Questions from Friends collected via the chat box on zoom:

1. Question: In times of struggle, we experience times of hope, despair, vision, uncertainty, effort, exhaustion, anger, pity. Can you say something about moving between these states of mind?

2. Question: How does one respond to people who quite aggressively (even violently) refuse to cooperate with measures for the common good? In the US we have aggressive anti-mask people, and the violent assault on our Congress and some state legislatures earlier this month, with more in planning stages.

3. Can you share more about cultivating “The Rainbow Nation” from both your lived experience from within the Anti-Apartheid Struggle into the Transformational Govt 1991-1994, as vehicle for bringing divided nation over the bridge to the New South Africa?

4. Question: In these times of pandemic, although the economically privileged have greater means of protecting themselves, truly society can only be safe when everyone is protected. This is particularly evident in Africa, but is important globally. Are the Quakers involved formally in any interfaith network attempting to influence political decision-making. Any details would be welcome.

5. What are your thoughts on how we, as Quakers, can offer, facilitate “Collective” ways of processing social trauma, as a means to “Post Traumatic Growth”, towards the shared purpose of living out the testimonies of Simplicity, Truth, Equality, Peace and Sustainability?

6. What are your thoughts about political leaders who do all including constitutional amendments & state inspired violence to stay in office? The case in mind is President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda since 1986

7. What work are Quakers doing around the world?
   - The Human Rights and Refugees staff at the Quaker UN Office in Geneva are working in the area of universal access to vaccinations, particularly with reference to migrants and undocumented people.
   - In the US there is a Quaker lobbying organization, FCNL (fcnl.org), which often works in interfaith networks on issues of peacebuilding, human needs, etc. Their website has details.
   - In answer to Russell; on the quakers in Britain website quite a few examples of Britain Yearly meeting working on interfaith and ecumenical basis; statements recently on poverty and banning of nuclear weapons