

Minneapolis Friends Meeting - Care of the Future - Spring 2015

OPPORTUNITIES

1. to be a deeper, wider sense of beloved community
2. called to lead for justice, peace, more than ever to share our beliefs
3. an opportunity for a unique witness for non-violent approach to social issues
4. unique opportunity to share the Divine in silent worship
5. describe and connect with other Quaker organizations in our area
6. increase our knowledge of the work of wider Quaker organizations - eg: FWCC; FCNL; FNVW
7. collaborate with other faith communities
8. increase our curb appeal with improved signage
9. explore having worship in places other than the meetinghouse
10. tell our Quaker story to a wider community
11. use the building for more community events
12. identify talent within the community
13. increase our interactions with organizations with shared memberships and values
14. find new uses for technology to connect with other organizations
15. reconfigure how we are organized
16. to be a beacon of light to the imposed risks from the outside
17. involve more members and attenders with those in need - create better systems
18. to see what it would be like to be without a Director of Ministry
19. more deeply engage with Quaker theology in a structured way
20. effective Quaker lobbying on Quaker issues
21. make the meetinghouse available for peace groups and other groups
22. live in a community rich in opportunities for partnerships /allies to broaden our view
23. reach out to Quakers who have been part of the Meeting but who have not been coming as much recently
24. develop a group focused on pastoral care beyond or in addition to M&C
25. Metro area in MN full of people who might be attracted to the MFM-MN has been more religiously practicing state than many areas of the U.S. and has a strong progressive stream.
26. The Meeting would be better served by having one meeting for worship so we can all get to know each other more easily. Closely examine the continued viability of two distinct worship groups and practices.
27. I have imagined us giving away our building and our conception of who we are called to be. I have imagined us saying "What we have now does not belong to us. Help us to let go and to let be what and how Thou would ask us to be."
28. Move online for outreach and internal communication.