

POINTS RAISED IN LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION OF 3 QUERIES ON "DEEP HOSPITALITY"  
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1.) When have you felt welcomed around Quakers, and when have you not? When have you welcomed other people well, and when have you not?

- Remember being welcomed by a greeter
- Remember not being acknowledged; the presence of people gathering in sub-groups at the rise of worship made them feel disconnected–reinforced the newness
- importance of having different points of connection to welcome new people–different doors, more than one person
- welcoming is a “two way street”
- invitation to join a committee or the meeting felt welcoming to some
- practice of introducing newcomers at rise of worship
- have meeting closer encourage newcomers to share names, where they’re from, what brought them here

2.) What spoke to you in this pamphlet? What truth or new light did you find in reading it?

- what/how “white privilege” plays out in our meeting (white, educated, middle class)
- trouble identifying the building blocks (Legos) that can be used to create different realities
- what would it be like to not be who we are? How do we expand our perspectives?
- Not leaning into our traditions in order for people to adjust for people to center... tension/balance between
- There IS diversity in our area
- We can’t wait until people come in our doors
- Where else but among Quakers do people approach you actively looking for the Light of God in you?

3.) Is the meeting the fixed point, with people who arrive fitting into the spaces in the structure? Or are people the fixed point at the center, with the structures adapting around them?

Yes–people are at the center

Yes–both statements are true

- The question is silly..it is an issue of balancing
- What is the core for our community?
- There is a societal tendency to silo ourselves into like structures/groups
- Where do we sit in meeting for worship if we are here to be welcoming?