Spiritual Gifts, the Beloved Community, and Covenant Terms Sheet -- web

(PH #461) by Emily Provance Key Words and Passages

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The Pendle Hill pamphlets are designed to be read in one sitting -- from 45 minutes to an hour -- but I usually read them more slowly. *You do not need to read this pamphlet to participate in the discussion. All are welcome.*

Here are some possible queries to get us started but the discussion can go in the direction the group wants:

Queries:

- 1. If the Kingdom of God is present on Earth today, what do you think it looks like?
- 2. What spiritual gift * can you identify as having? What spiritual gift are you attracted to but don't think you have? How might this gift transform you (what would you have to give up) if you claimed this gift?
- 3. Provance believes whole Meetings have gifts. What do you think is the gift of Humboldt Friends Meeting?
- 4. When you joined or became more involved with Quakers, did you think that the relationship was akin to marriage? What do you think your commitment to the community is?

*I did a little quick research and found these spiritual gifts mentioned in various sites.

Exhortation (liberate from systemic oppression)

translation: both in relation to language and also communicate across seemingly impossible divides service -- meet practical needs of people trust or faith healing shepherding or pastoring prayer ministry organization workers care innovation provocation loving mercy (the ability and desire to alleviate suffering) giving helping (provide assistance to those in a leadership role) wisdom miracles prophecy teaching hospitality witness leadership financial management spiritual deepening speaking in tongues

Curious about what your spiritual gifts might be? Here is a self-test from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: <u>https://www.pym.org/spiritual-formation-program-</u> <u>collaborative/for-facilitators/spiritual-gifts/beths-spiritual-gifts-inventory-list/</u> Here's another self-test: <u>http://www.pym.org/spiritual-formation-program-</u> <u>collaborative/wp-content/uploads/sites/66/2017/04/GIFTS-Terrell-Wood.pdf</u> A list and more information on Spiritual gifts: <u>https://www.pym.org/spiritual-</u> <u>formation-program-collaborative/for-facilitators/spiritual-gifts/wrights-discernment-</u> spiritual-gifts-ministries/