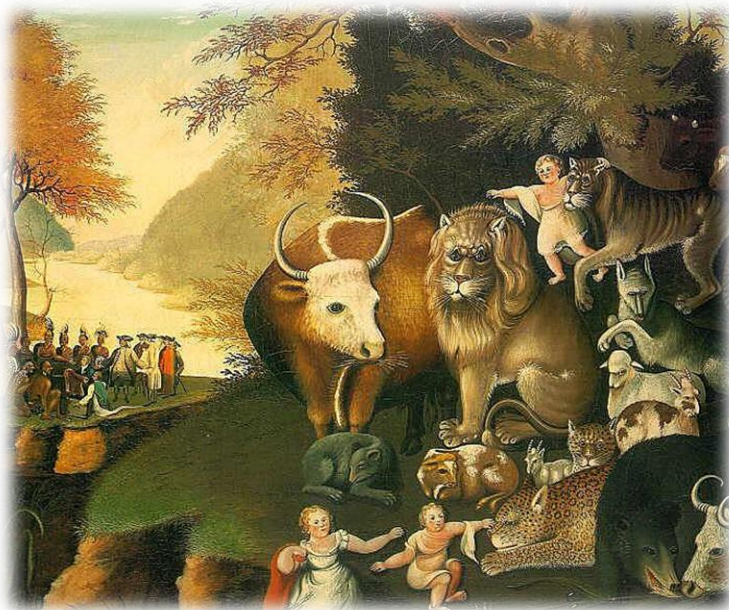


Rediscovering the Beloved Community

Vassalboro Quarter 2011 Fall Gathering



Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 ♦ Friends Camp, China, ME

An opportunity to play, sing, talk, worship and share what we treasure about our Quaker Community with Friends from throughout the Quarter.

THEME AND FOCUS FOR THE GATHERING

In May, Gifts and Leadings brought a new vision of the Quarter this year. They urged us to put aside traditional concepts of committees and officers and replace them with gatherings of “groups of concern” arising from our most deeply felt leadings. Fall Gathering is a time to embrace the spirit of that vision. Our leadings as individuals and as a Quarter may draw us toward other Friends who share concern for our own spiritual nurture, or for the needs of our monthly meetings, or for service to the wider world around the globe, or toward other callings. Fall Gathering offers opportunities to form groups of concern and to engage, energize and support each other.

As we go forward as a Quarter the groups of concern will provide structure and energy for our work together. The Saturday program will focus on two sessions. An “inward” session will focus on the strengths, energy and spirit of our monthly meeting. Through these remembrances we hope to clarify what enlivens and inspires us. In our “Outward” session we move beyond the local meeting scope to the Quarter, to other circles of Friends, and to the global world, seeking to discern how our fellowship can help us carry our faith far beyond us. We hope this gathering will be the beginning of a journey of discovery toward a vision of a revitalized Quarter.