

## PART OF A SERIES ON SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

### IOWA YEARLY MEETING (CONSERVATIVE)

Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) is an association of Quaker meetings and worship groups in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. It has been challenged in trying to reduce fossil fuel use because so many people live in rural areas. However, the yearly meeting has a long history of concern for the environment and is actively encouraging Friends to engage on this issue.

A monthly meeting in central Iowa has been working with Native American communities, recognising that indigenous people may have many answers for how to proceed on environmental justice issues.

Fundraising efforts by Friends raised \$4,000 for winter supplies at Standing Rock to support the Sioux Tribe's efforts to protect their drinking water and ancestral lands from the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Other environmental initiatives of IYMC include:

-  Holding a Climate Conference at Scattergood Friends School and Farm in 2013, involving a state senator and the environmental lobbyist of Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
-  Junior Yearly Meeting sold flowers to raise funds for FCNL's efforts to address environmental concerns
-  Approved an Ethical Transportation minute with short and long-term recommendations to address fossil fuel use including expanding bicycle lanes, car-pooling and community shared vehicles

Read more about the work of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) here: [www.iymc.org](http://www.iymc.org)



*"Radically reducing fossil fuel use has long been a concern of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative)..."*

*Friends are encouraged to challenge themselves and to simplify their lives in ways that can enhance their spiritual environmental integrity.*

*One of our meetings uses the term 'ethical transportation', which is a helpful way to be mindful of this."*

Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), Ethical Transportation Minute, 2017



Bear Creek Friends Meeting  
Photo: Jeffrey Kisling



Bear Creek Friends at the Prairie Awakening Native American celebration that the meeting has supported for many years

## QUAKERS & SUSTAINABILITY

Friends all around the world are taking climate action, recognising that sustainability and care for the earth are integral to our spiritual faith and our Quaker testimonies.

Quakers are urgently concerned with the human impacts of climate change and the interconnected issues of peace, justice, human rights and the prevention of violent conflict.

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) has joined with other Quaker organisations and signed up to a statement on climate change that has been used at the UN climate negotiations.

FWCC coordinates a global Quaker sustainability movement for positive climate action to help us live in right relationship with all creation and in a sustainable way on the earth.

Join in and amplify the Quaker voice at:

[FWCC.WORLD/SUSTAINABILITY](http://FWCC.WORLD/SUSTAINABILITY)



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