



General Secretary Gretchen Castle's World Quaker Day message

Greetings to Friends around the world.

I'm Gretchen Castle, General Secretary of the World Office of Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Let me share my enthusiasm for World Quaker Day, now in its fifth year.

We draw our attention to the 400,000 Quakers in worship, thinking about the sun rising, and our rising to greet the day to join our brothers and sisters around the world in worship and in celebration.

I imagine a literal connection, like a ball of yarn, going from meeting to meeting, from country to country, from section to section.

One world, one body, one God.

I invite you to plan for World Quaker Day, Sunday October 7, 2018, when the theme is Crossing Cultures, Sharing Stories.

How will you celebrate the world family of Friends?

Visit the World Quaker Day website for ideas and resources.

See how others have shared in past years.

Consider how you will share your day with others by posting on Facebook and sending contributions to the World Office.

We look forward to sharing a revised publication, *Friends Around the World*, with yearly meetings' and worship group contact information.

It will be available in print and on line.

We welcome *all* expressions of Quaker faith.

We welcome *your* participation in World Quaker Day. We are grateful for all you bring to the Quaker world.

Thank you so much.