

World Quaker Day, Sunday 1st October 2023

This year FWCC has let us know that World Quaker Day is part of the preparations for the World Plenary Meeting in South Africa in August 2024 <https://fwcc.world/wpm>
This event will be the first global Quaker gathering for ten years.

The theme of the World Plenary Meeting is “Living the Spirit of Ubuntu”, and there are materials on the Quaker Day website which tell us more about this <https://fwcc.world/worldquakerday/>

Ubuntu is a Zulu word which means connection, community and interdependence. It is about spiritual oneness: “I am because you are”. To mark World Quaker Day FWCC suggests that local meetings can:

1. Show this video about what Ubuntu means to Friends in Southern Africa https://youtu.be/DW_L7Vlvmo8. The video is 6 minutes long and I hope Disley will agree we could show it on Sunday 1st October during our worship. I really enjoyed watching it and feel it would work on the day – especially as we have the young people there for meeting – the Yealand group of teenagers who will have spent the night in our MH.
2. A prayer has been developed by the worship group of the World Plenary Meeting, and we could also ask for this to be read during our worship on 1st October. You can read the prayer on the World Quaker Day website – link above.
3. We are also asked to act on the spirit of Ubuntu by sending a greeting and a donation for the World Plenary Meeting. Again, the website is helpful about how to do this.

Thanks for considering this, dear Ffriends.

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