

## Hopewell Center Meeting Visit Report

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Date visited: 2/17/2013  
Number attending: 19

Meeting has been using F&P for 2 years and has found it to be a valuable resource.

Just about every attender and member has a copy. Many voices given are appreciated.

Not given as gospel.

Some quotes have been shortened, misquoted, or poorly translated from older form of English.

F&P is a basic document to articulate Quaker values.

Must be continually revisited as continuing revelation.

This F&P continues to speak in deeper ways.

Seekers group has studied F&P.

Have been using F&P to introduce Quakerism to general public.

Meeting has been dealing with aging issues. Would like to see some aging issues covered. Also death & dying, retirement.

Also need to address how to deal with young families and young people.

Our type of worship may be difficult for young people. Address ways for young people to use worship.

Impressed by the breadth and number of voices.

Concern with lack of Christian language. Let's not take Jesus out of the faith. Can't even find "Bible" in the index.

Has become too secular and sterile.

Should refer to yearbook and Manual of Procedure so that Friends could find more specific resources for Quaker process.

Would e helpful to cite the Bible as a resource in the F&P and to put Jesus' words in the Index.

We just take for granted that the Bible is important, but would be good to have it explicit.

Why have references to God and Jesus been restricted?

Glossary needed – if you explain that Light – Christ within - it might cut out a lot of argument, religious language glossary.

Lose the sacred if you get rid of the old-fashioned language of God. For those who have trouble with that, it is a chance to forgive God. All of life is Sacred.

From a new person – “You have done a msterful job of addressing wht a new person needs.”