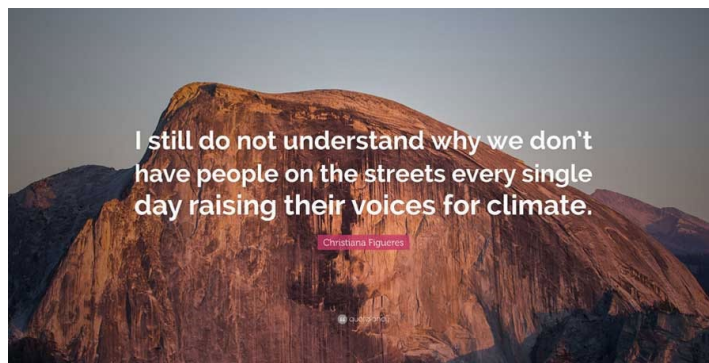


Dear New Story Friends,

We are not meeting in August. The next meeting of the FMC New Story group is Monday, September 26, from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Report on New Story meeting July 25

We watched the video on “Climate Outrage and Climate Optimism” by Christiana Figueres . I am sending the link to the video and transcript for those who did not join us and for those who did but lost the last segment when my internet went down. Here it is: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/alumni-resources-events/swattalk-climate-outrage-climate-optimism-swarthmore-and-world>



Above is a visual I wanted to share with the group at the close of our meeting:

Those of you who heard her speak, can hear this quote in Christiana’s voice, a clear, strong, “laser focused” voice of a strong, clear, “laser focused” woman. There are those among us who are already in the streets raising their voices for climate. But all of us, as women, need to find our voices and speak out. Remember the story about the women’s TEAL party in Australia that took over parliament?

By focusing on climate, we are opening our witness to many ways to heal the planet. When asked what everyone needs to do, Christiana answered that the FIRST thing is to change our mindset. This is exactly what the New Story is about! We call it the need to transform our consciousness.

Second is to know our carbon footprint and reduce it. New England Yearly Meeting has a [carbon footprint calculator](#). There are also calculators on Google.

Third is to ask your asset manager to move your money out of high carbon assets and move it over to low carbon assets. We all know that, but have you done it?

As usual we opened our meeting with a poem and silent worship. The poem was sent to us by Nancy Ruggiero, who is in good spirits and recovering rapidly. We held Nancy in the light and Sophie Quest read the poem.

Freely we serve
because we freely love

as in our will to love or not
in this we stand or fall.

John Milton

After the meeting Virginia Swain shared with me the Hopi Prophecy delivered at the UN General Assembly Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 12-10-92, which she attended. See Virginia's blog here: <https://virginiaswain.com/outward-silence-inner-stillness/> for the video link to the prophesy and more on her work as a reconciliation leader. [Click here](#) for the text of the prophecy.