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The Spiritual Roots of the Quaker Way

Monday 27 July to Sunday 18 October 2020

This is an exciting new project developed by Woodbrooke in partnership with FWCC Asia-West Pacific Section.

In this study programme, we will explore the spiritual roots of Quaker practices and concerns. When we understand the founding vision of early Friends, we can trace how the Quaker way has changed over time and consider our own experiences as Quakers today. The programme is made up of four modules. Each module includes two recorded presentations, backed up by written resources, and is rounded off with a live online webinar meeting. You may choose to meet in groups to share your responses, reflections and questions in preparation for the webinars.

Module One – Quaker Foundations

Monday 27 July to Sunday 16 August

In this module we will look at the essential features of the early Quaker vision and then consider how this vision is reflected in key aspects of Quaker spirituality, including worship, vocal ministry, personal spiritual practices, discernment and testimony.

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| 1. The Early Quaker Vision | Monday 27 July to Sunday 2 August |
| 2. Spiritual Basis of Quaker Practices | Monday 3 to Sunday 9 August |
| 3. Live online webinar | Sunday 16 August at 09:00 (UK time) |

Module Two – Quaker Testimony 1

Monday 17 August to Sunday 6 September

In this module we will explore the spiritual roots of the Quaker concern for spiritual equality and peace. What was it about the early Quaker vision that enabled Friends to begin to challenge a world characterized by violence, war and rigid forms of social hierarchy? How has this changed over time?

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| 1. Quakers and Equality | Monday 17 to Sunday 23 August |
| 2. Quakers and Peace | Monday 24 to Sunday 30 August |
| 3. Live online webinar | Sunday 6 September at 09:00 (UK time) |

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Module Three – Quaker testimony 2

Monday 7 September to Sunday 27 September

In this module we will explore the spiritual roots of the Quaker concern for economic justice and creation care. What was it about the early Quaker vision that enabled Friends to challenge injustice and visualize new ways of relating to other animals and the natural world? How has this changed over time?

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| 1. Quakers and Economics | Monday 7 to Sunday 13 September |
| 2. Quakers and Ecology | Monday 14 to Sunday 20 September |
| 3. Live online webinar | Sunday 27 September at 09:00 (UK time) |

Module Four – Quakers and Christianity

Monday 28 September to Sunday 18 October

In this module, we will consider our roots in Christianity, and how the Quaker tradition relates to other churches. What is unique about the Quaker understanding of Christianity? How is it possible for all the diverse forms of global Quakerism today to be grounded in the early Quaker vision? Do Friends have a distinctive approach to the Bible, how have they used it, and what role does it play in Quaker faith and practice?

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| 1. Quakers and Christianity | Monday 28 September to Sunday 4 October |
| 2. Quakers and the Bible | Monday 5 October to Sunday 11 October |
| 3. Live online webinar | Sunday 18 October at 09:00 (UK time) |

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For the past eleven years, Stuart has been one of Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Team Leaders with responsibility for coordinating on-site short course programmes. His research and teaching interests focus on Quaker theology, spirituality and history, eco-theology and the relationship of the Quaker way to other traditions. Stuart regularly contributes articles and book reviews to Quaker publications such as *The Friend*, *The Friends Quarterly* and *Quaker Studies*. He is currently writing a book on the theology of the early Quaker minister, James Nayler.