

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4 – COMMUNICATING

Develop and widely communicate clear messages about Quakers and PYM

We will tell the story of our distinctive Quaker faith and practice, so that we are known not only for our historic witness but also for our present action so that all may be inspired.

DESTINATION 4-2: Quaker Practices

Increase meetings' capacity to deepen Friends' intimate understanding of the basics of Faith & Practice, beginning with worship and business practices.

This Destination focuses on ensuring that PYM Friends:

- Experience the power of worship that has grounded the lives and actions of generations.
- Find the sense of the meeting that is larger than that which any one of us can see on our own.
- Prepare seekers for understanding these essential practices.

Quakerism deliberately has no creed, rather it has fundamental practices that are core to our experience. Our practices help us to live from the Truth that we experience as individuals. They help us share those experiences so we can communally come to understand far more of a Divine Calling than we can on our own. Two primary practices are meeting for worship and meeting for worship with attention to business. Deepening our understanding and skills in these practices helps us experience the gifts of Quakerism and helps us maintain our Quakerism into the future as we welcome new generations into the faith.

Example Strategies:

- Collect and share meetings' resources on worship and decision-making process.
- Tell meetings' stories of worship and discernment.
- Provide snack-sized explorations on the topics at yearly meeting business sessions.