

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) Report

Great Plains Yearly Meeting 2024

See: *quakerearthcare.org*

The past year has been busy for the Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW). Its ability to conduct meetings and share resources online continues to enable scattered Friends to accomplish a great deal of ministry. They are very active in worshipping online as well as educating and conducting almost all important business online.

As in prior years I have only monitored most of the daily email activity. I have not read all the voluminous materials often linked to the emails nor participated in online workshops and other activities. This would be an ideal opportunity for someone in GPYM who cannot travel but who would like to participate to take over as our representative.

Those of you interested in some of their activities the past year should start by reading the “Befriending Creation” Quarterly Newsletter – Vol. 37 #01, January – March 2024. (One printed copy is available in the meetinghouse.) The webpage also makes many other resources available and gives readers opportunities to get involved.

QEW continues to seek applicants for mini-grants for small projects, particularly those involving climate change, biodiversity, environmental injustice, and issues involving youth.

After ten years as General Secretary, Shelly Tanenbaum has stepped aside and Keith Runyan is the new director. He plans to begin “QEW on the Road” to move towards an “Earth Restored”.

Please let me know or contact a member of the nominating committee if you think you might be interested in getting involved with QEW.

John Wine