

# Contribution 2019

## Letter from Yearly Meeting Treasurer



Britain Yearly Meeting  
of the Religious  
Society of Friends

Dear Friend

I'm really glad to be writing to you for the first time as Yearly Meeting Treasurer to thank you and everyone in your meeting for the financial support you have given to Britain Yearly Meeting in 2018.

The contributions that you send to Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) make a big difference. I hope that your meeting experiences this first hand by accessing the support and resources that BYM provides for you. But BYM's work is not just about supporting Quakers in Britain: the several thousand people in part of the North Rift Valley area of Kenya who had their water supply restored – after eight months of being cut off – would tell you that it has made a real difference to them too. This was thanks to a campaign made possible by our work with local partners to train community groups in nonviolent activism.

Enclosed are the contribution materials for 2019, which I hope will help you to encourage Friends in your meeting to support BYM's work for the coming year. If every member of our religious society gave an average of £225 towards our national work we would meet our target of £3m. Of course, not every Friend will be able to give this much, whilst others may be able to give more – but I hope that all Friends will give what is right for them, with equal generosity.

Wearing another hat, I am the 'Schedules Collector' at my local meeting, Sheffield Central. I'll no doubt get a copy of this very letter through the post. How will I respond to my own challenge? Friends, we are all in the same boat! One thing that can help you and the Friends in your meeting to stay connected and up to date with central Quaker work is signing up to Quake!, BYM's monthly e-newsletter:  
<http://bit.ly/quakeC19>

I hope you'll also look out for the trustees' annual report and BYM's annual review when they are published in the spring, and encourage Friends in your meeting to read them.

In Friendship



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