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Changes to *Quaker faith & practice*



For the attention of AM and LM clerks

Governance update from the Recording Clerk's Office

Quaker faith & practice (Qf&p) gives us full guidance as to how to be in right ordering for our church affairs. Our faithfulness in following our agreed process upholds our Quaker community. In these papers we are highlighting matters for your attention and action. Please keep these papers for ongoing reference.

News

Yearly Meeting 2016 agreed some changes to *Quaker faith & practice*.

Our website <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk> has now been updated with these changes.

Compared to the printed fifth edition, first published in 2013, changes have been made to the following sections:

3.24i, 3.27, 3.28, 4.10t, 4.40, 6.18, 6.19, 8.09, 8.10, 8.14, 8.16, 9.05, 9.06, 9.13, 9.14, 10.21, 13.45-13.58, 14.23, 14.29, 14.45 and the whole of chapter 16.

Sections that have changed numbers are

3.28-3.30 now 3.29-3.31

and 8.16-8.25 now 8.17-8.26

The current version of Chapter 16 is also available as a separate booklet with each new printed copy of *Quaker faith & practice*. This booklet is also available free of charge from the Quaker Centre Bookshop: tel 020 7663 1030 or email quakercentre@quaker.org.uk.

Action requested

Please ensure that the fifth edition of *Quaker faith & practice* is used and use the newer text from the website when appropriate.

Why

Our book of discipline, *Quaker faith & practice*, is agreed and accepted by our Yearly Meeting. It is important that meetings use the current version when changes have been agreed on matters of governance.

Quaker faith & practice (final words of the introduction)

“...we must humbly acknowledge that our vision of the truth will, again and again, be amended.

In the Religious Society of Friends we commit ourselves not to words but to a way.”