## FCE's FOUNDING DREAM

There is a yearning in the heart for peace. **Because of the wounds and rejections we have** received in past relationships, we are frightened by the risk of disarming ourselves. In our fear, we discount the dream of authentic community as merely visionary. But there are methods by which people can come back together, and by which the old wounds can be healed. It is the mission of FCE to teach these new and liberating traditions, to make hope real again, and the vision actually manifest in a world which has almost forgotten the glory of what it means to be human.

## FCE's MISSION STATEMENT

FCE encourages people, in a fragmented world, to discover new and better ways of being together.

Living, learning, and teaching the principles of community, FCE serves as a catalyst for individuals, groups, and organizations to:

- Communicate with authenticity
- Deal with difficult issues
- Welcome and affirm diversity
- Bridge the differences with integrity
- Relate with love and respect

FCE's approach encourages tolerance of ambiguity, the experience of discovery, and the tension between holding on and letting go. In our work to empower others, we remember our reliance upon a Spirit within and beyond ourselves.