

Clerk's Visitation Initiative

To all members, attenders, and sojourners at monthly meetings and worship groups in NYYM, I invite you to visit meeting for worship at a sister meeting or worship group in our yearly meeting in 2014.

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Here's what you can do...

1. Make a visit

Take time to worship with Friends at a meeting or worship group in NYYM at least one time in 2014.

2. Record a visit

Friends are encouraged to know that other Friends are visiting. A simple online form is available where you can record your visit.

Go directly to <http://www.plainfieldquakers.org/mm-wg-visits/>.

Or go to NYYM.org and click on "Clerk's Visitation Initiative" in the Quicklinks on the right side of the main page.

3. See what visits have been made.

To what extent we are led visit one another in our yearly meeting? What is it that we might find about our interest in sharing our spiritual experience with other meetings and worship groups? Go to the same website above to see reports of how visits are unfolding among us.

4) Encourage and support other Friends to make a visit.

It's truly a joy to visit another meeting and share in worship. And truth be told, it is a benefit to your own meeting that Friends have shared worship and opened relationships with Friends in sister meetings and worship groups.

The importance of visitation among Friends cannot be overemphasized. New voices are needed in local meetings to broaden viewpoints and introduce fresh insights into truth. Over a wider area, visitation can help keep the balance between the differing interpretations of Quakerism and increase understanding between members of the various meetings, regions, and branches of the Religious Society of Friends.

NYYM Faith & Practice

A query

In the **Religious Society of Friends** we practice our faith, as religions do, and we retain our identity as Friends, harkening back to an earlier appellation as "Friends of the truth," but what does it mean to be a society? Is it to be found only in our own meeting, or in broader Quaker structures? What of being a society is to be found in our relationship with our sister meetings and worship groups?