace into our lives which demands and sustains a commitment to a life of discipleship. We recognise this power at work in people of all ages, races and creeds: a transforming power which can issue in lives of joy, humility and service.”

London Yearly Meeting, 1986

Queries

How do these quotes speak to your condition?

How can we expand our sense of community into a “prophetic call to the rest of society”?

Has your life in Friends community involved “a continuing irruption of grace” into your life?