

Queries for discussion and reflection

We are called to see what love can do...

How is the life of your meeting or church enriched by the awareness of Friends in other countries?

How can our worshipping communities work towards supporting those in need, both at home and abroad?

How can we ensure those with skills and time are able to do this work that they are called to do?

We are called to teach...

How can we bring the essence of the Kabarak Call into our worshipping community?

How can we inform ourselves as to what is happening, so we can teach others?

How can we raise awareness within wider society of the issues of climate change and its impact on communities at home and overseas?

We are called to do justice...

How does the Kabarak Call affect your sense of our Quaker voice for change in the world and its spiritual imperative?

How can we speak up for those who can't?

How can we show our solidarity with others working towards the goals of redressing the inequalities in the world resulting from individual and corporate greed?

We are called to be patterns and examples...

As someone encounters you, what could they learn about Quakerism by the choices you make and the things you do?

Do we put our money where our mouths are and match our banking and investments with our principles?

How can we work towards minimising our carbon footprint as a faith community without destroying that which holds us together as such?

Do our own lives show a consideration for the needs of Papatuanuku, Mother Earth?

What will *you* do to help to heal our world?

The whole of creation yearns for regeneration and wholeness (Rom. 8:22.).

Further queries for discussion are available:
<http://saltandlight2012.org/queries-thread-groups>

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The Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice

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The Kabarak Call was the culmination of the FWCC World Consultation on Global Change which was held 2010 – 2011. It signaled an end to that process, but not to the concern. This leaflet is part of the work to keep the Call alive.

Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice

In past times God's Creation restored itself. Now humanity dominates, our growing population consuming more resources than nature can replace. We must change, we must become careful stewards of all life. Earthcare unites traditional Quaker testimonies: peace, equality, simplicity, love, integrity, and justice. Jesus said, "As you have done unto the least... you have done unto me".

We are called to work for the peaceable Kingdom of God on the whole earth, in right sharing with all peoples. However few our numbers, we are called to be the salt that flavours and preserves, to be a light in the darkness of greed and destruction.

We have heard of the disappearing snows of Kilimanjaro and glaciers of Bolivia, from which come life-giving waters. We have heard appeals from peoples of the Arctic, Asia and Pacific. We have heard of forests cut down, seasons disrupted, wildlife dying, of land hunger in Africa, of new diseases, droughts, floods, fires, famine and desperate migrations – this climatic chaos is now worsening. There are wars and rumors of war, job loss, inequality and violence. We fear our neighbors. We waste our children's heritage

All of these are driven by our dominant economic systems – by greed not need, by worship of the market, by Mammon and Caesar.

Is this how Jesus showed us to live?

- ✦ We are called to see what love can do: to

love our neighbor as ourselves, to aid the widow and orphan, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, to appeal to consciences and bind the wounds.

- ✦ We are called to teach our children right relationship, to live in harmony with each other and all living beings in the earth, waters and sky of our Creator, who asks, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world?" (Job 38:4)
- ✦ We are called to do justice to all and walk humbly with our God, to cooperate lovingly with all who share our hopes for the future of the earth.
- ✦ We are called to be patterns and examples in a 21st century campaign for peace and ecojustice, as difficult and decisive as the 18th and 19th century drive to abolish slavery.

We dedicate ourselves to let the living waters flow through us – where we live, regionally, and in wider world fellowship. We dedicate ourselves to building the peace that passeth all understanding, to the repair of the world, opening our lives to the Light to guide us in each small step.

Bwana asifiwe. Apu Dios Awqui. Gracias Jesús. Jubilé. Salaam aleikum. Migwetch. Tikkun olam. Alleluia!



'... but what canst thou say?'

Friends have been challenged by those words of George Fox for over 350yrs. The additional challenge from the World Conference of Friends 2012 was not only what can we say, but what can we *do*? How can we let our light shine, let that Living Water flow through us to make a difference in this world?

The Asia West Pacific region is one that is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Already we are starting to see Pacific islands evacuated as they become uninhabitable due to rising sea levels. The continued impact of extreme weather conditions battering the remaining fragile communities will undoubtedly soon take its toll.

The combination of the effects of seismic activity and extreme weather is being felt much closer to home as Friends in Canterbury can testify.

Friends in the Philippines are repeatedly dealing with the effects of flooding in their communities, as well as earthquake damage.

Friends in Japan, whilst having rebuilt their damaged properties from the 2011 earthquake still deal with the ongoing impacts the quake and tsunami had on their country.

And so the list goes on....