

QUAKERLY QUOTES

Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations wherever you come ... then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone...

George Fox, 1656

We are a people that follow after those things that make for peace, love and unity; it is our desire that other's feet may walk in the same, and do deny and bear our testimony against all strife and wars and contentions.

Margaret Fell, 1660

The starting point of Quaker teaching is the belief in the existence of the Inner Light... It is given other names, such as the Seed, the Voice, the Christ, and so on. Whatever the name, it means the presence of a Power not our own...

Inazo Nitobe, ca. 1920

Worshipping with Dutch or Japanese Friends, I found, was as rewarding as being in an English-speaking meeting, although I didn't understand a word during the worship period. This is certainly what occurred when the [indigenous] chief Papunahung said, after hearing John Woolman without an interpreter, "I love to feel where the words come from." It is just as possible to do this when the language is the same as ours but the terminology different.

Betty Polster, 1988

OUR QUAKER MEETING

Cowichan Valley Monthly Meeting (CVMM), also known as **Cowichan Valley Quakers (CVQs)**, is a Meeting of the **Religious Society of Friends**. Our Meeting for Worship uses no program, priest, or creed. Instead, we use silence to allow us to discover the inward stillness where we can best hear the small, still voice within ourselves and our group.

The Meeting comprises members and attenders from the Cowichan Valley, other parts of Vancouver Island, and the Gulf Islands. We began meeting more than 30 years ago in members' homes. The Meeting has two worship groups under its care: Salt Spring Island and Gabriola Island.

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- **Saanich Peninsula Monthly Meeting**
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- **Victoria Friends Meeting**
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- **Mid-Island Allowed Meeting** (Nanaimo)
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WELCOME!

Cowichan Valley Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Weekly Meeting for Worship
Sundays, 10:30 am (September – June)
St. Ann's Garden Club Building
Providence Farm
1843 Tzouhalem Road
Duncan, BC

For summer worship times and locations, please call or email.

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We invite you to join us!



St. Ann's Garden Club Building

We meet on the traditional unceded territory of the Quw'utsun People who have been stewarding these lands for millennia.

WHO QUAKERS ARE

Quaker history is rooted in the turbulent, anti-establishment times of the 17th century English Protestant Reformation.

Early Friends were revolutionary Christians who believed that each person can have direct communion with God rather than through an intermediary. Thus, everyone is equal. The implications of these ideas remain far-reaching.

21st century Quakers bring insights from many different faiths, traditions, and experiences. Friends have no single statement of religious doctrine and do not have a fixed creed or theology.

Each Meeting within the Religious Society of Friends is guided by the Testimonies, *Advices and Queries, Faith and Practice*, and other writings that are updated periodically.



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HOW COWICHAN VALLEY QUAKERS WORSHIP

Cowichan Valley Quakers worship in silence. We are seeking the guidance of 'that of God,' 'the Spirit of Christ,' or 'the Light' within each person, as did 17th century founders George Fox and Margaret Fell, and other early Friends.

Each of us holds the silence by listening to the still, small voice within. From within this gathered circle of silence, spoken ministry may be offered. After about an hour, we share 'After Thoughts,' introductions, and announcements.

Families are welcome! A children's program is offered at the Meeting.

Please stay afterwards for coffee, muffins, and conversation. Feel free to ask any member or attender for more information about Cowichan Valley Quakers.

Visit www.quaker.ca and <https://quakerspeak.com/> (videos) to learn more about the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Note: We worship with a hybrid meeting model of in-person and Zoom. If you wish to worship with us online, please email cvquakers@gmail.com for the link.

CORE QUAKER VALUES (Testimonies)

The following Testimonies describe the ways in which we Friends strive to live our daily lives:

Simplicity

We are mindful of right use of the world's resources by living simply.

Peace

We actively promote peace and work to develop alternatives to violence at all levels, from local to international

Truth, Integrity

We strive to speak the truth to all, including people in positions of power. Integrity is the guiding principle we set for ourselves and expect in public life.

Justice, Equality, and Community

The equal worth of every living being means working to address injustice and build true community.

Stewardship

Friends respect and care for all living beings and the Earth.

