

Your Faith

Your Action

Your Work



Can you help to raise
£3m for Quaker work
in 2020?



Dear Friends,

Britain Yearly Meeting, your national organisation, exists to nurture the Quaker community, to strengthen our faith, and to help all of us act on the promptings of love and truth in our hearts. We believe the world needs Quakers – as a welcoming, inclusive spiritual community, and as a force for change. In these tumultuous times, we all need to find that place of stillness from which to act.



So BYM's Trustees and Meeting for Sufferings (our standing national representative body) have worked together to identify the priorities for our work. The result: Quakers should be a 'simple church, supported by a simple charity to reinvigorate Quakerism.'

We'll be employing staff closer to where Quaker meetings are – not just in London – to make sure meetings have the support they need to thrive. We'll be strengthening BYM's response to the twin planetary emergencies of climate crisis and threats to peace. And we'll be working with Friends to explore simplifying Quaker structures, at local as well as national level. The revision of our book of discipline is an important part of that.

All Britain Yearly Meeting's work is inspired by our faith as Quakers. Britain Yearly Meeting relies on Friends for so much – your prayerful upholding, your engagement, your service on the committees that oversee everything and your financial support. Thank you for all that you do, and for whatever contribution you can make in 2020.

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Caroline Nursey
Clerk of BYM Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Parker'.

Paul Parker
Recording Clerk

Your Faith



Yearly Meeting



Working with children and young people



Support for meetings



Outreach



Publications and resources



Engaging young adult Friends

Your faith

Your contribution will help to build a future where:

- thriving, diverse Quaker communities are supported by dedicated local workers
- Quakers are well known and widely understood, offering patterns and examples in turbulent times.

Your action

Your contribution will help to create a more sustainable and peaceful world, paying for:

- crucial work on climate justice and sustainable living – done with and on behalf of Quakers across Britain
- national and international peace programmes that are faith-based, distinctively Quaker and make a real difference.

Your organisation

Your contribution funds Britain Yearly Meeting, the central organisation that:

- provides advice, resources, training and events to strengthen and empower Quaker meetings
- upholds the structures and discipline that keep our church and our work spirit-led
- translates Quaker faith into action in Britain and overseas
- builds public awareness of who Quakers are and what matters to us through outreach, media and advocacy work.

Quaker work is your work, and you are a vital part of it. Without your generous gifts – whether they be of time, money or prayerful support – none of it would be possible. Can you help to raise the £3m needed from Friends and meetings to fund this work in 2020?

Your Action



*Opposing militarisation
and the arms trade*



*Addressing climate change
at the United Nations*



*Providing a protective presence in
Palestine and Israel*



*Campaigning for a more
sustainable future*



*Working collaboratively on
peace education*



*Supporting peacebuilders in
East Africa*

Your contribution

Give time

Quaker work is discerned and governed by ordinary Friends who generously give their time in service. It is only because of these gifts of time that we can achieve the things we do. You can take part by serving on a committee, volunteering at an event or joining the Quaker Life Network. To find out more visit www.quaker.org.uk/givetime or phone 020 7663 1115.

Give money

We need to raise £3m from Friends during 2020 to help fund the Quaker work planned for the year. If every member gives £15 per month (plus Gift Aid) we will achieve this target. Of course, we know that some people will be unable to give this much, while others may be able to give more. Every gift is valuable and moves us one step closer to our shared vision of thriving Quaker meetings building a more sustainable and peaceful world.

To give online or find out about other ways of giving visit www.quaker.org.uk/givemoney. You can also phone 020 7663 1015.

Leave a legacy

In an average year, gifts left in wills pay for more than a fifth of our work. We are grateful to those Friends whose thoughts of tomorrow have made possible the things we do today. A gift in your will can help fund new work for future generations of Quakers.

Visit www.quaker.org.uk/legacy for more information or phone 020 7663 1117.

Thank you for supporting Britain Yearly Meeting

You can find out more about the work you are making possible by signing up to Quake!, the monthly e-newsletter for all Quakers in Britain, at www.quaker.org.uk/quake.

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