

# VÄNNERNAS SAMFUND I SVERIGE

The Religious Society of Friends in Sweden

## To Friends everywhere

At this year's meeting we considered the question from our theme: Our testimonies – How do we walk, as a community and individually, cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one?

Sweden Yearly Meeting is growing both numerically and spiritually. We note that it is the work that directs the finances, and that our money makes a difference. So too do Quaker Service Sweden's well prepared projects in different parts of the world.

There is an expectation both inside and outside the Religious Society of Friends in Sweden that we should be more visible and active in Swedish society. An important step on the way is the programme coordinator's move to the Friends Centre in Stockholm and being the warden there.

We have applied for observer status with the Christian Council of Sweden, an ecumenical body that gathers all churches in the Christian tradition.

An internal and external educational venture was launched this year. Our presence on social media has increased through the website and Facebook. The question of a logo for the Religious Society of Friends in Sweden was discussed, and will continue to be worked on.

Swedish Quakers have a strong desire to increase their peace work and witness. The result of an online questionnaire for members was considered in a threshing meeting. We agreed once again to form a peace committee.

During the weekend we also listened to stories, poems and learned to dance the Virginia Reel. Everything has been framed by wood anemones and birdsong, beneath a warm May sun.

Sweden Yearly Meeting, 10-13 May 2018

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