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## *Editorial:*

I believe we are given opportunities every day to be compassionate. This I suspect is our life work and God lavishes like gifts, these opportunities upon us. I think of the film "Groundhog Day". Day after day we are given chances to get it right, to realize that compassion is called for. When we are pursuing our personal and material agendas there is a Spiritual agenda waiting for us to recognize and respond.

Surely full compassion is only possible when we get over our arrogance. Is it that we need first to realize as Michael Phillips did, that all life is interconnected; to understand our job as humans is to become humble; to see all of Creation as 'that of God' with essential roles for planetary wholeness? Then surely we would not make choices which result in lost habitat, would not be pushing species to extinction, and would not be ignoring sisters and brothers.

Michael's story (p. 15, to be printed in full in a future issue) made me want to hear from Friends across Canada of your yearnings for and finding of Spirit. I also look forward to your experiences with creating and nourishing community, and submissions for an issue to do with ministry - what ministry has spoken to you and what ministry has been given you.

Blessings to you this summer. I hope to meet many of you at Canadian Yearly Meeting.

*Sherryll Harris*