

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS MATERIALS

Dear Friends,

This year, my first year at BYM treasurer has been both challenging and rewarding. As many of you know, we've struggled with a change to our systems, causing a delay to the accounts. But our financial position is strong – our investments have recovered after a drop last year and income remains steady.

In 2022, we spent more on Quaker work, the work discerned by Friends, than 2021. As we approach the end of 2023, we predict this will again be another strong year. This support will allow us to continue delivering Quaker work, so vital in this time where we face a cost-of-living crisis, climate injustice and two violent conflicts on the edge of Europe.

Thank you

I want to thank you for your service on behalf of the yearly meeting. Contributions from Friends and meetings are crucial to delivering the work that Friends want us to do.

Some meetings have struggled with increased costs this year. But the commitment to fund Quaker work has been heartening. 80% of treasurers responding to the treasurers survey reported that their meetings plan on giving the same amount in 2023 as they did in 2022.

Building community

We know that where Friends feel connected to the Quaker work we do, it increases their commitment to give. The yearly meeting is all of us as individual Friends working together. We want to provide you with more resources and support so you and other Friends can feel more connected to the work.

The best way to help sustain Quaker work is by encouraging Friends and attenders to give regularly throughout the year. If everyone were to contribute £20 per month (or £240 per year), it would ensure that BYM receives the contributions from Friends that are needed to deliver the work Quakers believe is needed. We know that not every Friend will be able to afford this. Those of us already giving at this level need to consider whether we can raise our own contribution to share the cost of Quaker work in a more equitable way.

Contribution materials

Our new contribution material focuses on 'Building community'. It includes examples of Quaker work that is only able to be done through the generosity of Friends in your meetings.

You will find a full range of contribution material to support you at www.quaker.org.uk/contributions including a video and presentation slides.

Please share some or all of these materials with Friends in your meetings as it shows them the Quaker work being done thanks to their generosity. If you have any questions or need support, please get in touch with our fundraising team at contributions@quaker.org.uk. They will be happy to help.

Thank you again for all you do to encourage Friends to give and support Quaker work.

In Friendship,

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