

## Quaker Testimonies

# Community

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much

*Helen Keller*

If you were all alone in the universe with no one to talk to, no one with which to share the beauty of the stars, to laugh with, to touch, what would be your purpose in life? It is other life, it is love, which gives your life meaning. This is harmony. We must discover the joy of each other, the joy of challenge, the joy of growth.

*Mitsugi Saotome (Aikido Master)*

Rain does not fall on one roof alone.

*Camaronnian Proverb*

You may be different, and they may be different in this big, wide world. But remember this: Joys are the same and love is the same. Pain is the same, and blood is the same. Smiles are the same and hearts are just the same – wherever they are, wherever you are, wherever we are, all over the world.

*Mem Fox, Whoever You Are, 1997*

At that moment, the people knew that all the names for God were good, and no name was better than another. Then all at once their voices came together and they called God *One*.

*Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, In God's Name, 1994*

How do I make my community a safe and loving place?

What are the good things about including people who are really different, even people I don't like, in my community?

What is really hard about including people who are different and whom I don't like in my community?

What does my community give to me? What do I give to my community?  
What does my community give to the rest of the world?