

Worship Sharing

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Community

“All Friends, mind that which is eternal, which gathers your hearts together up to the Lord, and lets you see that we are written in one another’s heart.”

George Fox, 1657

“We are not sent into this world to walk it in solitude. We are born to love, as we are born to breathe and eat and drink. The babe is hardly separated from his mother's womb before he stretches out a tiny clasping hand, and from that time forth he will constantly stretch out to touch the world that lies about him and the folk that dwell therein. The purpose of our growth in life is to bring us into unity with the universe into which we are born, to make us aware that we are not lonely individual meteors hurtling blindly through an abysmal dark, but living parts of a living whole.”

Kenneth Boulding, William Penn Lecture, 1942

“Community is the context in which people come to understand their relatedness.”

Parker Palmer, 1977

Queries

How do these quotes speak to your experience?

In that ways do you find that we “are written in one another’s heart”?

What role does spiritual community play in “listening each other into wholeness”?