

Dear Friends,

Greeting from SE Idaho where we have had hail, snow flurries, rain and warm 58 degree days all within the past 4 days. We send you blessings and affirmations on your endeavor this day. It is very obvious that God is up to something great in the NorthWest!

Cross and I long to be with you and build with you. Know that we would have been there if the meeting was on a different Saturday but with it being Earth Day and the March for Science, we feel called to be a voice here in Pocatello. We strongly support Science and the Environment and feel that both reveal the Divine. Our little seedling of a church plant often meets out on the trails- especially now that the weather is becoming so delightful.

We believe that G_d is inclusive. Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto Me" but he never said which children. This lends the interpretation to meaning ALL children. As children of the King of Kings, we are all joint heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven and as such we all have valid voices and callings.

We see G_d in the faces of those around us and as our Quaker ancestors so strongly professed, there is a spark of Light in all of us. If we denied the Teacher Within in our neighbor, then verily, the very rocks themselves would cry out.

We are people of peace and hold the testimony thereof. We believe in radical inclusion as Jesus came to include not exclude. We believe all people are welcome at the table. We believe in hope- that all things/people have the potentiality to be made whole in our relationship with Teacher. We have optimism in our future as Christ can work through us to transform our communities and our world. We seek to challenge oppression wherever and whenever it is encountered. We believe that Jesus resisted the status quo and leads the way into freedom for His people. We embrace traditional liberal values and push back against the oppression of the poor, the stripping down of the environment, and see sin as the oppressing nature of sexism, ageism, racism and homophobia.

It is therefore our intention to sever all relationship with the governing body of the NWYM as we see them justifying their sinful nature and NOT representing Quaker values or leadership. It is our desire to journey with you as you create a new Yearly Meeting.

In Peace,

Starr and Cross Reardon