



Casting Seeds of New Life Through Communications

Every week, FUM's communications staff works to energize and equip Friends by providing space and collaboration for FUM members to share their faith stories with one another. Every week we seek to connect Friends to each other and to the Living Presence by providing witness to the different cultures, different generations, varying education, and diverse faith of FUM's beloved fellowship. Through *Quaker Life*, Friends United Press, curricula, pamphlets, and our website, we work to connect our fellowship to ideas and resources for deepening spiritual life and strengthening discipleship. Through our weekly electronic newsletter, social media, and field staff newsletters, we work to broadcast news about the corporal work of Friends United Meeting. Every so often, we receive word that the stories we collect and the witness we share have made a difference in someone's life.



Dan Kasztelan
Communications Director

Dear Dan,

Thank you very much for your lead article on COMMUNITY. As I read what you have written, I became increasingly overwhelmed by the Presence that came to surround me. I sometimes feel alone, especially when my husband is away—as he is at the moment—because most of those older than me in his family and mine have gone to be with the Lord. Surprisingly, as I read your summary of one article after another on aspects of Community, this Presence came over me powerfully and I no longer felt alone! You powerfully brought out the view that Community is essential to the practice of Christianity! I very much thank you for this.

By now I have read up to the first four articles and am thanking God for it because I am feeling very uplifted with the sense of Community! The communication ministry of FUM has just given me joy when I was at a low point in my life.

*In peace and
with gratitude,*

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