

2018 DRAFT State of Society Report for Quaker Midweek Worship Group

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Our small group has been meeting since 2004, first at Portland State University, and now at the First Christian Church on the Park Blocks in downtown Portland. We came under the care of Multnomah Meeting in the Spring of 2016. We gather each Wednesday at noon for a half hour of quiet worship/meditation. Some of us are Quakers affiliated with other Quaker meetings and churches in the area; others have been drawn to us because they appreciate the quiet interlude in the middle of a busy week. We are a quiet group with 5-12 in attendance each week. We find our time together rich in spirit as we settle quickly into silence, close with reading a part of a Psalm, and then share joys and concerns and any necessary business. We have appointed a convener and a correspondent to keep us loosely organized and in touch with the rest of the Quaker world. Following our time together those who are able often share lunch together at a nearby café. To foster more fellowship we now gather for “brown bag lunch” at the church on the first Wednesday of each month. We have posted notice of our meetings on the Portland State campus, and hope for more participation from there. We have grown by word of mouth and the little poster on the church window.