



BERKELEY FRIENDS CHURCH PRESENTS:

Quaker Heritage Day 2014

Saturday, April 12

In the Service of Truth

Friends' Distinctives in

Cross-Cultural Missions Work

**with Eden Grace, Global Ministries Director,
Friends United Meeting**

Eden Grace joined the Richmond, Indiana, staff of FUM in 2013 after serving for nine years as Field Officer in the Africa Ministries Office in Kisumu, Kenya. She is a member of Beacon Hill Friends Meeting in Boston. Since 1998, she has been active in the World Council of Churches, including serving as the Quaker member of the Central Committee from 1998 to 2006, and as a consultant on consensus decision-making from 2006 to 2013. She has also been active in the Massachusetts Council of Churches and several Quaker organizations. She holds a Masters of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA and a certificate in International Mission and Ecumenism from the Boston Theological Institute. Eden seeks to promote Christian faithfulness among Quakers, and to work toward Christian unity and reconciliation for the sake of Christ's mission in the world. She and her husband Jim have two teenage sons and are enjoying hosting a 17-year-old Kenyan exchange student in their new home in Richmond.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

- 9:00 am** Sign in, enjoy the breakfast buffet, and browse the book table
- 9:30** **Session 1: Quaker Mission History**
- 10:45** Break
- 11:00** **Session 2: Distinctives of Quaker Missiology**
- 12:30 pm** Lunch
- 1:45** **Session 3: Emerging Issues in Friends Mission Work**
- 3:15** Closing Worship

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“Mission is finding out where the Spirit is at work, and joining in.”

This statement (which has been variously attributed to a range of missiologists—so it must be true!) echoes what I have always felt to be at the very heart of our Quaker mission work. God is already working in the world, changing lives and transforming communities. There is no place on earth that is “unreached” by God. There is no culture that can not offer us a glimpse of the Holy Spirit. There is no person who does not already bear the image of God.

Our job, then, is to discern what God is up to, in each place, among each community, at each moment in time. Stop, look and listen. Find out what’s already going on, before taking any action. Look especially for who is marginalized and silenced, for you will see Jesus in their midst. Find those who are transgressing social boundaries and discrimination for the sake of radical inclusion, and there you will find God. Take note of where joy is bubbling up, healing is taking place, love is spreading and conflicts are being reconciled, as these are signs of the Holy Spirit’s presence.

Discern—and then join in. Put our energies in the service of God’s purpose. Join those already on the journey and walk alongside them.

Perhaps we can say that the task of “making disciples” is simply this; to inspire ourselves and others to put all our energies in the service of God’s purpose, to find out where the Holy Spirit is at work and join in.

Eden Grace, in Quaker Life, January/February 2014

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION

Listed below are books that may spark further thought and discussion. Those prefixed with a **section mark (§)** will be available at the book table in limited quantities.

Cattell, Everett Lewis. *Christian Mission: A Matter of Life*. Richmond, IN: Friends United Press, 1981.

§ Kimball, Herbert, and Beatrice Kimball. *Go into All the World: A Centennial Celebration of Friends in East Africa*. Richmond, IN: Friends United Press, 2002.

§ Rasmussen, Ane Marie Bak. *A History of the Quaker Movement in Africa*. London: British Academic Press, 1995.

Rehard, Mary Kay. *Acacia Reflections: The First Year in Africa*. Tiriki, Kenya: Kaimosi Friends Press, 2005.

Rehard, Mary Kay. *Simple Gifts: Household Ecology in Africa*. Tiriki, Kenya: Kaimosi Friends Press, 2005.

§ Rehard, Mary Kay. *Stars in Africa*. Tiriki, Kenya: Kaimosi Friends Press, 2005.

Smuck, Harold. *Friends in East Africa*. Richmond, IN: Friends United Press, 1987.

§ Stansell, Ron. *Missions by the Spirit: Learning from Quaker Examples*. Newberg, OR: Barclay Press, 2009.

To see an online version of this list with links to availability in local libraries, see <https://www.worldcat.org/profiles/splaestro/lists/3260620>