



Journeys in the Spirit

Children's work

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A simple plan for an all-age Meeting for Worship

Preparation

Provide enough luggage tags in 6 different colours (large enough to write on) for everyone. Have these in 6 baskets labelled with each of the themes from *Our faith in the future* (<https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-organisation/meeting-for-sufferings/our-faith-in-the-future>), placed in the centre of the room around a 'tree' or arrangement of bare branches. This could be on the floor or on a table – make sure it is accessible for everyone. Put a pen or pencil on every seat before people come into Meeting.

Introduction

Have a copy of 'Our faith in the future' available to hold up and show everyone. Tell people this is a word picture of what Quakers in Britain would like the Society to be like in the future;. Tell people that now you are going to spend some time thinking about the future in your community and what that might look like. Read out the 6 themes in *Our faith in the future* leaving a short period of quiet after each one.



Activity

When you have read them all invite people to think of their hopes for their Quaker community - what they would like their meeting to look like? What would the building look like? Who would be there? What would they do? Encourage them to be as bold and imaginative as they can. Now invite people to take a tag from the basket they think their hope fits into and write or draw it on the tag. It isn't so important that people identify exactly which theme to pick so people shouldn't worry. When they have finished writing they should place the tag on the tree at the centre. Let everyone know that the tree will be left up somewhere all can see for the near future.

Finish with a time of quiet.

