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The Religious Society of Friends in Denmark

(Denmark Yearly Meeting)

Dear Friends in other Yearly Meetings

Danish Friends gathered for their Yearly Meeting in Copenhagen on March 24-25 2012 together with representatives from Norway, Sweden and Britain Yearly Meetings.

Diana Lampen from Britain and *Lis A.* from Denmark spoke on the Yearly Meeting theme: *“Living Presence; Inspiration, Courage and Possible Transformation.”* They spoke respectively from Quaker experience and from personal development through the use of the 12-steps model, used by Alcoholics Anonymous among others.

The participants experienced growing harmony and greater openness and understanding. By the end of the Yearly Meeting Friends expressed great happiness at the growing inspiration as well as at the personal and common result we found and could bring home.

This epistle is the result of an open process, where each of us got the opportunity to express what we personally found valuable during Yearly Meeting. The impressions were subsequently edited by three members and then a larger group of Danish Friends gave it the finishing touch.

We learned that opening up to God can give joy and courage to live. Honesty and dedication are valuable steps towards experiencing an all-embracing coherence in our existence.

During Yearly Meeting we felt harmony and joy. That gave us greater mutual openness and fellowship, which had a healing effect. Interpretation between English and Danish during presentations and discussions also proved useful for understanding and for contact between us.

We hope and wish that the Friends World Conference in Kenya, also with Danish participation, will inspire and further a greater understanding across different religious practices and cultures, thus enabling Quakers to do better work as Light and Salt of the Earth.

On behalf of Denmark Yearly Meeting

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