

Sowing the seeds of Quakerism



Love is the will to nurture life and
growth in oneself and in another...

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Dear Friends,

When we wrote to you last year, we hoped the pandemic would be behind us by now. We looked forward to coming together in person at Yearly Meeting Gathering and to seeing our trading activities bounce back. Sadly, this hasn't happened.



It has been a year of contrasts. We have faced the challenges of Covid-19 and seen our Quaker meeting houses, Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall close for long periods. But we have also seen rapid change, with innovative forms of Quaker worship and witness.

Because of a reduction in income at Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall, we have to make savings. But our determination to support and deliver Quaker work is unchanged.

- Hundreds of Quakers have taken part in preparations for COP26, coordinated by our Sustainability and Social Justice team.
- In May we held an online conference that looked at how education can create sustainable peace and heal divisions. We were joined by over 500 people from 63 countries.
- In August more than 1,000 Friends came together online for Yearly Meeting Gathering.

Sustaining this work is a challenge. A loss of £2 million in trading income means we cannot continue to run a deficit and draw on reserves. Meetings, members and attenders increased their giving by 50 per cent last year. If this can be maintained, it will make a huge difference.

Quaker work needs Quakers' financial support.

Some are better able to contribute than others. If we all give what we can afford, we can support Quaker work equitably. Help us ensure that Quaker communities thrive and that Quaker voices are heard.

In Friendship,



Caroline Nursey
Clerk of BYM Trustees



Paul Parker
Recording Clerk

The work you fund

With your support, we deliver a huge breadth of work – from sustaining our faith to living out our values in the world. We have highlighted two areas of Quaker work here. Find out about all the work you help us achieve in our annual review: www.quaker.org.uk/annualreview.

Local Development Workers

Local Development Workers (LDWs) in a specific region of Britain work with local Quaker communities on all things Quaker. They respond to requests from meetings, such as strengthening the worship and spiritual life of communities, growing all-age communities and supporting volunteer role-holders in Quaker meetings.

The work of LDWs is responsive to the needs of each Quaker community. They work in partnership with the local communities; providing support through the individual assistance of each LDW and by forming a link to the wider network of Quaker resources and the national Quaker structure.

“An area meeting nomination convenor had a series of conversations with their local development worker about challenges they were facing. Over time a new way of thinking about roles was used by the nominations group based on the discernment of the gifts Friends have and which roles they might be suited to. As a result, the nominations convenor said that the process felt less desperate and that time was being taken to discern more in this area. Working with the LDW had helped them to remember to trust the process and to try new things.”



In 2020 we spent £2.5 million on Supporting Quaker communities

Bringing Quaker values to the world

Our Parliamentary Engagement Officer (PEO) works to promote Quaker views within Scottish politics and influence policy in line with Quaker values. Over the last year through the PEO, Britain Yearly Meeting and General Meeting for Scotland have:

- Lobbied for incorporation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into Scots law.
- Called for a recognition of the rights of the natural world in Scotland's new Land Use Strategy.
- Supported Friends to engage with the Scottish Parliament.
- Met directly with MSPs, Cabinet Ministers and Party Spokespersons, to highlight Quaker concerns on military visits to schools, new firing ranges, and victims of human trafficking in the penal system.

Quaker presence at COP26

The COP26 climate summit is the first since the pandemic and a key moment for climate justice. The pandemic has highlighted the devastating global impact of our unsustainable and ecologically destructive economic system. COP26 must urgently commit to a just recovery and a green “new normal”.

BYM's Sustainability and Social Justice team is coordinating Quakers in Britain's presence at COP26. The team's preparations in the lead-up to the summit include both activist support and task force lobbying.



**In 2020 we spent £3.0 million on
Witness through action**

Your contributions: making a difference

Beyond our own area meeting, funds are required for the wider organisation of Friends and the work we undertake centrally. Without these, we would be a scattered collection of small meetings with no coherence or shared witness.

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Witness through action 33%

Campaigning for a more peaceful and sustainable world

Practical action on peacebuilding and education at home and abroad

Resources and training for Friends taking local action

Supporting Quaker communities 28%

Resources for children and young people

Local development workers to help Friends sustain the life of their meetings

Safeguarding

Expenditure:

£8,997,000

(2019: £9.1m)

Sustaining church & faith 12%

Sustaining Meeting for Sufferings and Yearly Meeting

Facilitating the revision of *Quaker faith & practice*

Promoting Quakerism 27%

Influencing public policy to bring Quaker values to the world

Providing a strong collective voice for Quakers in Britain

Sharing our faith with others

Increasing Quaker numbers



Gifts from meetings and individuals were £3m in 2020

The chart shows the proportions of how much we spend on each of our charitable objectives. For more detail about our finances, the full 2020 report and financial statements are at www.quaker.org.uk/annualreview.

Thank you for your support

Regular giving

We give because we have a commitment as members to do so. We try, as members, to follow what BYM is doing and to take our share in the responsibility for what that is.
Janet Gilbraith, Friend

I give money to BYM because I deeply value the Quaker mix of encouragement for spiritual exploration, work for social justice and equality and environmental concern. BYM is us: it both organises our wider contribution to society and nourishes our grassroots.
Margaret Laurie, Friend

Legacy gifts

The reason for leaving the legacy is my sense of gratitude for the existence of Quakers in Britain and for the richness that belonging to a meeting...has brought to my life.
Eva Barton



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Alternatively, you can print out/tear off the form to complete by hand and send it to: **Contribution 2022, FREEPOST QUAKERS** (no address or stamp required) or to your local meeting treasurer.

We appreciate some will be able to contribute more and some less. Our suggested donation of £240 a year works out at at £20 a month.

If you already have a standing order set up, please consider increasing the amount that you give.

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Your local meeting	<input type="text"/>		
You are a	<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Attender	

Part 2: Giving

I would like to make a one-off gift:

- online £ _____ cheque (enclosed) £ _____
- by bank transfer / standing order (please contact me)
- I will make a regular gift (please send me information)

Part 3: Additional information

- I would like to sign up to Quake! email newsletter
- I would like information on leaving a legacy for Quaker work
- I am happy to receive communications from the fundraising team in the future

Gift Aid declaration



Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

I want to Gift Aid my donation to Britain Yearly Meeting

of £ _____ made today, and any donations:

I make in the future I have made in the past four years

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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Gift Aid notes

Please email Britain Yearly Meeting at contributions@quaker.org.uk if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

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