

Basic Quaker Assumptions

(From Marty Grundy's preface to Nudged by the Spirit, Charlotte Fardelman)

- 1.) God is. Friends know this by experiencing its reality.
- 2.) The God who exists loves us—loves all of us and each of us. And Friends have experienced that love.
- 3.) This God who loves us cares what we do. Both individually and corporately what choices we make matter to God and matter to the whole of creation.
- 4.) Since what we choose makes a difference, this God who loves us communicates with us. God instructs, guides, and teaches us. God sent Jesus of Nazareth and the universal Spirit of Christ into the world to teach and lead us.
- 5.) We can hear and understand God's instructions and guidance. It is possible for us, both as individuals and as a gathered body, to comprehend God's loving guidance.