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Welcome, Margaret Fraser

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When folks envision being faithful to a new unfolding call that doesn't fit into the usual work opportunities either in the church or in the community, they are confronted with bedrock questions: How will I find the funds to accomplish this ministry? Where will I find a community to walk with me both spiritually and practically? How will I have income to pay the bills?

Margaret Fraser stood at this same crossroad earlier this year.

She has had a vibrant institutional ministry among Friends for many years. She is well known as a public Friend. She had served as Dean of Pendle Hill for seven years and Executive Director of Friends Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas for nine years. When she knew her time at FWCC was complete, she moved to northern Michigan to be closer to her family and return to her beloved Indiana Yearly Meeting. She bought a dilapidated house and spent months restoring the home while Listening to the motions of the Spirit for how God wanted to shape the next chapter of her life.



Margaret Fraser,
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As invitations for ministry and the inward Drawings began to take shape, she became clear that she was being called to a ministry of *Accompaniment* and *Reconciliation*. She loves to accompany people and communities as Friend-in-Residence, as Traveling elder, and in interim leadership. She is scheduled to be a Friend-in-Residence teaching Quakerism for Cuban Friends, Friend-in-Residence at Woodbrooke in the UK, and Friend-in-Residence in Silver Wattle, Australia. She has plans to travel in the ministry with Mary Lord among Friends in Bhopal and Mid-India.

In tandem to the ministry of Accompaniment, Margaret has a passion for *reconciliation* among Friends. She felt Led to equip herself by taking the training for Dialogue for Peaceful Change in the Netherlands. She is in the planning stages of creating group pilgrimages and delegations for American Quakers to go to Northern Ireland to experience and study the dynamics of the reconciliation processes.

The vision was becoming clear and exciting. And then the mind boggling logistics loomed large. How can I be faithful to this large and expensive call when I have insufficient income? How does this work when I am just “Margaret Fraser” rather than in the organizational positions in which I have been so comfortable? Where is the community that understands the challenges of this journey spiritually and practically? Spirit, how is this to be?



GOOD NEWS *Associates* is an organization that makes it possible for folks to say “yes” to the call of God upon their lives. In September after thorough exploration and discernment, Margaret’s unfolding ministry found a home in GOOD NEWS *Associates*. Inasmuch as Margaret’s ministry needs require immediate and significant funds, we are embarking on a period of fund raising to make her faithfulness possible. If you feel Led to join Margaret with financial support, please visit:

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You can also see the beginnings of her new web pages at:

www.goodnewsassoc.org/associates/margaret-fraser/.



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And you can join her heart that she and her ministry contribute to the endless ocean of Light!

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