

Adult First Day Program Notes – 27 February 2022

This week Tampa Friends read the Friends Journal article *At Home in the World, The Dignity of Living Faith in Action* by Andrew Huff for our Adult First Day Program.

The article resonated with several Friends in different ways. Sharing indicated Friends identified with the author, who worked with chronically homeless men, in that he himself did not have his own home and was not sure he or his peers would ever have one. This, the author states, makes it “rather hard to feel at home in this world when you do not have your own home.” This was in line with homelessness issues present in our local community, due to rising costs to rent and to buy a home.

Other Friends shared their own experiences with homelessness and the fear of what that could mean for their future. One Friend thought, given the title of the article, that a step-by-step guide to faith in action would be given. Though no such steps were named, the article listed several truths we should bear in mind: (1) “One of the singular challenges of life is to recognize and accept when something cherished has come to an end”; and that though we are surrounded by “the sound of things falling apart”, making it hard for us to feel at home in this world, this falling apart “is also inviting us to continuously rebuild.” (2) “We are all endowed with a God-given capacity to influence, shape, and remodel the world around us (since) the world is arranged in a particular but not predetermined way” meaning that “It can be rearranged.” And that for the author and us (3) the first step to living faith in action is to each day “ask God where he would have me go and what he would have me do.” The author found that “when I settle into that attitude...I find myself beginning to feel a little more at home in this world.”