

## Friends Journal Issue Topics & Deadlines

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## **Friends Journal Issue Topic Descriptions:**

### **Feb 2019 Open**

Open to general submissions.

### **Mar 2019 Outside the Meetinghouse**

It can be comforting to talk amongst ourselves and debate nuances of Quaker lingo in Quaker conferences, but what happens when we move outside our meetinghouse walls? How do our values follow us into the world?

### **Apr 2019 Humor in Religion**

So how many Quakers does it take to screw in a lightbulb? Share your corniest Quaker jokes but also tell us stories of humor overcoming differences and building bridges.

### **May 2019 Friendly Competition?**

Quakers believe in the spiritual equality of all people, and therefore try to approach competition in a way that honors and respects the unique gifts and Light within each individual. Let's explore the ways competition affects our emotions, thoughts, and behaviors and get curious about if there is a distinctly Quaker approach to being competitive. This issue includes the 6th Annual Student Voices Project.

### **June/July 2019 Food Choices**

How do our food choices reflect our values? From eating in ways that reduce our environmental impact to connecting with others through the hospitality of food, our relationships to food have a greater impact than simply nourishing our bodies.

### **Aug 2019 QuakerSpeak at Five**

Friends Journal's QuakerSpeak video series began five years ago. In that time, over two million people have tuned in to watch our short videos about Quaker practice, theology, activism, history, and ministry. How has QuakerSpeak changed how the world sees us and how we see ourselves? How do Friends use it in meetings and First-day schools?

### **Sep 2019 Open**

Open to general submissions.

### **Oct 2019 Friends in Africa**

Half of the world's Friends live in Africa; Kenya alone has almost twice as many Friends as the United States. But the African yearly meetings' beginnings as missions from evangelical Friends created theological and cultural gaps with American unprogrammed Friends from the start. How do we begin to bridge differences and learn from one another?

### **Nov 2019 Gambling**

One of the most important historic Quaker testimonies stood against gambling, yet it's a topic we rarely seem to talk about anymore. Do we participate in raffles or games of chance? Does it matter? How about investments in the stock market? Does gambling foster materialism? Is it an addiction we need to work against?

### **Dec 2019 Quaker Kids**

What makes a Quaker kid Quaker? Let's try having a *Friends Journal* issue by and for younger Friends!

### **Jan 2020 Drugs**

The opioid crisis in America is killing friends and family members across the country, but it's something Quakers don't talk about much. How do we help members in their addictions and how do we stand as a society against those who profit against addictions? Many Friends were active in the temperance movement against alcohol. Where do and should we stand today on this and issues like legalized marijuana? What about the growing legal trade in pharmaceuticals, which have helped extend lives while also contributing to addictions in some cases?

### **Feb 2020 Open**

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### **Mar 2020 Unnamed Quaker Creeds**

Friends will proudly tell visitors we have no creeds or set practices in worship, but this isn't exactly true. There are all sorts of expectations and unwritten rules when we come together First-day morning. This is our chance to share them and question any that may be making our meeting spaces unfriendly to newcomers. What is the divide between core Quaker faith and optional Quaker culture? How does this differ among branches of Friends and between different styles of Quaker worship? We hope this issue will be especially helpful to new visitors.

### **Apr 2020 The State of Quaker Institutions**

Quaker schools facing budget crisis! Yearly meetings reorganizing for the third time in the last ten years! Quaker organizations shedding staff or pivoting to new causes! It'd be nice to take a big-picture look at our Quaker institutions, most of which are only about a century old in their current form. What's working and what isn't and which beloved institutions do we need to make sure we keep alive?

### **May 2020 Thin Spaces**

With few rituals to guide us, Quaker worship at its core is a direct connection with the Divine. We are bridging the thin space between us and the Light. How does that work? How do we bridge other thin spaces in our lives, like births and deaths? This issue includes the 7th Annual Student Voices Project.

### **June/July 2020 Membership and Friends**

Who's a "real Quaker" and who isn't? What does it mean for someone to join and what responsibilities do we have for those who are in membership? What other "almost Quaker" identities exist and how do we relate to them?

### **Aug 2020 Pastoral Friends**

*Friends Journal* comes out of the unprogrammed tradition of waiting worship, but many Friends throughout the country and the world have incorporated mainstream elements of Christian worship—pastors, planned sermons, liturgies, and even some sacraments. What are the different forms of pastoral worship and what are the unique challenges, benefits, and cautions for this style of Quakerism?

### **Sep 2020 Open**

Open to general submissions.

### **Oct 2020 Quaker Process**

One of the things that define many of us as Friends is our reliance on Quaker process for decision making. What is it? How does it differ from consensus? How do we respectfully adapt it for non-spiritual uses? Where did it come from and is it really still the best way of making every kind of decision?

### **Nov 2020 Quakers in Translation**

Quakers outgrew the British isles in the first decade of the new moment in the 1650s and now speak dozens of languages. What are the unique issues in translating Quaker texts? How do we make sure that language doesn't remain a barrier in our worldwide religious fellowship?

### **Dec 2020 Emerging Witnesses**

Friends talk of "concerns" that start with an individual or small minority of our fellowship and grow into more widespread leadings and eventually sometimes into society-wide testimonies. There are a handful of popular Quaker testimonies that get talked about all the time. But what are some emerging ones that might deserve our attention? Some might be older ones that could be revisited; others might be issues that are new or that Friends may have overlooked.