

“The Great Turning or The Great Unraveling: It’s Our Choice”

—Joanna Macy, author and activist

To Friends Everywhere,

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT amidst the unprecedented global angst of the pandemic, ecological disaster, racial injustice, wars, and insurrection, Friends Peace Teams chooses to be part of the Great Turning toward a transformed, regenerative society. Along with many Quaker institutions, Friends Peace Teams is challenging the organization’s systemic racism and the colonialist legacy of wealthy, mostly white North American and Australian Quakers “helping” people with less privilege. The question of “who is the ‘we’ of Friends Peace Teams?” has kept us focused on the life-giving, people-to-people relationships that are the foundation of grassroots, Spirit-led change for peace and justice.

The Friends Peace Teams Coordinating Council, composed of representatives from 15 Quaker Yearly Meetings in North America and Australia, nurtures a minimal organizational structure offering maximum support for individuals and groups engaged in peace and justice ministries.

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS PROGRAMS . . .

Empower and heal through Alternatives to Violence Project, Cultures of Peace, Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities, and Trauma Resiliency Workshops

Educate and liberate through Peace Libraries, Schools, & Gardens, Literacy for Peace & Justice, and the Power of Goodness Story Collection

Act in solidarity for justice through Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples, and local peoples movements and advocacy



Join Friends Peace Teams in this journey. The **Fall 2020 PeaceWays** contains stories of struggle and insight around racial justice and colonialism. We encourage you to read and share it as an aid to your local efforts to become anti-racists. Read at friendspeaceteams.org/stories/peaceways or send a donation of any amount and you will receive a copy in the mail.

Thank you for your abiding concern and your continued financial support that sustains the Spirit of the Great Turning around the world. **Please donate online** (friendspeaceteams.org/donate) **or with the enclosed return envelope.**

On behalf of Friends Peace Teams
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