

## **A Call To the Quaker Meetings of NYYM from the Earthcare Working Group**

The Earthcare Working Group invites Friends to address rapidly accelerating climate change and make it a “Priority Frame of Reference” as we consider the Priorities Working Group’s Statement of Leadings and Priorities at Summer Sessions in Silver Bay this July. Quaker meetings of NYYM are called to contemplate and define what their role will be in the great “Transition” we must make in response to dramatic climate change, resource depletion, and severe economic contraction.

Friends are asked to: **1)** sit in Meetings for Discernment regarding these issues, **2)** engage in conversations within their Monthly Meetings and with the Earthcare Working Group as we prepare for Summer Sessions, and **3)** contribute their Monthly Meetings’ seasoned concerns and suggestions about action on climate change for inclusion in an Earthcare Working Group Statement to the Priorities Working Group at Summer Sessions this July. Meetings are invited to consider a spectrum of actions, from traditional Quakers methods such as speaking truth to power, to joining with others to help our neighborhoods, villages, towns, and cities become more resilient and less dependent on fossil fuel.

At this juncture when scientific prognoses unequivocally state that changes in the Earth’s climate will continue to increase on an unprecedented scale, Quakers are called to turn inward and listen for the Inner Voice that has always led us. We are asked to discern our individual leadings, and look to each other to find a sense of what is the Highest Good for humanity and the Earth, . . . our home.

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