

QREC CONNECTIONS

“Joining Hands in Service to Quaker Religious Education”

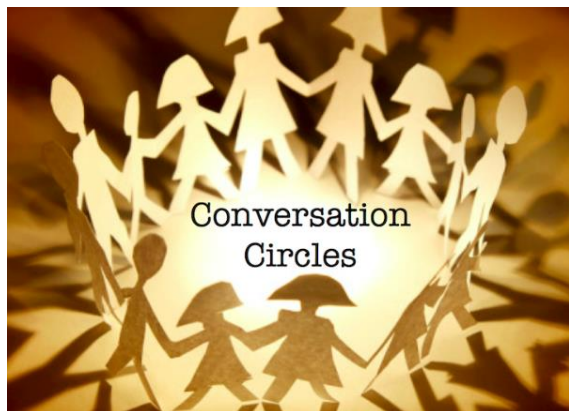
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Dear QREC Friends,

This issue of *Connections* is offered to catch us up on new resources, collaborative projects and opportunities to connect in our shared work. The Steering Circle continues to make progress with three projects funded by the Shoemaker Fund, including website enhancements and the re-publication of the children's book, *Quaker Meeting and Me*. Both projects reach across geographic and linguistic borders, partnering Friends on three continents. Please continue to visit the website and Facebook page for news and additional resource sharing.

Enjoy, and stay in touch!

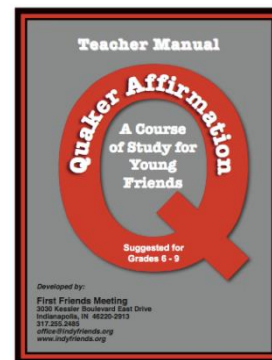


Conversation Circles



Finding the Light In You

BRIGHT SILENT WORSHIP WITH YOUNG FRIENDS



Conversation Circles Planned: *Support and Resources for Religious Educators and Families in These Times*

Two CCs are planned for after Thanksgiving, to create a space for sharing and support in our current political climate. How do we support children and families in our meeting and church communities?

Tuesday, December 6, 8:00pm EST
Saturday, December 3, 3:00pm CST

To sign up for a CC, [email](mailto:quakercollaborative4re@gmail.com) the Collaborative. If you're seeking resources for upcoming First Day programs, check out what has been compiled by our UU friends: [Unitarian Resources](#)

NEW RESOURCES FOR FIRST DAY PROGRAMS!

Information about new resources and where to find them is posted on the QREC website.

www.quakers4re.org

Includes the two curricula pictured above, a skit about vocal ministry created by teens, and a series of newly published plays for children.



QREC BRAINSTORM!

We're seeking your input and suggestions of **topics for future Conversation Circles** and the RE Video Project. Let us know what's on your mind at our online [Googleform](#)

Save the Date! 18-20 August 2017 QREC Gathering Quaker Hill Conference Center Richmond, IN

Join the Collaborative for fellowship, worship and sharing from our work in this ministry. Watch for email and posts on the [QREC Facebook page](#) for more information.

- *Are you a writer or editor?
- *Could you help create a resource to share what you know?

NEW project seeks Friends interested in developing, writing, or editing concise articles on topics useful to Quaker religious educators. Articles will be sent to subscribing Friends by email. This is the work of individual Friends, with support from QREC. For more information, write to: religiouseducationfriends@gmail.com

Seeking Wonder & Light in the Spirit of the Season:

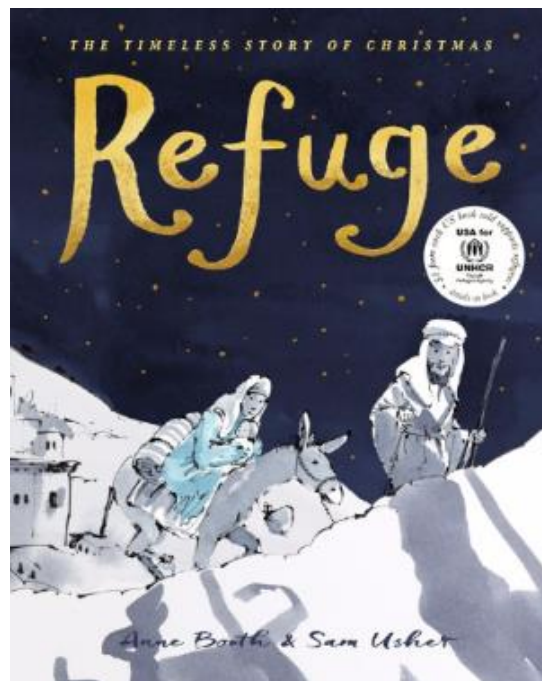
[Friendly Resources for Advent & the Coming of Christmas](#)

On the QREC website, a place to share resources and ideas for learning about and celebrating the Christmas season.

- How do we approach this as Friends?
- What can we share with RE colleagues from our experiences?
- What can we share with families in our communities?

Recommended: "Refuge" by Anne Booth, illustrated by Sam Usher. "A timely rendition of the nativity follows Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as they travel in a strange land, hoping to find refuge in the kindness of strangers."

Please consider posting a suggested resource to the website page!



Religious Education Videos

This project, supported by a grant from the Shoemaker Fund, is just beginning! See "brainstorm" opportunity above, and check out the first topics in the series:

- ◆ *Making Space: Stories in Religious Education*
- ◆ *When a Family Comes to Worship*
- ◆ *Preparing a Space at the Table for Children*
- ◆ *Hopes for a Family Coming to Worship*
- ◆ *Expectant Waiting: Being Prepared for Families*
- ◆ *Supporting the Ministry of Children's Religious Education*



Celebrate & Educate About Our World Family of Friends!

QREC has partnered with Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) to create materials to accompany five FWCC-QuakerSpeak videos being released in 2016-17. The short videos are wonderful places to begin an exploration of Quakers worldwide, including what we share across geographic and theological differences. A truly global effort went into creating these materials -- special thanks to Orlando Friends Meeting (Florida) and Hill House Meeting (Accra, Ghana) for working together to share their activities from FWCC World Quaker Day 2015. All materials are available in Spanish as well as English on the [World Quaker Day website](#).



Quakers in the World -- A Resource for All! www.quakersintheworld.org

This website brings together stories about Quaker social action, past and present, from around the world. It is rooted in the belief that each other's stories can inspire and teach all of us, wherever we live, and whatever we do. Though Quakers in different parts of the world have evolved many different ways of worshipping, we are led to act in the world in very similar ways. Our shared faith in of 'that of God' in every person leads us to be active peacebuilders, educators, campaigners for human rights and sustainability, and much else. There are over 300 stories on the site, but there are many more to be told. Please let us know of any story you think should be there, and help us write it if you can. ann@quakersintheworld.org



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