Annual State of the Society Report
Mountain View Worship Group
May 2026

Mountain View Quaker Worship group has changed considerably from its origins in 1983. We continue to meet twice monthly at the lovely old Episcopal church in The Dalles. Numbers of members have remained fairly stable but attenders have increased since the addition of book discussions 3 years ago for an hour before meeting for worship. The first Sunday book choice is made by the group after individuals bring suggestions. This process usually takes time as we weigh our options but has resulted in books that stimulate thoughtful discussions as we proceed slowly, covering one chapter each month. The third Sunday of each month we are currently moving thru Brintons' Quakers for 350 years chapter by chapter having previously read the first edition. The discussions with both books have had a significant impact on our group as people hunger for serious, thoughtful engagement with others and come to know each other and understand Quakerism more deeply. Currently a typical meeting may have 15-20 attenders. One of our attenders is now requesting membership.

Several of our members have maintained regular contact with a Guatemalan family of five that our worship group initially adopted with financial support and still continue with childcare, helping with immigration issues, economic problems and navigating our culture.

We have raised our rent to help cover the costs of keeping the church building open. The parent church is working on ways to increase use of the building, thus providing additional needed funds. We also hope to increase our yearly contribution to Multnomah Meeting.

Our co-conveners have asked for more assistance in carrying out their duties and others are stepping forward as it is understood what is needed. We have a new treasurer, someone who schedules our book discussion moderators and another person to provide the State of the Meeting report.

We have lost two special attenders in the last year or so —Jim Holstein, father of long time member Shannon Perry and Ken Farner. Their contribution to our meeting is greatly missed.