

Invitation to Write for *QuakerVoice* On-line

(QUIP Clerks received the following communication from Valerie Joy, AWPS Secretary)

Dear Friends in QUIP,

The Australian Friend which for all of its life has been a paper publication is planning to eventually be an online one. During the transition period where both will be produced, some new ideas will be trialled- one of which is to get a global perspective on what Quakers are thinking about issues in their country or region or internationally and to publish those in an expanded on-line version.

The Editors are very excited about the great possibilities of such a production and will produce an edition as soon as the material arrives. The editors have not been any more specific than just saying “they want writers who will reflect on events in their country from a Quaker perspective.”

The editors look forward to a range of Quakers and their thinking. John Michaelis is one of the editors, Ian Hughes another and in a few months our former Yearly Meeting Secretary Jude Pembleton will also act in this role. When you reply, please just reply to john@michaelis.net .

We suggest you just say a little about yourself and suggest a topic on which you would be happy to research and write. Photographs of course always add interest to a story. We welcome the thoughts of any Friend you think might be interested in contributing.

PS: Concerning Quakers living in countries where they are not free to express their opinions openly, John Michaelis writes:

If we want to spread a powerful Quaker message, it is the voices of those most at risk that must be heard - and their voices must be protected and their safety assured by whatever means we can bring to bear. I have discussed this with Ian Hughes and will do so with others of the management committee - we must and will have a policy of anonymity for authors who wish to remain anonymous and we must develop methods of communication that are as safe as possible and acceptable to our sources.