



FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

# Sustainability Timeline

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Following work from the environment and sustainability working group, Friends at the Triennial in Ireland, Dublin approved minute 22.39: "It is vital to address the threat to life on Earth posed by environmental destruction..." See the full minute on our website.

2007



2008

Asia West Pacific Section sent a minute to the Central Executive Committee (CEC) on the subject of Global Change, and in response, FWCC set up a feasibility committee to hear and understand about Global Change from Friends around the world. Read more on our website.

2012



At the sixth World Conference of Friends in Kenya, Friends approved the Kabarak Call for Peace and Eco-justice which expressed Friends' understanding of the spiritual imperative to care for the Earth. Stating 'Now humanity dominates, our growing population consuming more resources than nature can replace. We must change, we must become careful stewards of all life.' Read the full call on our website.

2016



Following the Kabarak Call, yearly meetings began to act, but called upon FWCC to coordinate and gather the efforts of Friends working on matters of sustainability. The Pisac minute was produced at the World Plenary Meeting in Peru. This set out goals for the FWCC World Office, for Yearly Meetings, and for individuals, encouraging action at all levels.

2017



The World Office hired a sustainability communications officer to collect and share the sustainability work of Friends around the world. This has increased understanding of how Friends are affected around the world, and it has brought Friends together from different Quaker branches encouraging us to find shared language on climate change. See the resources of case studies, webinars, a reading list, videos, and more on the FWCC sustainability resources page.

2020



Following FWCC's decision to meet less frequently as a world body, the FWCC World Office wanted to bring Friends together using technology and created the first Online Sustainability Conference. With pre-recorded video speeches from Friends in each of the four FWCC sections and the Quaker United Nations Office, participants engaged in worship sharing, gathering the Quaker voice, and generated a statement to be shared in the lead up to the next World Plenary Meeting in South Africa.

2020



From August 29 to October 24, 2020, Young Quakers worldwide were welcomed to a 10 week series of 5 online workshops. The series developed from the FWCC Online Sustainability Conference's reflective minute which encouraged all Quakers to support international Young Friends in their climate action. The aim of the YQ series was to build a community of Young Quakers around the world who are interested in Climate Action, Peace, and Justice. They shared their stories, experiences, and thoughts united by their Quaker faith.