USE OF SILENCE IN THE MEMORIAL WORSHIP

Insert the suggested information below in the Memorial Worship pamphlet. At the appropriate time, a Quaker from MFM should stand up and introduce the silence using just a few words of their choosing. The goal is to help non-Quakers feel comfortable with silent worship. Use phrases like:

- *"relax into the silence"*
- *"let the silence envelope you"*
- *"just trust that you'll feel called to speak from the silence at the right time"*
- *"speak from your seat, standing if you are able, so everyone can hear"*
- *"as you settle into silence, take a minute to read the note on Quaker worship in the pamphlet you received"*

Time for Reflection and Sharing

During this time, there will be an opportunity to sit in silence together, listening to that "still, small voice" that exists in each of us. *{name of deceased}*, as do all Quakers,
believed that there is 'that of God in everyone', a measure of the divine in each of us, a spark or inner voice that we can attend to. So, in the moments of silence between messages that are offered spontaneously by anyone here, just listen to your inner voice to guide you as you speak. Please allow a few moments between speakers; then share as you feel moved . . . an experience, a memory, or a thought about *{name of deceased}*.