

## Minute of Appreciation for Keith Helmuth

Keith Helmuth was central to the creation of Quaker Institute for the Future. He and others invited 25 Quaker economists, ecologists, and public policy professionals to Pendle Hill in May of 2003. Keith clerked the meeting. In response to a concern about the lack of a public voice to counter right wing think tanks, Keith developed the "Prospectus for a Quaker Think Tank on Public Policy and the Common Good." This led to a meeting in August of 2003 at Bar Harbor, Maine, where a Charter was approved to launch the Quaker Institute for the Future (QIF) as a 501(c)3 organization.

Keith's wisdom and vision have been at the heart of QIF's work. He was a co-author of QIF's first project, the "Moral Economy Project" that resulted in the book *Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy*, which has been translated into several languages and used in classes both in and outside the United States.

Then Keith had an idea for a publication series similar to Pendle Hill Pamphlets that would cover issues at the core of QIF's concerns. The first, *Fueling Our Future: A Dialogue about Technology, Ethics, Public Policy, and Remedial Action*, was created in collaboration with the Earthcare Working Group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Keith later called this mode of collaboration, the Circle of Discernment, a mode that has been used for eleven more *QIF Focus Books*. Whether as writer, editor, or consultant, Keith has had his hand in them all. In the meantime, he has served QIF faithfully as our Corresponding Secretary.

Keith, what a pleasure it has been to be in your presence and influenced by you these many years! You have filled your world with grace and wisdom. Your absence from QIF will feel like an un-fillable void. You have helped us understand what it means to be a weighty Quaker. Thank you so very much. For all of this, we are very, very grateful.

Below is a partial list Keith's writings and presentations on behalf of the Quaker Institute for the Future.

"Prospectus for a Quaker Think Tank on Public Policy and the Common Good," Pendle Hill, 2003.

"Quakerism and the Economics of the Common Good, Called Meeting on the Quaker Peace Testimony," Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, November 18, 2006

*Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy*, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, San Francisco, 2009.

*Fueling Our Future*, QIF Pamphlet #1, 2009.

*How on Earth Do We Live Now?*\_QIF Pamphlet #2, 2011.

"The Evolutionary Potential of Quakerism Revisited," 2011.

"The Spirit of Pendle Hill and the Origin of Quaker Institute for the Future," *Friends Journal*, August 2011.

*It's the Economy, Friends*, QIF pamphlet #5, 2012.

"Can Prosperity Continue without Economic Growth?" 8/2012

"Moral Economy Workshop," Ben Lomond Quaker Center, Ben Lomond, CA, 2012.

"Coping with the Subsidence of Economic Growth: Aiming for Ecologically Sound Adaptation," 7/2012.

*Beyond the Growth Dilemma*, QIF Pamphlet #6, 2012.

"Hinge Points of Change for a Moral Economy," FGC Gathering, 7/1-7/2012.

*Paths of Faith in a Landscape of Science*, Chapel Street Editions, Woodstock, New Brunswick, 2014.

"Steps Toward an Ecologically Integrated Economy: A Three-Session Study/Discernment Project," Friends Center, Philadelphia, 6/23-26/2014.

"Six Quaker memes," 8/2014.

*Tracking Down Ecological Guidance*, Chapel Street Editions, Woodstock, New Brunswick, 2015.

"Envisioning a Moral Economy: Introductory Remarks," Pendle Hill Conference, 12/1-4/2016.

"Queries and Thought Pieces," Pendle Hill Conference, 12/1-4/2016.

"The Case for Public Banking and the End of External Service Payments," St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, 10/4/2017.

"Firing the Imagination: Reflections on Adaptation," 12/2017.

"Quaker Institute for the Future 2003-2022: A Memoir and an Appreciation," 5/2022.

*Retooling for Terrestrial Living*, Chapel Street Editions, Woodstock, New Brunswick, 202?.