

State of Society Report  
Lower Columbia Worship Group  
March, 2018

The Lower Columbia Worship Group gathers each first day for unprogrammed worship. A core group faithfully attends worship, sharing our sense that faithful attendance fosters spiritual growth. We often experience a profound sense of deep listening and peace during worship. Vocal ministry is rare but heartfelt when it occurs. Following the close of worship, “after thoughts” allow us to bring forward impressions that did not arise as vocal ministry. We may refer during that time to our newsletter focus word of the month, such as community or integrity. QuakerSpeak videos and queries from a variety of Friends sources are used to guide our frank and honest discussions.

We feel fortunate to have visitors throughout the year and seek to welcome all who worship with us. A desire for Quaker education remains strong. In past years we have benefited from presentations by visiting Friends, and feel we would benefit from Quaker visitors in the future. We maintain a lending library, with titles that change weekly, available for use by all. We consider social issues, especially local issues; discuss how we might become involved; and then, either individually or corporately, take action as we are led. We make time for each other, beyond meeting for worship, such as dinner after meeting once a month to which all, including visitors, are invited. Through our updated webpage we post documents and we maintain a Facebook page to share information concerning the life of our meeting. We continue to explore new ideas and ways to attend to our spiritual needs and minister to one another as well as seek to serve the wider community.

Approved at Meeting for Worship with a concern for Business,  
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