



Part I: Where has the Light been for you?

Share some things you feel good about from the past year:

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Part II: What do we know for the coming season(s)?

Thinking broadly about the next 3-6 months (Summer only or Summer/Fall), what are the things that you can count on happening? Try to focus on what you *do* know rather than what you do *not* know and trust that you will fill in the details later!

Examples:

- *We will have a summer fellowship event as a meeting.*
- *We will gather for some sort of worship that includes children and families.*
- *We plan to follow CDC guidelines for children gathering in the Fall.*

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Part III: Guiding Light — As we think about plans, what will be your guiding light? Big questions for brainstorming together as a committee — or as a meeting community! [Additional queries can be found on page 5 of this resource.](#)

- *Why do we offer religious formation programming in our meeting?*
Community building and fellowship? Developing Quaker faith, practice, and identity with young people? Exploring spiritual practices? Witness and service?
- *What is at the center/heart of your meeting's programs for children and youth, no matter what you're doing or how you do it?* If there is a need to plan fluidity with in-person and online options — what will connect the two and ground your program?

Part IV: Reuse & Release — Again, thinking broadly for the next 3-6 months, think through some of the things you can reuse or release.

Reuse: These are the things you have done or used that can be revisited in the same way or modified to use again — books, curricula, stories, projects, etc. What are things that have been well-received in your program in the past? What's tried and true?

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- 2.
- 3.

Release: These are the things you could *stop doing completely* or *drastically reduce*. Examples: programs that have poor attendance or outcomes (reduce the number of times you do them — if weekly, try monthly, if monthly, try quarterly.) Is there a program or event you could release this coming year? What no longer has energy?

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- 2.
- 3.

Part V: New Growth — Skip this if you're not in the mood to talk about new things or big ideas right now. If you are, go for it! This time of pandemic disruption may create a threshold to new ways.

Think of any big ideas you've got. List the idea, and then below it list 2-3 variations of it you could try to test it out. Example of tree-sized idea = weekly multigenerational program on Wednesday nights for all ages that includes dinner, games, and a lesson/story. Sapling-sized variations = one summer Wednesday night popsicle drive-by with a 10 minute story; community worship once a quarter on the same week as a shared lunch after.

Tree Idea #1:

Sapling Variations:

Tree Idea #2:

Sapling Variations:

Tree Idea #3:

Sapling Variations: