

David Johnson

David Johnson is a convinced Quaker of Conservative nature who has read many of the early Christian and early Quaker writings, finding in both the contemplative spiritualities that affirm the Inward Light of Christ within every one of us and within the whole of creation. He feels the early Quakers left us a spiritual gift we often do not fully appreciate.

David is a member of Queensland Regional Meeting, Australia Yearly Meeting, and an affiliate member of Marlborough Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative). He lives on Jirrbal land in northeastern Queensland. He is one of the founders of the Silver Wattle Quaker Centre in Australia, was the Centre Co-Director with his wife, Trish, from 2013 - 2014, and has been a Treasurer, Board member and Clerk (www.silverwattle.org.au).

For most of his professional life he was an earth scientist, in industry and academia. He was the author, and now co-author of the 3rd Edition of *The Geology of Australia* (Cambridge University Press). On leaving James Cook University he worked internationally with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines in the early 2000s.

David has led Quaker retreats widely in Australia and overseas.

Publications

- *Peace Is a Struggle* (Backhouse Lecture to Australia Yearly Meeting, 2005)
- *A Quaker Prayer Life* (2013)
- *Jesus, Christ and Servant: Meditations on the Gospel According to John* (2017)
- *The Workings of the Spirit of God Within: Offices of Christ* (2019) Pendle Hill Pamphlet 459
- *Surrendering into Silence: Quaker Prayer Cycles* (2020)
- *The Fundamental Principle of Quaker Spirituality: Light in the Conscience* (2023). Pendle Hill Pamphlet 483
- Recent articles in The Australian Friend
 - *Aboriginal Sovereignty* (2015)
 - *Practising a New Covenant Life in an Old Covenant World* (9/2022)
 - *They Are a Law Unto Themselves* (9/2023)
 - *For It Is the Light Which Makes All Things Visible* (3/2024)
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- A QuakerSpeak video (2019) on prayer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZxGL2GQgZ0>.

David has completed a joint clearness process with both Queensland Regional Meeting (Australia Yearly Meeting) and Marlborough Monthly Meeting (Ohio Yearly Meeting Conservative). He will carry a Letter of Introduction jointly signed by those meetings. The letter has been endorsed by Rockingham Quarterly Meeting and Ohio Yearly Meeting.

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