

Social and Environmental Concerns Committee (SEC)

Mission statement:

The Social and Environmental Concerns Committee of Bellingham Friends Meeting seeks to help Friends recognize and act upon leadings that move society toward the realization of the Blessed Community and Right Relationship with the Earth.

We seek to nurture the spiritual life of the Meeting by honoring the Light of each Friend and supporting the leadings of each heart that propel them to take actions in accord with our testimonies.

We deeply trust that those leadings of the heart are sacred and worthy of honor.

We seek to encourage both social justice and a sense of wonder at the diversity of humanity and the natural world.

We believe that true leadings arise in our hearts when we are well grounded in awareness of our place in the Web of Life. !

Job Description:

The committee is open to all Friends. Ideally, 4 -5 Friends will serve on the committee, which meets monthly in member homes for 1.5 to 2 hours.

Ongoing Activities:

- Share our personal leadings and support each other in our chosen efforts.
- Review opportunities for right action and bring them to the attention of the Meeting in a manner (prepared letter, on-line link, etc) that makes it convenient for Friends to respond, including:
 - ◆ Calls for action from FCNL, AFSC, and other Quaker organizations
 - ◆ Calls for action from other groups that share our values in our community and the world
- Review options for educational and experiential programs and activities that will enhance our appreciation of nature or our understanding of complex social issues.
 - ◆ Plan outings into the natural world for the Meeting.
 - ◆ Arrange speakers, performances, or programs for the meeting when congruent with our own leadings and the Life of the Meeting.
- Support the leadings of individual Friends by serving as a clearness committee when asked, by helping Friends obtain resources to carry out a leading, or by assisting with a leading when possible.
 - ◆ Maintain Quaker Banner and check it out to Friends for activities approved by Meeting.
 - ◆ Maintain a display of opportunities for service in social and environmental organizations.
- Send announcements of social and environmental action opportunities to editors of the weekly E-news.
- Post meetings and approved activities to the calendar on the Meeting website.

Recurring Activities:

- Send reports of committee activities to Meeting for Worship for Business at least quarterly.
- Identify a “Concern of the Month”, collect funds and distribute them to the organization identified.

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