

# Quaker World Connections Committee

## PART A: REPORT

### Achievements/Activities

- Two separate Yearly Meeting 2022 sessions were held
- World Quaker Day activities were facilitated in RMs and across QA
- Linked more with Asia West Pacific and Section Secretary's activities.
- Planning to finally bring an Indian Quaker School Principal to Australia to visit Australian Quakers and The Friends School in May/July 2023
- In September 2022 we held a 'dreaming' session to help discern the future for QWCC. Some Quakers have wanted more from being on this committee and the dreaming found that we were enriched by sharing our work and experience with other Quakers.

In 2024 will be the FWCC International Gathering. The focus themes are: Community, Sustainability and Nurturing of the Spirit. People are trying to reach out to get help with the program and IT. Need northern Friends to help with IT and subsidies fares. it is clear AYM will send someone.

### Issues/Analysis:

QWCC hopes to reduce administrative burdens and instead build on the creativity, energy, good communication, gifts and fellowship we share.

QWCC will meet less frequently but sub-groups will get things done, utilising QWCC members in a more engaged way.

QWCC committee spent considerable time planning the World Quaker Day. Our evaluation shows that more productive results might be achieved by encouraging RMs to plan and pursue their own initiatives for WQD.

Two initiatives include:

- Regional Meetings to engage in making short informal videos of their meetings to share with the wider Quaker world.
- We are hoping to have Quakers actively engaged in Asia share the important work they are doing.

## PART B: Items for Consideration

1. Now that video conferencing technology can virtually bring AWP to AYM Quakers together we and mindful of the impact of long-distance air travel plus growing costs to YM therefore-

*Does AYM wish for an AWP visitor to come each year or less frequently?*

2. The next World Plenary of Quakers will be in South Africa from 5-13 August 2024 and also as a hybrid (streamed) event. In-person participation will be very low.

*We ask AYM Nominations Committee to discern the name of a Friend to represent Australia Yearly Meeting at this South Africa gathering.*

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