

March 28-31, 2019 a small team hosted the annual conference of [Quakers Uniting in Publications](#) (QUIP) at Canby Grove Christian Center. The gathering of Friends included publishers, booksellers, editors, and authors from three countries and eleven states with a focus this year on the theme of “Building Bridges.” Some highlights from our time together:

- Adlai Amor shared briefly about the long lasting devastation of and our complicity with racism through the Doctrine of Discovery.
- Peggy Senger Morrison challenged us to reach beyond Quakerism in the work we do – to not be afraid of making the world a better place.
- Iris Graville moderated a panel of representatives from two yearly meetings and four monthly meetings about the discerning, writing, and seasoning that go into our books of Faith and Practice.
- Paul Buckley presented historical research into Quaker discipline in the quietest period and how a strong focus on integrity and adherence to Quaker identity facilitated Quaker reforms.
- Sarah Hoggatt led us in worship sharing focused on where we are building from and where we are going as Quaker writers and publishers.
- Marge Abbott and Anna Baker read from letters they wrote to each other during a time that they were working to build theological and relational bridges with each other and through the Pacific Northwest Quaker Women’s Theology Conference.
- Eileen Flanagan, Vanessa Julye, and Lucy Duncan offered a panel discussion on building bridges through difficult conversations, pulling from their work on race, immigration, and climate change.
- Karie Firoozmand shared about the process of book reviewing that she’s implemented during her time at Friends Journal.

Quakerism has a historic reputation for being a faith that gets things done – a faith that builds bridges. But our work isn’t done. And after this QUIP conference, I’m encouraged. We have a lot of good people, good organizations and institutions, good work yet to do. This gives me hope.

Thank you!

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