

*Addressing ecological destruction,
income inequality and racial injustice*

Traditional Quaker testimonies highlight both the connections among these concerns and the imperative to act.

We value equality. Yet we see economic disparities increasing dramatically, with racial minorities experiencing the brunt of both income inequality and environmental damage.

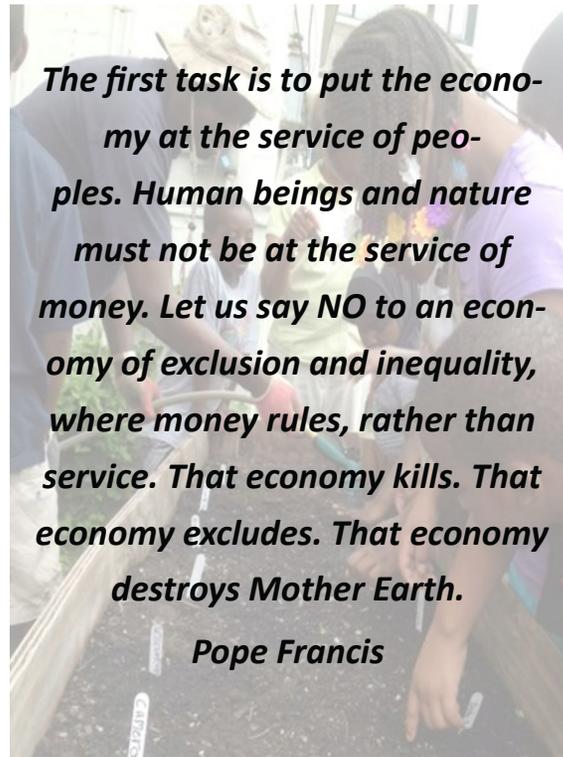
We value integrity. Yet Gross Domestic Product is a false measure of prosperity, and truth is being sacrificed in advertising, mass media, public discourse, and politics.

We value simplicity. Yet our 'Growth economy' requires ever-increasing consumption, debt, and intrusion on the natural world to sustain itself.

We value community. Yet we are deeply divided by racism, those facing economic insecurity and confined to prisons grows, and God's community of life is diminished.

We value peace. Yet the violence and devastation caused by our economic system's exploitation of both people and planet is alarming.

In pursuit of justice and a world with a future, the Eco-Justice Collaborative of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting engages in projects supporting Friends in their quest for a nation and economy that serves justice and the commonwealth of life.



The first task is to put the economy at the service of people. Human beings and nature must not be at the service of money. Let us say NO to an economy of exclusion and inequality, where money rules, rather than service. That economy kills. That economy excludes. That economy destroys Mother Earth.

Pope Francis

We invite you to join us!

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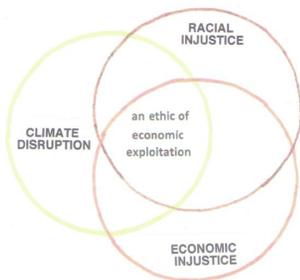
We see that ecological destruction, income inequality and racial injustice cannot be treated as isolated concerns. We may be called to focus on different aspects of the whole, but without awareness of that whole our work will fall short.

Eco Justice Collaborative Projects: Economic Integrity, Transition, Resilience, and Community

Investing with Integrity. As Quakers, we believe that our investment practices should honor our principles and testimonies. We are encouraging Friends, Meetings and Quaker institutions to seek ways to invest their funds with companies that offer options free of fossil fuels and provide alternative energy futures for the global community. Friends Fiduciary's "Green Fund" is one such option open to Quaker Meetings and Churches nation-wide. Contact: Paula Kline, kline.paula@gmail.com

The Friends Economic Integrity Project (formerly known as the Growth Dilemma Project). FEIP Friends learn about the overlapping crises of economic exploitation, systemic racism, and ecological disintegration at the center of which is an ethic of technological, economic, and social domination and disposability of other living beings and the earth. We have worked with the Quaker Institute for the Future on publishing three booklets in their series, on the growth dilemma and right relationship with finance. In the works is a video for use by Meetings that features short clips of prominent figures at the intersection of racial justice and ecological sustainability, highlights how inspired Friends are responding to these crises, and includes queries for worship-sharing about ways Friends can engage with integrity, resilience, and spiritually grounded faith. Contact: Pamela Haines pamelahaines1@gmail.com

CLIMATE, RACE, JUSTICE: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



Friendly Households/Transition is our Yearly Meeting's program to engage us in the transition to a just, resilient, and sustainable future, and takes its inspiration from the international Transition Movement.

100% for 100% We seek to respond faithfully to our PYM minutes regarding an earth restored by coordinating a just transition to the use of renewable electricity to power our Meeting Houses and homes, with a goal of having all the meetings within PYM using electricity from 100% renewable sources by 2017. In addition, we support PYM area Quaker schools in taking leadership in conservation and the transition to renewable energy. We welcome participation from all PYM Friends to help us meet our target and would love to work with alumni of our Friends schools. Contact: Paula Kline kline.paula@gmail.com

Transition Philadelphia is working on the city becoming a Transition Initiative. With PA-Interfaith Power and Light, we are also addressing the danger that Philadelphia might become an energy hub for fracked gas. We are working to challenge this short-term profit-oriented, extreme-extraction model of development, and to support a vision for a sustainable economy and environment. Contact: Rita Varley varleyrita@gmail.com

Sustainable 19144 is a ministry bringing Quaker testimonies to 3 pressures on Germantown: lack of economic opportunity, stress on our water and air quality, and the effects of trauma and racism on children. It focuses on modeling sustainable practices at a local community center and a 128-bed SRO for single men; organizing the wider Germantown Sustainability Network with other faith communities; and building a Resilience Circle in this corner of Germantown. Contact: Susan Christian susanchristian28@gmail.com

Moral Advocacy Training. In partnership with Interfaith Power and Light, prepares Friends and other people of faith to lift up the moral dimensions of the climate crisis and support effective and rapid transition plans for a just, clean energy future in Pennsylvania and the nation. Friends are urged to join us in our collaboration with PA Interfaith Power and Light's Sustained Advocacy Network. Contact us for information about existing networks in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and the Lehigh Valley, or to host our training and initiate a network in your area. Contact: Paula Kline kline.paula@gmail.com

Active Neutrals. Based on Quaker practices and interest based negotiation theory, we provide training, facilitation and consultation on issues related to economic and environmental justice. We provide training for the Sustained Advocacy Network in cooperation with PA Interfaith Power and Light. We are available to work with Friends Meetings to empower effective, timely, and constructive conversation on difficult topics. Contact: Justin Wright justin.wright@activenetrals.org

The Wisdom to Survive. This video asks what keeps us from acting in the face of overwhelming evidence of global warming. Powerful images remind of us of our connection to all of life and of what we stand to lose. Leaders in science, economics and spirituality offer alternatives to accepting inevitable climate destruction. Use this documentary to raise awareness in your community or to deepen your Meeting's spiritual discussion about climate change and nurture spirit-led action. Contact: Ruth Darlington, rdarlington@ctsnj.org