

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) Report
Great Plains Yearly Meeting 2023

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) continues to be amazingly engaged in activities creating and sharing information about our unified natural world. They do so with Quaker faith and using spirit-led process, paying close attention to environmental justice and regenerative practices.

My participation has again been limited to reading as many as a dozen emails daily which share information among the members. Many of the emails contain links to other resources that are so extensive that I have not tried to review everything shared. In its review of the year 2022, QEW reported that it has learned that climate change is occurring sooner and becoming worse than previously predicted. The publications committee is preparing updates to many key informational resources such as pamphlets and other written materials. Frequent workshops on current topics and worship sharing sessions are held online. The efforts of the population working group are becoming more important as it prepares “ecological grief” resources. QEW is partnering with more Quaker groups and outside environmental organizations. Meetings are still encouraged to apply for “mini-grants” for local hands-on environmental projects.

An enormous amount of information is available online at www.quakerearthcare.org. For those present at this year’s meeting I have made available a printed version of the “Annual Report 2022” and of each quarterly “Befriending Creation” (Volume 35). I have also printed one copy of a post made (“Looking Past the Great Dying to the Next Great Living” May 8, 2023) by a member, Allen McGrew, comparing his near-death experience to the current state of our planet and describing how the miraculous physical and spiritual re-birth that he experienced is possible for this world.

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