Review of New Peace Curriculum
Practicing Peace: Testimony in Action--Lessons for Preschool to 4th Grade

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Another new resource from the Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference is Marsha Holliday's new curriculum, Exploring Quakerism: A Guide for New and Seasoned Friends. Reviewed in the spring 2005 issue of this newsletter, FGC REsource, it should soon be available from Quaker Press of FGC.

Practicing Peace: Testimony in Action--Lessons for Preschool to 4th Grade, by Jean McCandless (soon to be published by Quaker Press of FGC) is a new curriculum to help young people begin to learn about the testimonies, starting with the peace testimony. A carefully constructed process is used, with options for activities and approaches for three age ranges: preschool and kindergarten; grades 1 and 2, and grades 3 and 4. The author explains her concern about educating at these different ages groupings. Clearly, where a meeting has separate classes of children, this would be quite useful. Each lesson has an introduction with preparatory information, and a carefully constructed program which includes reviewing the content of what the class covered the previous week. This review is done by creating a 'logbook' of activity at the end of each class about the lesson, and this process is a great addition to the toolbox of teachers of First Day School.

Another Quaker Press publication, *Opening Doors to Quaker Worship* (FGC Religious Education Committee, 1994), would serve as a fine companion, a resource to add for some of the activities that are offered in this new curriculum.

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