

Convergent Friends Gathering August 5th 2006

Gathering Principles

- We come agreeing not to co-opt “Convergent Friends” for ourselves or individual branch purposes.
- The focus of the gathering is to spend a little time coalescing in person our different viewpoints and ideas of what convergence looks like.
- We’re gathering together to dream and hope for the Friends church
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit are encouraged and welcome topics of discussion
- We’re looking to break dichotomies and find a holistic approach to our faith not create more divisions and angst.

Schedule and Agenda (This is all subject to change)

3:00	Get together, intros and hang out
4:00	Short time of Silent Worship Wess introduces the agenda and questions, and speaks about boundaries Robin Mohr talks about convergence and her experience Grab some paper and writing utensils, take 15 min. and consider the four questions.
5:00	Discussion – What do you appreciate about the other branches?
5:30	Discussion – What about the Friends experience has been vital to you?
6:00	Break
6:10	Discussion – What are your concerns about the experience of converges?
6:30	Discussion – What do you hope for in being involved in convergence?
7:00	Dinner and Discussion about where we go next

Discussion Questions

The discussion questions are broken into four parts as shown:

	Others	You
Now	1. What do you appreciate about the other branches?	2. What about the Friends experience has been life-giving and vital to your faith journey?
Future	3. What are your concerns about the experience of convergence?	4. What do you hope for in being involved with converging Friends?

All of the discussion times are related and lead into one-another, eventually getting to what we hope for in this experience. Hopefully, people will have enough time to begin to voice their perspectives on convergence and even what concerns them about what’s going on.