

Quaker Earthcare Witness Report
Great Plains Yearly Meeting 2022

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) continued to be very active during the pandemic. In fact, it greatly enhanced its networking services to Quakers interested in spirit-led action addressing ecological issues. They continue to use virtual meeting technology to increase communications and the sharing of helpful information. QEW also continues to pay close attention to environmental justice issues and has increased its focus on regenerative agriculture.

My only personal participation this year (besides loosely monitoring the many daily emails among QEW members) was virtual attendance at part of the October 23rd session on “Connecting with Yearly and Monthly Meetings.” Participants were encouraged to make sure meetings knew about mini-grants for projects and workshop presentations as well as the many online pamphlets and other materials. The mini-grants are typically a matching \$500 grant. They also encouraged meetings to make use of the short QuakerSpeak video. The second part of the Zoom meeting was a Philadelphia Yearly Meeting report on its “climate commitment.” Among other things, they encourage all their members to take personal responsibility for this concern, and give support to their meetings taking responsibility to address environmental issues.

For those of you physically present at yearly meeting I have brought one hard copy of the “Annual Report 2021” and the most recent issue of “Befriending Creation” (January-March 2022, Vol. 35 #01) and several older issues. But everyone who is interested should explore the many offerings found at <https://www.quakerearthcare.org>.

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