

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS: A PANORAMA

WATCH GUIDE

“Like a visual worship-sharing.”

“Deep, expansive, life-giving.”

“Just stunning.”

*“Lifts up our love and reference for the earth,
our sense of Community, and the sense of Spirit
in everything.”*

*“The way to help people take action or to change is to let them connect
to that which they love. This film does that.”*

Barb Adams of Richmond Friends Meeting gifted Quaker Earthcare Witness this film as a labor of love. We invite your communities to share in this gift.

This 20+ minute film is an invitation for Friends to connect with their love of the planet, their own faith, and their work to live in Right Relationship with Creation through testimonies from Quaker Earthcare Witness members, evocative music, and beautiful images of the natural world.

We are living in very difficult times. The now-popular refrain “the world is on fire” is true and terrifying. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports show that sea-level rise, ocean acidification, thawing permafrost, and extreme weather events are occurring much faster than predicted. The time to act is now.

Quaker Earthcare Witness: A Panorama helps create space for us to ground and connect from a place of love and faith during these turbulent times. We hope it inspires you to take the next step to respond to the urgency of this moment.

Please use this guide to help get you started.



QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS: A PANORAMA WORSHIP SHARING AFTER THE FILM

*Adapted from Friends General Conference Worship sharing guidelines**

Worship sharing focuses on a particular question and helps us to explore our own experience and share with each other more deeply than we would in normal conversation.

Basic rules for sharing:

- Reach as deeply as you can into the sacred center of your life.
- Speak out of the silence, and leave a period of silence between speakers.
- Speak from your own experience, about your own experience. Concentrate on feelings and changes rather than on thoughts or theories.
- Do not respond to what anyone else has said, either to praise or to refute. • Listen carefully and deeply to what is spoken.
- Expect to speak only once, until everyone has had a chance to speak.
- Respect the confidentiality of what is shared.

*www.fgcquaker.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Worship%20Sharing%20Guidelines_1.pdf

SUGGESTED QUERIES

- **What most speaks to me from the film?**
- **Where and how do I experience beauty? How does that relate to my faith?**
- **How might Spirit be calling me into earthcare?**

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Connect to Quaker Earthcare Witness by signing up for our email list at www.quakerearthcare.org/article/get-involved.
- Connect with local groups. How can your Quaker community support local issues?
- Commit to learning more together and take action. Read and share our newsletter *BeFriending Creation* and other literature, like our pamphlets on key environmental issues. You can request print materials from us by emailing info@quakerearthcare.org or download them from our site: www.quakerearthcare.org/pamphlets.
- Connect to your yearly meeting's representative. Or, become a QEW representative for your Yearly Meeting. Each Yearly Meeting nominates one or two representatives to be a liaison between our group and Friends in your region. We also are looking for Monthly Meeting Representatives.
- Use Quaker Earthcare Witness materials in your First Day School. Visit www.quakerearthcare.org/children.
- Make a donation on your meeting's behalf to support our work at www.quakerearthcare.org/donate or send a check to Quaker Earthcare Witness, P.O. Box 6787, Albany, CA 94706.



ABOUT QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS

Quaker Earthcare Witness is a network of North American Friends and other like-minded people who are taking spirit-led action to address the ecological and social crises of the world, emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies.

We seek to:

- Nurture and share spirit inspired continuing revelation that awakens, transforms, and empowers effective action to meet the physical challenges we face.
- Turn to our Friends' roots, develop a Friends' response plan, pose the right queries and questions, and give us hope.
- Work with other Quaker organizations to develop a strong Quaker voice and actions on living in right relationship.
- Use our website and other social media to enable our constituency to share concerns and information on vital issues, tell our stories of what we are trying to do to address these problems, and help each other make the transformational changes that are necessary for us to address the ecological, social and spiritual crises that we face.



Quaker Earthcare Witness is a not-for-profit 501 (C)(3) organization. We are a volunteer-led organization that uses Quaker process to guide our work. We invite you to join our network and share some of your time, talent, enthusiasm, and economic support.

QEW organizational structure consists of a Steering Committee, more than half of whom are appointed by regional Quaker organizations known as “Yearly Meetings,” as well as as standing committees, projects, and working groups that are run by volunteers. There is a small paid office staff.

SUPPORT QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS

We need your help! Make a donation online at www.quakerearthcare.org/donate or send a check to Quaker Earthcare Witness, P.O. Box 6787, Albany, CA 94706.

For more information or to have a conversation about how you can get more involved, email our General Secretary Shelley Tanenbaum at shelley@quakerearthcare.org.