

**Adult Religious Education  
2019 Annual Report  
By Peter Martin**

The Adult Religious Education Committee develops and promotes the Adult First Day School programs through the program year. Programs are intended to inform, inspire and educate all who attend. Presenters may be members or attenders of the Meeting, visiting Quaker leaders, educators, or other prominent speakers.

We presented 20 programs this year. We were able to provide a wide range of ideas and perspectives because we reached out to Quakers and non-Quakers who represented many different areas of interest to the meeting. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Quaker Voluntary Service, and Quaker Earthcare Witness each gave presentations. One of the high points this year, was the presentation given by AFSC General Secretary, Joyce Ajlouny, which included the opportunity to see the Nobel Peace Prize that all Quakers share.

Sara Wolf gave a presentation on International Education. She spoke about her work in Haiti. Her colleagues told us about the amazing strides in education they have made by teaching the elementary curriculum through music.

Anisgul Stanikzai, a native of Afghanistan who is a senior at George School, spoke about her journey to and in America. It was wonderful to learn that, with all of the changes she has experienced, she has found the time to acquire a passion for softball.

Our own members gave presentations about their faith and conscience, stewardship, spiritual journeys, fund raising, approaching media with skepticism, and the history of the meeting Burial Ground.

In the upcoming year the committee hopes to present a series of talks on the Quaker Testimonies. We encourage all members and attenders to make suggestions for consideration by the committee.

The report was **ACCEPTED** by the meeting with appreciation.