An example of Quaker outreach from a Friends church in Oregon – Immediately after the election, the church created a beautiful, color poster with this message and put it up on community bulletin boards all over town.

BUMMED OUT?
Truth Overruled?
Justice Ignored?
Love Denied?

EXHAUSTED?
From working for a good cause
And not gaining ground?

We know how you feel
We know what to do

Quakers……

Worked for abolition of slavery before the Revolutionary War
Worked for mental health and prison reform from the 1700's
Worked for the rights of CO's during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars
Worked for women's right to vote in the mid-1800's
Worked for civil rights for African Americans in the 1800's
Worked for Gay rights in the 1970's
We are still working…….

Come join us for some perspective and hope!

**FREEDOM FRIENDS CHURCH**
Meeting for Worship: Sunday Morning 10:30
1845 Commercial Street SE - Salem

Quakers - Ahead of the Curve for 350 years
On the Quaker Outreach Forum, the pastor shared this information about her church's outreach work.

Now, we are aware that the Caveat to this is that SOME Quakers have been working for SOME of these things - But it does a good job of representing Freedom Friends which is after all the only group we can really speak for.

We publicly supported the fight against our state gay marriage ban, and although we lost that fight in the short run. I wrote for the amicus brief that is part of the case before the State supreme Court. We were one of four or five churches in Salem to publicly oppose the Ban.

We are committed to letting people in on the truth about the wide spectrum of Q diversity from the get go. No one in our meeting thinks that every Q in the world is just like us.

The next thing we are going to do is have healing service for the veterans in the meeting, including veterans of the wars of child abuse, domestic violence and whatever have you. This coming up in a couple of weeks.

We have an on-going outreach effort in town that is getting us visitors, and some stayers.

We are having fun.

For the record we are:
Christ-centered
Quaker
Inclusive
Semi-programmed
socially progressive
presently unaffiliated
lightly pastoral
seven months old
small

yours in the Work
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