



Britain Yearly Meeting
of the Religious
Society of Friends

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS MATERIALS – November 2025

Dear Friends,

As your Yearly Meeting Treasurer for nearly three years now, I've been moved by the generosity, commitment, and spiritual depth with which Friends support Quaker work. Thank you.

Lighting the Way

The theme of this year's contribution materials is Lighting the Way: Quaker Witness in Troubled Times. They reflect how Friends, led by Spirit and conscience, respond to crises with compassion and conviction. From peace education in British classrooms to civic reconciliation in Burundi, your contributions have helped Quaker witness shine in difficult times.

It also reminds us that giving is not only a financial act, but a spiritual one -

"Giving is a joyful act of trust — a way to divest ourselves of excess and invest in the future of our community. It is also a corporate responsibility: our meetings are called to share their wealth with sister Quaker structures and to nurture a culture of generosity among Friends and attenders."

8 February 2025, BYM trustee minute

Financial Stewardship

In 2024, Friends and meetings gave £2.2 million to support Quaker work. Our total expenditure was £11.1 million — a reflection of our shared commitment to sustaining our church and faith, supporting communities, promoting Quakerism, and witnessing through action.

We continue to encourage Friends to give regularly. A contribution of £20 per month (£240 per year) from each Friend would make a transformative difference. We know not everyone can give at this level, and we are grateful for every gift. Those who are able may wish to consider increasing their contribution to help share the cost equitably.

Contribution Materials

You will find updated materials at <https://www.quaker.org.uk/contributions> including stories, slides, and a video. Please share them with your meeting. They show how Friends' generosity enables Quaker work to flourish. If you have questions, need support or would like more paper copies of the contributions materials, our fundraising team is here to help: contributions@quaker.org.uk.

Thank you again for your service and for encouraging Friends to give. Together, we are lighting the way.

In Friendship

Paul Whitehouse

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