

Minneapolis Friends Meeting - Care of the Future

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Into the future, these words will describe us. Many of them already do describe us.

We envision a Minneapolis Friends Meeting that is:

1) ROOTED SECURELY IN QUAKER FAITH AND PRACTICE

We are a Quaker community who together deepen our Quaker understanding and nurture spiritual depth. We rely on God's leading in making decisions in Meeting for Business. Our collective worship makes room for a range of beliefs and worship practices.

2) SHARING AND DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY

Our community has a secure future supported by genuine connections between generations. We intentionally share knowledge, skills, leadership, and energy intergenerationally. We offer grounding and support for the spiritual development of children. New attenders are attracted by what the meeting offers: being active in the world, seeking to understand answers to the big questions, providing quiet community in a loud world, and offering both temporary and long-term sanctuary.

3) A PLACE OF SANCTUARY AND RENEWAL

Our meeting is a place of refuge, renewal, prayer and growth for people of all ages. Those who come feel they belong and can share their hearts. The meeting is infused with joy and hope. We demonstrate care for one another and, together, have a vitality that counters difficulties and brokenness. We are known as a place where newcomers are welcome.

4) INTEGRATING FAITH AND ACTION

Meeting worship and spiritual life deepen our outward engagement and are, in turn, deepened by that engagement. We act, love, and serve in the world, individually and corporately, in response to callings of the Spirit. We support one another in leading lives in which action is consistent with word.

5) MAKING AN ACTIVE WITNESS BEYOND THE MEETINGHOUSE WALLS

With a strong commitment to diversity and not bound by space and location, Friends are a visible presence in the community, actively engaged and reaching out, partnering with other communities of faith.

6) GREEN

Our meeting community has a continually shrinking carbon footprint. We have met the challenge of new global conditions and found ways to foster sustainability.

7) A LONG-TERM PRESENCE

We are good stewards of our physical, financial, and human resources. Everyone in the meeting contributes time and money to the meeting. We are flexible and adaptable, and courageously integrate Quaker practice within the context of a changing world.