

YM22 SESSION REPORT
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Name of Event:	Ecumenism and Interfaith Session
Date/Time	Thursday 7 July 11.15am AEST
Person submitting report	Sue Ennis (VRM) and Wies Schuiringa (NSWRM)
Clerk/Convenor/s	
Summary (400 words or less) include number attending your event	<p>24 Friends from all Regional Meetings attended this session and shared their involvement in their State-based Ecumenical Councils or their Churches Together organisation, the National Council of Churches and in interfaith organisations.</p> <p>Quakers can often have a rather different theology and societal values from other churches and faith traditions. None of the contributors at this session has experienced rejection or difficulties participating in ecumenical or interfaith environments because of this. It seemed that Quakers bring processes and an understanding that supports and encourages people from different backgrounds to look for and find unity.</p> <p>Quakers have also brought topics to their meetings that can be difficult such as militarism and armaments industries in South Australia and a more outward looking focus in the ACT. In Queensland and NSW, education to reduce family violence in church communities are prominent actions.</p> <p>Other important matters such as care for refugees and climate change action are on the agendas.</p>