



Friends World Committee
for Consultation

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How does God call us to act?

Guidelines and worship sharing prompts for having conversations asking ‘how god is calling Friends to act towards the growing climate concerns?’

This document is to support the continuing conversation amongst Friends when asking ‘how is god calling us to act towards climate concerns?’

The question was asked during the *FWCC Online Sustainability Conference* in February 2020, but not all Friends were present during the online conference, so we want to continue to ask the question and hear from your reflections.

Worship sharing guidelines

The term ‘worship sharing’ differs among Friends across the branches. In the context of the Online Sustainability Conference, we used the term to help us focus on the particular question: ‘*How does God call us to act?*’. We followed the guidelines:

1. Reach as deeply as you can into the center of your being, asking God to speak to you.
2. In worship sharing, you might speak more readily, responding to the slightest prompt to speak. Ask yourself, ‘is this likely to be useful to others gathered?’
3. Speak from your own experience, about your experience. Concentrate on feelings and changes rather than on thoughts and theories.
4. Out of the silence, if you want to speak, stand and wait for the Elder to call on you or someone else.
5. Listen to the ministry offered.
6. Again, out of the silence if you still feel compelled to speak, notify the elders and wait to be called on.
7. Expect to speak only once.
8. Respect the confidentiality of what has been shared.
9. Be grateful.

Worship sharing prompts

Use the following worship sharing prompts to ask 'How god is calling us to act?':

- How is the spirit moving among us?
- What is the future for Friends? What do we have to share with the world?
- What is it we are clear about?
- How do we as Friends move forward on this?
- How can FWCC support Friends?
- How do we change the narrative and the way we live?
- How do we engage others/ build a movement / build energy?

Give FWCC your feedback

Once you have asked the questions and reflected in your churches, worship sharing groups, or meeting, let FWCC, and Friends around the world, know what you discussed.

- You can share your reflections via email to sustainability@fwcc.world or Record a video and send it to us via <https://wetransfer.com/>

How else can you get involved with the global Quaker climate action movement?

- Visit our website <http://fwcc.world/sustainability/get-involved>
- Share your sustainability case study to sustainability@fwcc.world
- Partner with another church, meeting, or worship group to understand how Friends are differently affected by climate change and how we talk about the shared concern.
- Join a support group such as [Quaker Earthcare witness](https://quakersandclimatechange.com/) in the US or find a group near you via <https://quakersandclimatechange.com/>.
- Raise the climate agenda and make your community aware.
- Campaign for change and lobby our leaders and politicians. Support Quaker organisations working in this area such as [QUNO](#) and [FCNL](#).