

**YEARLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) IN BRITAIN**

**AT THE YEARLY MEETING
HELD AT FRIENDS HOUSE, LONDON
1-4 MAY 2015**

Friday 1 May

Evening

Minute 1: Clerks

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Clerks nominates the following Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerks for Yearly Meeting 2015, serving until the first session of Yearly Meeting in 2016:

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| Clerk: | Chris Skidmore | Craven and Keighley AM |
| First Assistant Clerk: | Deborah Rowlands | South Wales AM |
| Second Assistant Clerk: | Clare Scott Booth | London West AM |

These nominations being acceptable, we appoint the Friends named accordingly.

Minute 2: Worship

We have met in worship and we have heard read *Quaker faith & practice* 6.11.

Minute 3: Permission for non-members to attend

Permission has been given for the attendance of 162 non-members, and we welcome them to this Yearly Meeting.

Minute 4: Children & Young People

As well as the Friends gathered here, there are 130 children and young people attending Yearly Meeting. These comprise:

47 0-11 year olds in five groups participating in the Children's Programme based in Friends House exploring the theme 'Is it fair?'

32 11-14 year olds taking part in the residential Young People's Programme being held at the High Leigh Conference Centre, on the theme 'Understanding inequality: what can WE do?'

51 14-17 year olds taking part in Junior Yearly Meeting being held residentially at the Lee Valley Youth Hostel on the theme 'How do we, as Quakers, respond to injustice?'

There are 29 adult volunteers working across these programmes, supported by the 4 members of the Quaker Life Children and Young People's staff team. All the children and young people's programme themes reflect the theme of the Yearly Meeting and all will be attending sessions at some points during the weekend.

We look forward to joining with these Friends during this weekend, in particular to worshipping with Friends from the Children's Programme on Sunday, and to sharing ministry and contributions to our discernment from them all at various times during the weekend.

Minute 5: Committee to Examine Minutes

We appoint the following Friends to arrange by rota for two of their number to examine the minutes of this Yearly Meeting at the close of each session, and to correct any slight inaccuracies:

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| Harry Albright | Leicester AM |
| Linda Craig | London West AM |
| Ann Gimpel | Leicester AM |
| Jeremy Greenwood | Ipswich & Diss AM |
| David Harries | South Wales AM |
| Jennifer Kavanagh | London West AM |
| Donald Robertson | Luton & Leighton AM |
| Peter Speirs | Wirral & Chester AM |
| Barbara Windle | York AM |

If any substantive alterations appear to be required, they are to be proposed at the next session prior to further business.

Minute 6: Agenda

We receive and accept the report of Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee in appendix I of *Documents in advance part 1* and accept the agenda as listed in *Documents in advance part 1* section 1.3.

Minute 7: Report of Central Nominations Committee

Further to minute 15 of Yearly Meeting held at University of Bath 2-9 August 2014, Central Nominations Committee brings forward nominations to Yearly Meeting 2015 as specified in table 1 of the schedule of nominations appended to these minutes.

These nominations being acceptable, we appoint the Friends named accordingly.

We receive and accept the report of Central Nominations Committee in appendix II of *Documents in advance part 1*.

Minute 8: Central Nominations Committee: Nominations required

We ask Central Nominations Committee to bring nominations to Yearly Meeting 2016 as specified in table 2 of the schedule of nominations appended to these minutes.

Minute 9: Clerks to Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Clerks brings the following nominations as clerks to Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees to serve from 1 January – 31 December 2016:

Nominated to serve as clerk

Ingrid Greenhow Chilterns AM

Nominated to serve as assistant clerk

Nick Francis West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM

These nominations being acceptable we appoint the Friends named accordingly.

Minute 10: Yearly Meeting Treasurer

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Clerks brings the following nomination as Yearly Meeting Treasurer and ex officio Britain Yearly Meeting Trustee:

To serve from 1 January – 31 December 2016;

Nominated to serve for a third term

Peter Ullathorne Central England AM

This nomination being acceptable we appoint the Friend named accordingly.

Minute 11: Report of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Further to minute 50 of Yearly Meeting 2014, the Nominating Group appointed at Yearly Meeting 2014 brings forward nominations as specified in table 3 of the schedule of nominations appended to these minutes.

These nominations being acceptable, we appoint the Friends named accordingly.

We accept this as the report of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group.

Minute 12: Yearly Meeting Nominating Group 2015 – 2016

Friends are asked to consider nominations for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group 2015–2016.

Our clerk has explained the nominations process. We will return to this later in this Yearly Meeting.

Minute 13: Tabular Statement

We receive the Tabular Statement as at 31 December 2014 (published as *Patterns of membership*). We note that again this year the analysis has been extended to make clearer what changes are taking place within the Yearly Meeting and particularly at the level of the local meeting. We welcome the provision of an extended dataset online which increases transparency. We thank our staff for their hard work in developing a response to Minute 28 of Yearly Meeting 2013.

We accept the Tabular Statement.

Minute 14: Receipt of Other Reports

We receive and accept the following reports presented as appendices in *Documents in advance part 1*:

Quaker Housing Trust (appendix III);
Friends Trusts Limited (appendix VII).

Minute 15: Epistle

The epistle from Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting held 30 July to 3 August 2014 (page 25 of the printed version of *Epistles & testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 16: Welcome to the Refurbished Large Meeting House

We are worshipping as a Yearly Meeting today for the first time in our refurbished Large Meeting House. We have been welcomed by Sandy Horsfall and Rowena Loverance, co-clerks of the Project Board which has overseen the refurbishment. We have given thanks and are grateful for all the work that has gone into the project.

The space seems to draw us together so that we can better see one another's faces and the light from above gives us hope that we can be enabled to live up to that measure of the light we have been given.

We pray that our work and worship in this space will be both enlightened and enhanced.

Saturday 2 May

Morning

Minute 17: Worship

During our opening worship we have heard read Minute 14 of Yearly Meeting 1936, as follows:

To follow the highest purpose always involves the setting aside of many things which in themselves are good, whether by individuals or by the Yearly Meeting as a whole. To find the purpose of God in a gathering such as this involves the bringing together of every one of our differing points of view to that place where they may be united in the power of God. If in our hearts as individuals we maintain barriers between ourselves and other friends, we cannot be finders; and if we maintain such barriers between ourselves and our fellow men we shall not find our part in working out God's will in the world.

It has been the experience of this Yearly Meeting in the past to know that Friends have met in division and uncertainty, and that then guidance has come, and light has been given to us, and we have become the finders of God's purpose. This gives us

ground for confidence. We shall not be held back by the magnitude of the questions which are to come before us, nor by a sense of our own unworthiness.

Christian faith and practice (1958)

Minute 18: Testimony

Part of the testimony to the Grace of God as shown in the life of Billy Johnstone (pages 58–59 of the printed version of *Epistles & testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 19: Inter-church visitors

We have welcomed inter-church visitors to this Yearly Meeting as follows:

Paul Hendricks, Bishop in the Roman Catholic Church;
David Shreeve, Environmental Advisor to the Archbishop's Council of the Church of England.

Minute 20: Living out our faith in the world

We have heard an introduction to this, the theme of our Yearly Meeting. Taking action, living out our faith, is not an end in itself. It brings new light, transforms our lives, deepens our faith and makes us more open to divine guidance. We are seeking to know the way forward and have begun in worship to listen with open minds and loving hearts to the guidance of the Spirit.

We look forward to continuing our discernment in future sessions.

Saturday 2 May

Afternoon

Minute 21: Worship

We have come together again in worship and we have heard read *Quaker faith & practice* 23.32.

Minute 22: Earthquake in Nepal

We have heard from a Friend who was in Nepal during the recent earthquake of her experience and that of Friends in Nepal. We note that there are ways of giving to Nepalese Friends and Quaker-linked projects in Nepal on the Britain Yearly Meeting website. We ask our clerk to write a letter to Friends in Nepal assuring them of their place in our prayers.

Minute 23: Epistle

Part of the epistle from Europe and Middle East Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation Annual Meeting held 1-4 May 2014 (pages 11-12 of the printed version of *Epistles & testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 24: Receipt of reports of Meeting for Sufferings and Quaker Stewardship Committee

We receive the annual report of Meeting for Sufferings for 2014 which is contained in appendix IV of *Documents in advance part 1*. We also receive the annual report, including the compliance report for 2014, from Quaker Stewardship Committee in appendix V of *Documents in advance part 1*. We amend the final sentence of the compliance report to conclude 'their accounts for 2013 to the appropriate Charity Regulator.' We will engage with these reports in special interest meetings during this Yearly Meeting.

Minute 25: Responding to social inequality and injustice: housing as a tested concern.

We have been reminded that our concern for housing has a long history within our Society, carried since 1967 by the Quaker Housing Trust. It is driven by our belief that all are equally children of God and our experience that a home is essential for our spiritual wellbeing not just for our physical and mental health. There is a continuing housing crisis in this country and inequality in housing is a highly visible and damaging symptom of injustice in our society.

It is clear from our deliberations that inequality in housing is a multi-faceted problem that we find difficult to comprehend. We are also conscious that the many groups involved have diverse needs. It is also all too easy to give in to despair in the face of the justified cries of the disadvantaged. We are all too acutely aware that many of us are part of the problem – that our houses contribute to the excessive valuations that plague the housing market.

However we have heard of the increasing sense of urgency that this problem needs a solution – a sense of urgency that is felt in other parts of wider society so that there are allies, not least the other churches, with whom we could work.

A number of ideas have been shared, such as offering spare rooms for those in need, working with local housing associations, including social housing as part of a building project associated with a meeting house, supporting those who want to move from larger houses to smaller accommodation, but who are daunted by the upheaval involved.

These are simple things which we can all think of doing. Our meetings and organisations like the Quaker Housing Trust can provide practical support and discernment to help us to act.

Housing is a global issue and some of the solutions are on a scale where only governments can act. We cannot avoid our spiritual loving concerns from being political. We are called to resist and challenge policies that contribute to inequality and exclusion from access to housing, whether social housing or the private sector. One of these is the proposal to extend 'right to buy' legislation to housing associations which would adversely affect many and could limit their ability to provide decent affordable homes for future beneficiaries.

We need both to examine our own lives and to seek to influence public policy to support equality. The problem is not an insoluble one and our voices can be heard.

Sunday 3 May

Morning

Minute 26: Worship

We have spent time together in worship as a community of all ages, during which we have heard read part of *Quaker faith & practice* 26.04.

Minute 27: Testimony

Part of the testimony to the Grace of God as shown in the life of Margaret Waterfall (pages 79-80 of the printed version of *Epistles & testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 28: The report of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

We receive the *Trustees' annual report* and the *Financial statements* for 2014 (published as two documents). The clerk of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees and the Yearly Meeting Treasurer have introduced this report on the Trustees' work and responsibilities.

Friends have asked a number of questions, particularly on investment policy, which have been responded to.

We value the opportunity which we have enjoyed today of holding our Trustees to account and hearing further of the development of priorities for future work.

We accept the *Trustees' annual report* and the *Financial statements* for 2014.

We thank our Trustees and all our staff for their continuing faithfulness in their work on our behalf.

Minute 29: Living out our faith in the world (continued)

Does living out our faith require more of us?

We have continued to listen faithfully to what the Spirit has to say to us. We recognise the need to challenge the politics and economics of our disordered world and affirm that we could do so much more if together we were all faithful to our commitments.

'When is the drop of water joyful? When it joins the great river.'

We will continue our discernment this afternoon.

Sunday 3 May

Afternoon

Minute 30: Worship

During our opening worship we have heard read *Quaker faith & practice 2.90*.

Minute 31: Testimonies

We have heard read parts of the testimonies to the Grace of God as shown in the lives of Ivy Broadhurst and Alison Joan Gean Davis (pages 37-39 and 40-42 respectively of the printed version of *Epistles & testimonies*).

Minute 32: Proposed amendments to *Quaker faith & practice*

- (a) We receive Minute MfS/15/02/16 of Meeting for Sufferings, held 7 February 2015, forwarding to us a revision, prepared by Church Government Advisory Group, to *Quaker faith & practice* section 3.27, regarding our speaking out policy.

We are unable at this time to agree the proposed changes and refer the matter back to Church Government Advisory Group and Meeting for Sufferings for further work.

- (b) Meeting for Sufferings, through its Church Government Advisory Group, has prepared a revised Chapter 16 of *Quaker faith & practice*, Quaker marriage procedure, to reflect legislation permitting same sex marriage in England and Wales from March 2014 and in Scotland from December 2014. The draft revision also reflects the decision of Meeting for Sufferings not to offer couples an option of civil partnership if a marriage can be recorded by the state. We receive Minute MfS/15/02/15 of Meeting for Sufferings held 7 February 2015 forwarding the text to us.

The Recording Clerk has introduced the matter.

We agree the revised chapter 16 contained in appendix VI of *Documents in advance part 1* with the amendments contained in *Documents in advance part 2*.

We further agree to amend the text as follows:

in 16.16 the last sentence to read 'The yearly meeting recognises all Quaker marriages held since Yearly Meeting 2009 as equal, whether recorded by the state as a civil partnership or a marriage.'

in 16.40 the third sentence to conclude 'when we have not been able to fulfil the promises we have made.'

in 16.42 the last sentence to read 'Area meetings may wish to ensure any venue proposed is willing for any legally allowed marriage to take place there.'

We have heard that there are some Friends who are finding the declaration in 16.52 difficult because of its language. We feel tenderly towards these Friends but we need, as a yearly meeting, to thresh and come to a better understanding of the issues involved before making decisions about changes to the declaration.

We continue to remember those who have found these changes difficult; those Friends who live singly, whether or not from choice; and those for whom these changes come too late. We rejoice in the changes contained in the whole of the revised chapter and recognise the hard work over the last five years which has brought this about.

Minute 33: Living out our faith in the world (continued)

We have continued to listen to the guidance of the Spirit, remembering this is part of a three year exploration, of a broad and deep subject. We can learn from other faith communities.

Our economic system and its injustices are roots of inequality, yet we cannot always separate symptoms from causes. Our individual small actions are political choices and what we do at the everyday level spreads messages from our testimonies.

We will return to this matter tomorrow morning.

Monday 4 May

Morning

Minute 34: Worship

During our opening worship we have heard read *Quaker faith & practice* 24.49.

Minute 35: Epistle

Part of the epistle from Intermountain Yearly Meeting held 11-15 June 2014 (pages 18-19 of the printed version of *Epistles & testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 36: Living out our faith in the world – are we ready to meet the challenge?

How are we led to live out our faith in a world where we see systemic injustice and increasing inequality?

We have been reminded that God's work is where our deep gladness meets the deep suffering in the world, as in Psalm 85:

'Mercy and truth are met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other,
truth shall spring out of the earth;
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.'

We are all activists and we are all worshippers. Our worship and action spring from the same spiritual source. The light not only illumines us but pushes us to seek change.

We recognise the problems in the world and the urgency of acting on them. Our current political and (especially) economic systems only recognise and encourage part of the human condition, the selfish, competitive, greedy part. So much of what is good and beautiful and true in the world is being trashed. The model of power as domination needs to be challenged and replaced with a model of power as service to the community; in doing this, we need to live our testimony and hold firm to its source in faith.

The damage of the present systems, like the benefits, are not shared equally. We need to recognise how many of us benefit through the possessions we hold and the houses we live in, and to consider when we are part of the problem. In living out our faith in the world, we may be called to give up our privileges, but if we do so our voice and our lives will be all the more authentic and powerful. We can be at our most powerful when we are vulnerable.

The damaged and damaging structures of the world are not the only influence on our lives: there is also the power of faith and the leadings of the Spirit, which if followed will lead us, will *push* us, towards a better world. That, then, may be the first action we need to take: to be more faithful.

What are the changes which are needed to the systemic injustice and inequality that we see in society? We need to go deeper to find the roots of our social ills, and how we might uproot the powers that maintain them. We should rethink what needs to grow in this world and what does not. Can we transform the way the world is going and recognise that everyone and everything on the planet matters and can be thought of as a divine commonwealth, or kin-dom? Quakerism is all about putting our faith in a power which transforms us.

Many of us have spoken of the anger we feel about the current injustices of the world, and sometimes our hearts are heavy with all the things we cannot do. Anger can be a spur to action, but we need Light and guidance to use it wisely and sparingly. We already have a way of finding this wisdom in our corporate discipline and our testing in worship of leadings. Through these our righteous anger and passion can be transformed in order to tackle the root causes of injustice and inequality. Our action begins in worship, in seeking and reflecting before we act. Our practices of listening within and being open to what comes to us from without are rarer than we think, and are a precious gift that we should both use and share.

We are called to consider what we each can do and also make and build on connections in our communities and across the globe.

We are also called to be a community of Friends as a yearly meeting, pushed towards the important things we can only do together. We have a body of experience we can draw on and maintain. We are in this for the long haul.

As a yearly meeting we are restless to take corporate action to change the unequal, unjust world in which we live.

We ask Friends and meetings to engage with the evil of social and economic injustice which creates a world in which the wrong things are valued. To do this requires owning and upholding the work that is already being done by Friends and in our name; helping to fund that work as generously as possible; and becoming involved in however small a way. For ourselves we need to find some action however simple to do now.

We ask Meeting for Sufferings to take the work on social and economic injustice forward, co-ordinating the work of local and area meetings who might wish to become more deeply involved, and encouraging the deep spiritual and intellectual searching that could underpin a 'true social order' for our age.

We ask Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee to align their work with that of Meeting for Sufferings and to keep this issue before the Yearly Meeting for further consideration over the next two years. Between Yearly Meetings we should all try to share our experience.

We ask our Recording Clerk and staff to make our concern about social and economic inequality known as widely as possible and in particular to challenge the incoming UK government to adopt policies which decrease inequality and value equally the contribution which all can make to developing a more just and sustainable society.

We must remember that what makes the real difference is not adding further to the words in the world but being and living out the new social order, testing our leadings together and trusting to our Quaker processes, 'opening ourselves to the Light to guide us in each small step'.

Monday 4 May

Afternoon

Minute 37: Worship

We have gathered again for our final meeting for worship and have heard read the words of Duduzile Mtshazo as follows:

'Poverty and wealth are usually seen and defined in relation to material things: "the have nots and the haves". For me the greatest poverty is that of Spirit, that blinds one from seeing and experiencing God's Abundance in the world. The Quaker value of simplicity enables me to take from the world that which meets my needs and leave the rest for others. "Live simply in order for others to simply live".

Some of that intangible wealth that is abundant is Love, Joy, Laughter and Hope. I can give these away without ever losing them but adding to my abundance in the world. Out of LOVE I can share some of my material wealth, but not lose it. A cup of soup shared with a passing woman carrying a bowl of beans, mealies or morogo, trying to make a living for herself and her family.

Keep it moving and circulating in order to create more for all of us! Poverty will move out!

From Living Adventurously, *Quaker faith & practice*, Central and Southern Africa Yearly Meeting.

Minute 38: Receipt of the Yearly Meeting draft Epistle

The Epistle Drafting Committee appointed by minute 7 has submitted a draft Epistle, which has been read and accepted after amendment.

Minute 39: Meeting for Sufferings – appointments for the triennium from Yearly Meeting 2015 to Yearly Meeting 2018

Further to minute 26 of Yearly Meeting 2014, nominations from area meetings and other Quaker bodies for representatives and alternates to serve on Meeting for Sufferings are listed in table 4 of the schedule of nominations appended to these minutes.

These nominations being acceptable, we appoint the Friends named to serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2018.

Minute 40: Epistles from other yearly meetings

We have received epistles from 23 yearly meetings and other bodies (pages 7-31 of the printed edition of *Epistles & testimonies*).

Minute 41: Testimonies

The following testimonies to the Grace of God as shown in the life of deceased Friends have been received (pages 33-82 of the printed edition of *Epistles & testimonies*) in addition to those from which extracts have been read in our sessions.

Kenneth Aldous
Rosalind Mary Baker
Betty Curtayne
Anne Faulkner
Martyn Gaudie
Irene Katherine Glaister
John Gray
Thomas William Greeves
Lawrence Raymond Hackwell
Harry Wilfred Hardstone
Pamela Harvey
Bettina Headley
Geoffrey Hemingway
Eric Hlland
Marjorie Jelfs
Lloyd Kemp
Joanna Rodwell Kirkby

Audrey Doris Langford
John Graham (Peter) Leyland
Arthur (William) Marsh
Anna Pearce
Sally (Lillian) Peart
Linda Margaret Pegler
Margaretta Playfair
William K Sessions
Edward Dell Sewell
Griselda Margaret Spence
Sylvia Stanyer
Ann Strauss
Elizabeth Margaret Sullivan
Anthea Webb
Anna Wing

Minute 42: Visitors from other yearly meetings

We have welcomed 26 representatives and other visitors from yearly meetings and Friends' groups around the world.

Minute 43: Acceptance of reports

Further to minute 24 we now accept the report of Meeting for Sufferings and the report, including the amended compliance report, of Quaker Stewardship Committee.

Minute 44: Yearly Meeting Nominating Group: appointment

Further to minute 12 the following nominations are received for service on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016:

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| Bronwen Currie | West Scotland AM |
| Maud Grainger | Central England AM |
| Rowena Loverance | South East London AM |
| Jennifer MacLennan | Lancashire Central & North AM |
| Bridget Oliver | Devon AM |
| Jeffery M Smith | Hampshire & Islands AM |
| Ginny Wall | Cumberland AM |

Being acceptable to the meeting, the Friends nominated are appointed to work with their convener Yvonne Dickson who was appointed by our minute 11.

Minute 45: Yearly Meeting Nominating Group: nominations required

We ask the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group to bring nominations to Yearly Meeting 2016 as specified in table 5 of the schedule of nominations appended to these minutes.

Minute 46: Thanks

We record our thanks to all those, staff, volunteers and others, who have served us so well and with such good humour both during this meeting and over the past year and especially to those responsible for bringing into existence the inspiring and enabling space in which we have been worshipping this weekend.

Minute 47: Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting

We have heard read the Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting held 1-4 May 2015 at Lee Valley Youth Hostel as follows:

To all Friends everywhere,

From 1st – 4th May 2015, 51 young Quakers gathered at Lee Valley Youth Hostel to discuss the theme ‘How do we as Quakers respond to injustice?’ We valued the presence of two ecumenical representatives and two representatives from Sweden Yearly Meeting.

We left behind the stresses and pressures of everyday life and created a welcoming atmosphere and a community with a warm heart. Social activities such as a ceilidh helped us to bond through fun and laughter, and worship sessions gave us an opportunity to share our spiritual journeys in a deep and creative way. We were able to support and uphold one another in learning, sharing, friendship and discovery.

This year’s JYM (Junior Yearly Meeting) happened alongside BYM (Britain Yearly Meeting), held at Friends’ House in London. Our theme was closely integrated with the BYM theme, ‘Living out our faith in the world’, and we joined BYM on Saturday and Monday afternoon to integrate with the wider gathering of Friends.

Whilst at Friends House, we had a creative challenge which simulated injustice faced on a global scale and opened our eyes to the nature and scale of injustice, illustrating how some countries have many privileges and others have very few. This provided us with inspiration for the following session run by QPSW (Quaker Peace & Social Witness), in which we learned about pillars of power and discussed ways in which we can approach challenging injustice.

We enjoyed the Swarthmore Lecture, given by Diana Francis, which was presented in a human and relatable way and spoke to many of our participants. Diana encouraged us to remember the importance of our faith, which is a source of motivation and power that we can draw upon to help us as we respond to injustice. As a group of Friends, the precedence of the Spirit above all is important.

A lively and interesting talk from Sam Walton from QPSW taught us more about the global involvement of Quakers. We connected with the stories he shared and were encouraged by examples of positive change. We feel inspired to act in any way we are able, rather than ignoring injustice we see around us.

We are left with more questions than answers, and this inspires us to continue our journey of learning and discovery as we go back to our homes. We hope to draw strength from the experiences we have had and things we have learned at JYM.

Many of the sessions and discussions gave us a sense of empowerment, and the knowledge that it is possible for us to make a difference. We leave with a deeper understanding of the theme and the ways in which we can change the things that are important to us. We discussed the importance of identifying our own perceptions of injustice and starting with small changes. By addressing the things we have the power to change on a personal and local level, we are making an important step towards a more just community.

We found the event eye-opening, and it increased our understanding of injustice, affirming our determinations to make positive changes. Throughout the event we were reminded that every person is 'unique, precious, a child of God'.

Signed on behalf of JYM 2015,

Isaac Peat Oliver Morley
Clerks

Minute 48: Receipt of minutes from the Children and Young People's Programmes

We have received minutes from the groups of the Children's and Young People's Programmes of this Yearly Meeting as follows:

New Shoots the 0-2 year olds:

Settling can be difficult and at times Mum is the only person to make things better. Just to know that she is in the room can make us feel happy. It is good to know that Mum will be back.

We explicitly explored the theme of fairness. How much playdoh could we have and were we sharing fairly? We also looked after each other by sharing cups of tea.

We knew that the children had been nurtured with warmth, care and love as we watched and learnt how to nurture our teddies as well as each other.

We shared fun and excitement playing parachute games with the Fox Cubs group, again in a caring and co-operative environment, and we joined in lively, spirited singing and dancing.

We had a magical moment of seeing bubbles blowing away in the wind – our hope of getting a bubble into the Large Meeting House was lost in a wind blowing in the wrong direction.

Each of our sessions ended in a naturally instantaneous gathered silence, around calming lights.

Laughter and tears in a safe, comfortable, nurturing environment helped us to enjoy our time in New Shoots.

Fox Cubs the 3-5 year olds:

We are the Fox Cubs, 3, 4 and 5 year olds.

We have spent time getting to know each other, working out how to look after each other and feel safe and having fun. We felt sad hearing a story about a boy who had to leave his home and move to another country, then happy when he found new friends.

We loved visiting the bigger children, sharing homemade bread and worship with them. We put special objects inside a little doll we each made to show the Light inside us.

We took part in a good story about Jesus. Mary and Joseph went across the rocky desert, Mary was close to having her baby. When the baby was born everybody came out and celebrated. We thought about nurture, which is looking after each other, and all the ways we do this. We put our special love inside a heart.

We have thought about where people live and how sometimes this is unfair: some people live in cardboard boxes and others live in houses. We enjoyed building our own house and sharing food and drink together inside it.

We have made tiny clay houses. We have worshipped together with candles, flowers, a spiral hug and little people. We sent worship bubbles up across the main meeting house to share with Friends!

We have made a good memory of all our activities to take home in our journal box and we had a very good time.

Penn Friends the 5 to 7 years olds:

At Yearly Meeting this weekend fifteen 5 to 7 year olds became Penn Friends.

We settled in by making little people (ourselves) and we put them on a family tree in a place that we showed how we were feeling.

We thought about our homes and what makes them special – friends, neighbours, pets, a place to pray.

We drew and talked about homes that everyone can live in.

Kurt Strauss came to visit our group. He told us how he had to leave his home a long time ago on the Kindertransport.

We did some plays in small groups. We learned how unfair it feels to be poor and how hard it is to have to leave your home and become a refugee. We need to share what we have.

We thought about the election this week and we made two new non-colour parties, the fair and the unfair party.

We played fair and unfair games, which sometimes made us feel sad. It wasn't fair when the elves and wizards game was a draw.

Some of us played Lego.

We went to Coram Fields and there was a play park. We saw some animals and most of us liked the rabbits, the goats and the chickens.

We shared songs and played games with the Spiritual Adventurers.

We all took part in a nominations process, which wasn't easy but moments of worship helped us through.

Spiritual Adventurers the 7-11 year olds:

Is it fair?

Smarties, pictures, discussion and quiet listening was how we began our thinking around our theme. We also had fun, exercise and time to make friends playing in Tavistock Square.

We shared bread that we made with the Fox Cubs group, discovering that it is good to share. In our worship we thought about everybody who had contributed to making the bread. We also shared refreshing singing and games with the Penn Friends group.

We made treasure maps to show our special things, places and people, and reminded ourselves of how well we can work together.

We learned about the nominations process before appointing a clerk, two minute writers and two minute readers. Following this, we learned about fossil fuels and the way they affect people and animals around the world. We decided to go to the British Museum to peacefully protest against BP (British Petroleum) sponsorship. We thank Maya and Sunniva, from QPSW (Quaker Peace & Social Witness), for coming to talk to us. After our session with QPSW, we read a story about climate change and developed and explored the question 'how can hope and friendship change the world?' We decided that we should work together to spread hope, friendship and action. This could be between countries, people we know, or companies that are causing the damage as well as ones that are trying to help.

There has been time to laugh, play, listen, learn, worship, and write in journals. We have enjoyed growing together as Spiritual Adventurers.

Young People's Programme:

From the 1st to 4th May 2015 thirty two 11-15 year olds and 5 adult team members came together for a long weekend in the beautiful surroundings of High Leigh conference centre to discuss the theme 'Understanding Inequality, What Can WE Do?'

We started off on Friday with introductory games and our first Base Group. These were smaller groups of 8-10 people. This gave us the chance to get to know each other, reunite with old friends, and make new ones. They also gave us a chance to reflect on main sessions throughout the event.

Each morning we had a short Meeting for Worship to gather our thoughts, and we ended each day with an Epilogue that allowed us to reflect.

In order to understand what inequality felt like we took part in a simulation game where we had to build shelters; the scores were predetermined by the roll of a dice. This made us realise that inequality is a part of our everyday lives but can be difficult to notice from the outside.

A *Quaker faith & practice* quiz tested our knowledge and research skills, shedding light on what was in 'The Big Red Book'. In smaller groups we helped contribute to 'Living our beliefs', a book hoping to help young people better understand Quaker faith and values.

'Hunt the Tag' and the Base Group Challenge involved some friendly competition and helped us bond as small groups. With paint, feathers, fabric and pens we created a Community Art Project where we decorated the letters from the word 'QUAKERS!'

We had the opportunity to discuss the issue of inequality further during our Themed Chat Rooms. We talked about social inequality, educational inequality, economic inequality and prejudice. The different aspects of inequality interested us and promoted deeper discussion of what we can do in our daily lives.

Drama on Sunday involved a bear, a radio station, eggs, dinosaurs, superheroes and our own version of Romeo and Juliet. It allowed us to talk to people in the group who we hadn't already, whilst improving our confidence. We thought it was a great way to release our energy as a group.

In our options we had the choice between Sport, Craft and Meditative Writing. In sport we played rounders and tried out some gymnastics. Crafts involved creating flowers out of foam and friendship bracelets. Meditative Writing was our chance to learn about spoken word and reflect together outside in the sunshine.

On Sunday evening Jessica Beck came to talk to us about what had been discussed at BYM (Britain Yearly Meeting). After chatting about inequality in more depth we thought about what an equal society would look like, and how that was different from our society today. We would like to thank BYM for making us feel valued and part of the larger community.

During Free Time we made ample use of the Games Room with a table tennis tournament and friendship bracelet making. The hot chocolate machine was a hit, although for some of us it was a chance to learn our sugar limits.

In our base groups we each came up with an act to perform at our Sunday night campfire which was enjoyed by all, and highlighted our individual talents. We also had performances from some wonderful musicians, including the up and coming singers 'Quakerpella'. We ended Sunday night with a worshipful walk and an epilogue with glow sticks by the fire.

We were glad to join the BYM session 'Are we ready for the challenge?' and hear the wider views of Friends. Maya Williams, Suzanne Ismail and Enid Pinch joined us to discuss 'What action can we take?' and we are feeling positive and enthused to take this home with us and act upon what we have learnt.

We have enjoyed meeting each other and look forward to meeting others again soon on our Quaker journeys.

Young People's Programme 2015

We take this opportunity to thank all the staff and volunteers that have made possible the Children's Programme, the Young People's Programme and Junior Yearly Meeting 2015.

Minute 49: General Epistle

The General Epistle approved by minute 38 has been read and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the meeting. It reads as follows:

Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting
Held at Friends House, London 1-4 May 2015

Loving Greetings to Friends everywhere,

We have come together with joy, seeing one another's faces and hearing one another more clearly in our new light-filled Meeting House. We have begun a three-year exploration on how we live out our faith in the world. At this particular time with its pressing challenges, we are called to work to identify and understand the root causes of social and economic injustice on our threatened planet. In the face of so much that is wrong in society locally, nationally and globally we need to see beyond despair and find a way 'to turn the world the right way up again'. We are complicit.

What do we do about it?

We need to rethink what needs to grow in the world and what does not. Are we as individuals prepared to make uncomfortable changes to our own lifestyles and work towards a new economic system which may be at greater expense to ourselves?

As Meetings are we giving proper consideration to how we use our resources?

Today in our minutes we have said 'As a yearly meeting we are restless to take corporate action to change the unequal, unjust world in which we live. We are also called to be a community of Friends as a yearly meeting, pushed towards the important things we can only do together. We have a body of experience we can draw on and maintain. We are in this for the long haul.' This is what love requires of us.

In the Children and Young People's programme the response this weekend when faced with the problem of inequality has been far from despair. Instead the response is 'here's how I know I can help and what else can I do?' We are reminded that willingness to act on what we are individually passionate about is foremost to any

movement forward. We must ask the awkward questions and object strongly and intuitively when things are unfair and unjust.

Quaker meetings grounded in worship and loving tenderness can work together to transform our own lives and respond to injustice, poverty and the need for sustainability locally, nationally and internationally.

We are not alone. Others in churches, faith groups, and in wider society, share our vision that the world needs to change. Quaker organisations are already doing much on our behalf: with better financial support more could be achieved. This is a challenge that Friends in Britain need to address.

The Swarthmore Lecturer, speaking on faith, power and peace, reminded us that deep faith is our source of courage and that our power lies in our willingness to be vulnerable in the face of violence and injustice. We also need to recognise power as an obligation of service, not a right to dominate. The light which pushes us to act is the same light that pushes our Friends in other parts of the world. In ministry, we have been reminded of our Friends in Africa, who in recent years have transformed suffering into a force for social change and our Nepalese Friends who are showing such resilience in their current struggle to support their stricken society.

‘Compassion means suffering with.’ If we believe in the light within everyone, doing nothing is not an option. As Quakers we know from experience that we can and do influence social and political change. We should not be complacent. Faithful attention to our leadings, worship and discernment will lead us to find the right way.

We can’t do everything, but we can all do something.

‘Live up to the light thou hast and more will be granted thee.’ (*Quaker faith & practice* 26.04)

Signed in and on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting

Chris Skidmore, Clerk

Minute 50: Naming of Clerks for Yearly Meeting 2016

The Yearly Meeting Committee on Clerks expect to bring the following names to serve as clerk and assistant clerks for Yearly Meeting 2016:

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| Clerk: | Deborah Rowlands | South Wales AM |
| First Assistant Clerk: | Clare Scott Booth | London West AM |
| Second Assistant Clerk: | Siobhan Haire | North London AM |

We ask the Friends named above to undertake the work of preparing for Yearly Meeting 2016, as required, expecting to appoint them at the first session of Yearly Meeting 2016.

Minute 51: Concluding Minute

‘I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness. And in that also I saw the infinite love of God.’

George Fox (1647)

We have set off once again from this Yearly Meeting on the long journey illumined by the Love of God, to challenge the principalities and powers of this world, and to work towards the establishment of the peaceable Kingdom. May we travel in hope, loving both our fellow travellers and those who will oppose us, and pray that in our travellings the light may break in upon us more and more.

There being no further business for the Yearly Meeting, we separate, hoping to meet again at Friends House, London from 27th to 30th May 2016, if nothing occur to prevent.

CHRIS SKIDMORE, *Clerk*

Schedule of Nominations

Table 1: Report of Central Nominations Committee

Appointments for this Yearly Meeting

Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee

To serve during this Yearly Meeting with the Yearly Meeting Clerks and Colin Billett, Elizabeth Cave and Meg Hill of Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee:

Nominated:

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| Ruth McCarthy | York AM |
| Ian Neale | Northamptonshire AM |

Yearly Meeting Elders

Release with immediate effect:

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| James Eddington | Lancashire Central & North AM |
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Nominated to serve during YM 2015, to fill a vacancy:

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| Jane Mace | Gloucestershire AM |
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Nominated to serve for Yearly Meeting 2015 (in addition to those appointed in 2014) and Yearly Meeting 2016:

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| Jeff Hunter | Bournemouth Coastal AM |
| Gilly Charters | York AM |
| James McCarthy | York AM |
| Ruth Quinn | Lancashire Central & North AM |

To serve as convener during YM 2016:

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| Gilly Charters | York AM |
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Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee

To serve during this Yearly Meeting, including a convener:

Nominated to serve as convener:

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| Bronwyn Harwood | Sussex East AM |
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Nominated:

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| Peter Parr | Sussex East AM |
| Rachael Swancott | Lancashire Central & North AM |
| Anne Olding | Mid Essex AM |
| Mary Alice Mansell | West Scotland AM |
| Sue Tyldesley | Lancashire Central & North AM |
| Sally Allen | Northumbria AM |

Appointments and other changes to committees and groups for work outside Yearly Meeting in session:

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Appointed in the interim by Meeting for Sufferings held 4 October 2014, to serve until Yearly Meeting 2015 to fill a vacancy:

Tim Southall Bristol AM

To serve from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017

David Burnell London West AM

To serve from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

Re-nominated to serve for a second term:

James Eddington Lancashire Central & North AM

Lynn Moseley South Wales AM

Tim Southall Bristol AM

Nominated:

Steve Pullan Northumbria AM

Christine Willmore Bristol AM

Quaker Stewardship Committee

To serve as clerks from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016.

Nominated to serve as clerk: Ursula Fuller East Kent AM

Nominated to serve as assistant clerk: Colin South Mid Essex AM

Quaker Stewardship Committee Members

Nominated to serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly meeting 2017

Kathleen Gollin West Somerset AM

To serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2018

Re-nominated:

Anne Gee Luton & Leighton AM

Nominated:

Peter Morris Surrey & Hampshire Border AM

Ian Watson Cumberland AM

Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee

To serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2018.

Re-nominated for a second term:

Elizabeth Cave London West AM

Judith Thompson Devon AM

Lucy Parker Norfolk & Waveney AM

Laura Wirtz South East London AM

Nominated:

Margaret Rawbone

Surrey & Hampshire Borders AM

Peter Fishpool

Central England AM

Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group

To serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2018.

Re-nominated for a second term:

Jackie Fowler

Worcestershire & Shropshire AM

Nominated:

Rosemary Roberts

Sheffield & Balby AM

Yearly Meeting Publications Group for *Quaker faith & practice*

To serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2018.

Re-nominated for a second term:

Jeremy Greenwood

Ipswich & Diss AM

Table 2 – Central Nominations Committee: nominations required

Nominations to be brought to Yearly Meeting 2016:

- Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee: six Friends to serve until Yearly Meeting 2019
- Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee: one or two Friends to serve with the three Yearly Meeting clerks and three Agenda Committee members at Yearly Meeting 2016
- Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group: one Friend to serve from Yearly Meeting 2016 to Yearly Meeting 2019
- Yearly Meeting Publications Group for *Quaker faith & practice*: one Friend to serve from Yearly Meeting 2016 until Yearly Meeting 2019
- Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee: five to seven Friends to serve at Yearly Meeting 2016, including one to act as a
- Yearly Meeting elders: four Friends to serve for Yearly Meetings 2016 and 2017 and a to serve for Yearly Meeting 2017
- Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees: five friends to serve from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019
- Quaker Stewardship Committee: three Friends to serve from Yearly Meeting 2016 to Yearly Meeting 2019

Table 3 – Report of Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Central Nominations Committee

Appointed in the interim by Meeting for Sufferings, held 7 February 2015 to serve until Yearly Meeting 2015 to fill an existing vacancy:

John Cockcroft Central England AM

Nominated to serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016 to fill a vacancy:

John Cockcroft Central England AM

Nominated to serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2018:

| Name | Area Meeting | Member of Meeting for Sufferings |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| Gill Reid | West Scotland AM | No |
| Ros Morley | North Wales AM | No |
| Liz McDermott | South Wales AM | No |
| Georgina Torabi | Devon AM | No |
| Peter Smith | Norfolk & Waveney AM | No |
| Jennie Barnsley | Hardshaw & Mann AM | Yes |
| Robin Bowman | Central England | No |
| Dorothy Nelson | Cornwall AM | No |

To note that Central Nominations Committee has made the following appointments for clerks to serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016:

Co-Clerk: Catherine Putz Brighouse West Yorkshire AM (2nd year)
Co-Clerk: Christine Habgood-Coote Sussex East AM

Yearly Meeting Committee on Clerks

To serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2018:
Renominated for a second term:

Robin Waterston East Scotland AM

Nominated:

Linda Craig London West AM
Christine Cannon Kingston & Wandsworth AM
David Lewis Hampshire & Islands AM

Convener of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

To serve from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2015 until the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016:

Nominated:

Yvonne Dickson Wirral & Chester AM

Table 4 - Meeting for Sufferings – appointments for the triennium from Yearly Meeting 2015 – Yearly Meeting 2018

| Area Meeting | Representative | Alternate |
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| Banbury & Evesham Area Meeting | Judith Mason | Judith Weeks |
| Bournemouth Coastal Area Meeting | Stuart Yates | Ruth Bush |
| Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting | Ann Banks | Ailie Kerrane |
| Bristol Area Meeting | Judy Holyer | Miriam Yagud |
| Cambridgeshire Area Meeting | Debbie Cates | Hannah Morrow |
| Central England Area Meeting | John Cockcroft | Cathy Khurana |
| Central Nominations Committee | Catherine Putz | Christine Habgood-Coote |
| Central Yorkshire Area Meeting | | |
| Chilterns Area Meeting | Janet May Bowles | Jane Edmonds |
| Cornwall Area Meeting | Alethea Wigzell | |
| Craven & Keighley Area Meeting | Sylvia Boyes | |
| Cumberland Area Meeting | David Day | David Beale |
| Devon Area Meeting | Robert Lovett | |
| Dorset & South Wiltshire Area Meeting | Jane Fowles | |
| East Cheshire Area Meeting | Andrew Backhouse | Jacqui Moore |
| East Kent Area Meeting | Ursula Fuller | Peter Atherall |
| East Scotland Area Meeting | Robin Waterston | Beryl Milner |
| General Meeting for Scotland | Jane Pearn | Kevin Franz |
| Gloucestershire Area Meeting | Colin Burns Brown | Gabriel Parlour |
| Hampshire & Islands Area Meeting | Graham Dragon | Sarah Coote |
| Hardshaw and Mann Area Meeting | Jennie Barnsley | Denise Graham |
| Hertford & Hitchin Area Meeting | Kim Noy-Man Jackson | Headley Parkins |
| Ipswich & Diss Area Meeting | Elaine Green | Avril Dawson |
| Kendal & Sedbergh Area Meeting | Christopher Bullard | Pamela Coren |
| Kingston & Wandsworth Area Meeting | Joan Bulmer | Graham Torr |
| Lancashire Central & North Area Meeting | Jennifer MacIennon | Roy Stephenson |
| Leeds Area Meeting | John Arnison | Charlotte Allen |
| Leicester Area Meeting | | |
| Lincolnshire Area Meeting | Mark Lilley | Roger Seal |
| London West Area Meeting | Simon Risley | Sandra Horsfall |
| Luton & Leighton Area Meeting | Gloria Dobbin | Jayne Meadows |
| Manchester & Warrington Area Meeting | | |
| Meeting of Friends in Wales | | |
| Mid Essex Area Meeting | Deirdre Haslam | Brian Wardrop |
| Mid Wales Area Meeting | David Jones | Dave Butler |
| Mid-Somerset Area Meeting | Gill Greenfield | Janet Lailey |
| Mid-Thames Area Meeting | | |
| Norfolk & Waveney Area Meeting | Jenny Routledge | |
| North East Thames Area Meeting | Margarete Briggs | Anne Smith |

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| North London Area Meeting | | |
| North Scotland Area Meeting | Jane Booth | David Sanders |
| North Somerset Area Meeting | Aubrey Hill | Enid Smith (pending) |
| North Wales Area Meeting | Frances Voelcker | Helen Still |
| North West London Area Meeting | Elise Sakamoto | Claire Farrier |
| Northamptonshire Area Meeting | Karen Draycott | Sally Lewis |
| Northumbria Area Meeting | Stella Clark | Michael Long |
| Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Meeting | Nicky Hoskin-Stone | Maggie Lightowler-Cook |
| Oxford & Swindon Area Meeting | Bridget Walker | Jenny Buffery |
| Pendle Hill Area Meeting | Wendy Hampton | Stanley Lee |
| Pickering & Hull Area Meeting | Christine Fellowes | David Malone |
| QCCIR | Jennifer Hodgkin | Douglas Butterfield |
| QPSWCC | Robert Steele | Jenny Amery |
| Quaker Life CC | Patsy Wilson | Isobel Dunbar |
| Quaker World Relations Committee | Anne Bennett | Barbara Windle |
| Sheffield & Balby Area Meeting | Sue Goodson | Sallie Ashe |
| South East London Area Meeting | Rowena Loverance | Jo-Anne Fraser |
| South East Scotland Area Meeting | Henry Thompson | Kate Arnot |
| South London Area Meeting | Gillian Turner | Antony Barlow |
| South Wales Area Meeting | Maggie Vicuna | Liz Muir-Edwards |
| Southern East Anglia Area Meeting | Robert Parkes | Carol Holding |
| Southern Marches Area Meeting | Julian Rutherford | Roger Bartlett |
| Staffordshire Area Meeting | Win Sutton | Robert Horton |
| Surrey & Hampshire Border Area Meeting | Peter Morris | Mary Prior |
| Sussex East Area Meeting | | |
| Sussex West Area Meeting | Colin Holliday | Chris Bemrose |
| Swarthmoor (South West Cumbria) Area Meeting | Robert Straughton | Rachael Milling |
| Teesdale & Cleveland Area Meeting | Kate Allcock | Jane Nicholls |
| Thaxted Area Meeting | Angela Pivac | Michael Collins |
| Wensleydale & Swaledale Area Meeting | Judy Nicholls | Margaret Waterworth |
| West Kent Area Meeting | | |
| West Scotland Area Meeting | Barbara Robinson | Ed Tyler |
| West Somerset Area Meeting | | |
| West Weald Area Meeting | | |
| West Wiltshire & East Somerset Area Meeting | Lin Patterson | Diana Jeater |
| Wirral & Chester Area Meeting | Dori Miller | Keith Rycroft |
| Worcestershire & Shropshire Area Meeting | David Bowgett | Andrew Jameson |
| York Area Meeting | Sarah Allen | James McCarthy |
| Young Friends General Meeting | Iwona Luszowicz | Rachael Swancott Boon |

Table 5 - Yearly Meeting Nominating Group: Nominations required

Nominations to be brought to Yearly Meeting 2016

- Nine Friends to serve on Central Nominations Committee from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016 to the rise of Yearly Meeting 2019
- Four Friends to serve on the Yearly Meeting Committee on Clerks from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016 to the rise of Yearly Meeting 2019
- One Friend to serve as convener of the Nominating Group from the rise of Yearly Meeting 2016 to the rise of Yearly Meeting 2017.

Table 6 - Meeting for Sufferings: interim membership changes since Yearly Meeting 2014

For information we record here the membership of Meeting for Sufferings, excluding those who serve ex officio, as advised to the Recording Clerks Office and appointed by Meeting for Sufferings as at its final meeting on 28 March 2015.

| Area Meeting | Representative | Alternate |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Banbury & Evesham Area Meeting | Judith Mason | Susie Tombs |
| Bournemouth Coastal Area Meeting | Stuart Yates | Ruth Bush |
| Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting | Ann Banks | Ailie Kerrane |
| Bristol Area Meeting | Judy Holyer | Rachel Ayres |
| Cambridgeshire Area Meeting | Debbie Cates | Jill Whaley |
| Central England Area Meeting | John Cockcroft | Cathy Khurana |
| Central Nominations Committee | Val Major | Catherine Putz |
| Central Yorkshire Area Meeting | Ted Brown | Ruth McTighe |
| Chilterns Area Meeting | Janet May-Bowles | Nicholas Sims |
| Cornwall Area Meeting | Simon Ewart | Alethea Wigzell |
| Craven & Keighley Area Meeting | Christopher Hart | Sylvia Boyes |
| Cumberland Area Meeting | David Day | David Beale |
| Devon Area Meeting | Bob Lovett | Alan Ray-Jones |
| Dorset & South Wiltshire Area Meeting | Jane Fowles | |
| East Cheshire Area Meeting | Andrew Backhouse | Hilary Brooks |
| East Kent Area Meeting | Ursula Fuller | Peter Atherall |
| East Scotland Area Meeting | Robin Waterston | Beryl Milner |
| General Meeting for Scotland | Jane Pearn | Kevin Franz |
| Gloucestershire Area Meeting | Colin Gerard | Jane Gracie |
| Hampshire & Islands Area Meeting | Margaret Heathfield | Graham Dragon |
| Hardshaw and Mann Area Meeting | Jenny Barnsley | J.Denise Graham |
| Hertford & Hitchin Area Meeting | Sally Miles | Kim Noy-Man Jackson |
| Ipswich & Diss Area Meeting | Elaine Green | Avril Dawson |
| Kendal & Sedbergh Area Meeting | Steve Timson | Peter D.Leeming. |
| Kingston & Wandsworth Area Meeting | David Amos | Joan Bulmer |

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| Lancashire Central & North Area Meeting | Jennifer MacLennan | Roy Stevenson |
| Leeds Area Meeting | John Arnison | Charlotte Allen |
| Leicester Area Meeting | Jenny Mattingly | Angela Walker |
| Lincolnshire Area Meeting | Finn Pollard | Roger Seal |
| London West Area Meeting | Elizabeth Cave | Simon Risley |
| Luton & Leighton Area Meeting | David Connal | Gloria Dobbin |
| Manchester & Warrington Area Meeting | Lesley Thomson | Angela Seddon |
| Meeting of Friends in Wales | Dave Butler | |
| Mid Essex Area Meeting | Susan Garratt | Deirdre Haslam |
| Mid Wales Area Meeting | Dave Butler | David Jones |
| Mid-Somerset Area Meeting | Richard Porter | Janet Lailey |
| Mid-Thames Area Meeting | Judy Still | Linda Singer |
| Norfolk & Waveney Area Meeting | Joy Croft | Peter Varney |
| North East Thames Area Meeting | Kate Green | Margarete Briggs |
| North London Area Meeting | Sarah Dodgson | |
| North Scotland Area Meeting | David Sanders | Jane Booth |
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| Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Meeting | Nicky Hoskin-Stone | Roger Sanderson |
| Oxford & Swindon Area Meeting | Janet Harland | Robert Stocks |
| Pendle Hill Area Meeting | Wendy Hampton | Dorothy Clark |
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| Quaker World Relations Committee | Barbara Windle | |
| Sheffield & Balby Area Meeting | Sue Goodson | Sallie Ashe |
| South East London Area Meeting | Judy Herzmark | Claire Edmunds |
| South East Scotland Area Meeting | Janet Grimwade | Jasmine |
| South London Area Meeting | Anthea Underwood | Perinpanayagam |
| South Wales Area Meeting | Maggie Vicuna | Gillian Turner |
| Southern East Anglia Area Meeting | Carol Holding | Ann Boot |
| Southern Marches Area Meeting | Jamie Wrench | Colin Keen |
| Staffordshire Area Meeting | Winifred Sutton | Jeff Beatty |
| Surrey & Hampshire Border Area Meeting | Keith Scott | Robert Horton |
| Sussex East Area Meeting | Patricia Cockrell | Peter Morris |
| Sussex West Area Meeting | Paul Barton | Kim Ashcroft |
| Swarthmoor (South West Cumbria) Area Meeting | Robert Straughton | Christine Coulouris |
| Teesdale & Cleveland Area Meeting | Jane Nicholls | Rachel Milling |
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| | | Simon Beard |

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Young Friends General Meeting

Peter Christy
Kathy Gollin
Sarah Freeman
Lin Patterson
Penny Vernon
Peter Bevan
Elaine Ross
Iwona Luszowicz

Margaret Morton
Jefferson Horsley
Roger Baker
Margaret Williams
Dori Miller
David Bowgett
Sarah Allen
Rachael Swancott
Boon