



Journeys in the Spirit

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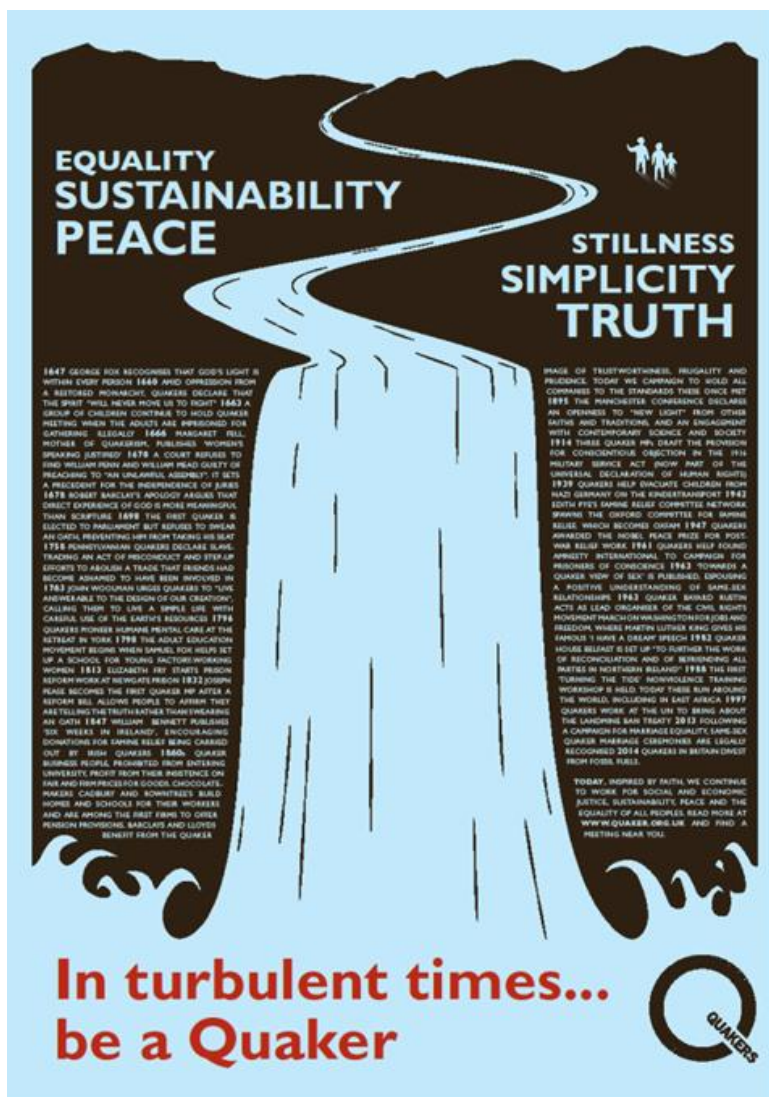


A simple plan for an all-age Meeting for Worship

Preparation – You will need a roll of lining paper with a basic timeline drawn on it with the beginning of your Local Meeting. Roll this out where it is accessible to all. You will also need felt-tip pens, crayons, copies of the Quaker week poster 2017 (see Additional resource 117.A in sidebar of main issue), A6 sheets of paper for each person.

During the meeting

Circulate the poster so that everyone has had chance to look at it. You could ask that the poster was displayed in the weeks before all age meeting for worship.



Begin the meeting with these words:

“This poster, produced for Quaker week 2017, is a timeline of how Quakers found strength from their faith and were moved to act in turbulent times throughout history. It begins in 1647 when George Fox recognises that God’s light is within every person, and ends in 2014 with Quakers in Britain being led to divest in fossil fuels”.

You could read the story that relates to one of the dates on the timeline and read it. Find the story of Bertha Bracey who was involved in the Kindertransport in 1939 in the Engage section of the main issue and Additional resource 117.B (*there is a link to this in the sidebar of the main issue*) or choose something else like the story of Bayard Rustin or Edith Pye. Continue by saying:

“There is a story that comes with each event on the timeline. Today we want to spend some time thinking about our own stories and how they have been shaped by those of others that we have met along the way. This might be the first time you came to a Quaker meeting or the about the first Quaker you met. It might be something you read or saw. You may have encountered somebody or somebody’s story that

changed the way you lived or thought about things. Each story will be different and individual to us”.

“If you are willing to share something from your journey, write or draw it on the paper you have been given and then place it on the timeline which will become a timeline of our community here at this Quaker Meeting”.

“As you look at the timeline you will see how we connect with each other and how our communities are built as we learn from and connect with those around us”.

End with a time of silence.