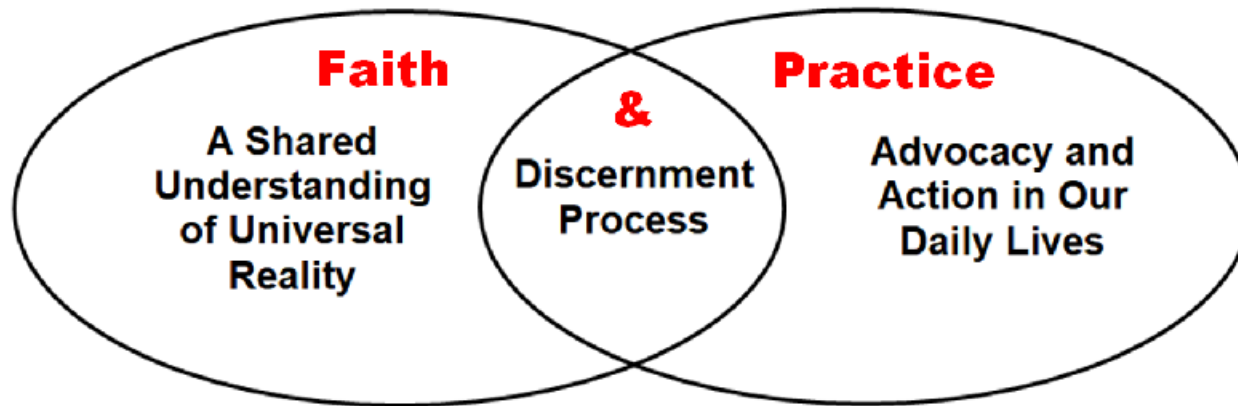


Discernment, Clearness, & Decision-Making: How does Quaker faith & practice work itself out in our lives and actions?

–Jacksonville Friends Meeting, Mike Shell, Meeting Clerk

In the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), we rely on a process of centering down and waiting for inward guidance. Our decision-making discipline enables us to set aside both individual egos and normal group dynamics, so that we can discern and give voice to diverse perspectives on a concern, and can come to unity on a choice—one which represents, not majority will or even consensus, but rather the shared “sense of the meeting.” That is, a commitment to a collective way forward, whether or not this choice suits each of us individually.



- “About Quakers” – Southeastern Yearly Meeting (FL, coastal GA & SC) seymquakers.org/about-us/quakers
- "The Quaker Practice of Discernment" – QuakerSpeak video youtu.be/PfIG2m7dAk8
- "How Quakers make Decisions (It's not just consensus!)" – QuakerSpeak video youtu.be/gjrBg1VvyZ8