



Write for Friends Journal!

Friends Journal welcomes articles, poetry, art, photographs, and letters from our readers. We are also helped by your comments and questions. We are an independent magazine serving the entire Religious Society of Friends. Our mission is “to communicate Quaker experience in order to connect and deepen spiritual lives,” which allows for a variety of viewpoints and subject matter. We welcome submissions from Friends and non-Friends alike.

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2016-04 Spiritual Nurture, Quaker Training / SVP (due 1/4)

How do we teach ourselves and one another to be more spiritually available Friends? What institutions do we have to go deeper in our faith? How do unprogrammed Friends understand specialized pastoral training in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends?

2016-05 Gender and Sexuality (due 2/8)

Trans issues have trended in the mainstream with celebrity announcements and hit TV shows. Among Friends, more Evangelical-leaning yearly meetings have divided over how welcoming they should be to LGBTQ Friends, and even Liberal Friends have had controversies when trying to create inclusive gender policies. How do we support vulnerable Friends and navigate shifting attitudes? How do we work with groups like FLGBTQC to educate Friends? For this issue, we're inviting all genders and those who identify as LGBTQ to share their stories and experiences with the Friends Journal audience.

2016-06 Almost Quaker (due 3/7)

Beyond the familiar confines of our meetinghouses, there are larger networks of people touched and nourished by a distinctive Quaker ethos. We've long had fellow travelers, but the numbers seem to be growing with the spiritual-but-not-religious movement. We're seeing fallen-away young adults; seekers who know us primarily through the internet; parents, teachers, and alums of Friends Schools. What do we make of these almost Quakers? Is this an opportunity for outreach or the sign of a new kind of Quaker identity? Is this something to be championed or feared?

2016-08 Quaker Spaces (due 5/2)

What do our architecture, interior design, and meetinghouse locations say about our theology and our work in the world? Quakers don't consecrate our worship spaces but there's a strong pull of nostalgia that brings people into our historic buildings and an undeniable energy to innovative Quaker spaces. How do our physical manifestations keep us grounded or keep us from sharing the "Quaker gospel" more widely?

2016-09 Open (due 6/6)

2016-10 Crossing Cultures (due 7/4)

What does it mean to be an international faith of such wide theological diversity? How do we inter-visit and how do we disagree with integrity and compassion? What does it mean to be a peace church today and what core values do we or should we share? How do we boldly declare the values and insights of our respective branches of Quakerism without denying the legitimacy of other Friends?

2016-11 Social Media and Technology / Books (due 8/8)

Is there a Quaker way to use social media, online communication, and technology? What resources are we using and how do they help in outreach with the public and communication within the meeting community? How do we mindfully and ethically use technology and make sure it doesn't reinforce other privileges? How do we disagree online? How do we engage or deflect online disruptions like flamewars and trolls?

2016-12 Giving & Philanthropy (due 9/5)

How do we share our time and personal resources? What kinds of programs are we giving to? How do we evaluate organizations and projects? What is the relationship between donor and organization?

2017-01 Quakers in the Workplace (due 10/3)

What challenges and opportunities exist by mixing Quaker faith and work? What is it like to be the only Quaker in a workplace or a non-Quaker in an ostensibly Quaker setting like a Friends School? What is like to be a "9-5 Quaker" that works for a Quaker organization but has limited involvement outside the job? How do we share our values in business and service?

2017-02 Open (due 11/7)

2017-03 Race & Anti-Racism (due 12/5)

How can we challenge racism in the world and in our communities? How can we address our own diversity issues and be more welcoming? What have been steps in the right direction for the Religious Society of Friends? How are we addressing vast injustices like mass incarceration?

2017-04 AFSC Centennial (due 1/2)

A hundred years ago American Friends set aside internal differences to come together to organize against a war. We look back at a century of changing Quaker activism from the American Friends Service Committee, and look forward to its place in the continued evolution of Quaker witness.

2017-05 Quaker Summers / SVP (due 2/6)

A look at Quaker summer camps and all of the other rituals of Quaker summertimes like the FGC gathering and yearly meeting sessions.

2017-06 Reimagining the Quaker Ecosystem (due 3/6)

Many of our traditional decision-making structures are under tremendous stress these days. There are few nominating committees that don't bemoan the difficulties finding volunteer leadership. In the face of this, a wave of questioning and creativity is emerging as Friends reinvent and regenerate Quaker structures. Previously unasked questions about power and decision-making models are on the agenda again.

2017-08 The Art of Dying and the Afterlife (due 5/8)

How do Friends approach the end of life? We've living longer and dying longer. How do we make decisions on end-of-life care for ourselves and our loved ones? Do Quakers have insight into what happens after we die?

2017-09 Open (due 6/5)