

# Governance Gold

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## Reporting deaths of Friends



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.

#### Action requested

Please remember to let us know when a Friend or active attender dies, or for health reasons steps back from active participation in the life of their meeting.

#### Why

Two major reasons are:

- Unwanted correspondence is a real cause of annoyance, we don't wish to add to it. Some Friends will reach a stage in their life when they need to dramatically reduce the correspondence they receive.
- We know that it causes real distress when a letter or email is sent to someone who has died. Although staff members check death notices in *the Friend*, and often receive notifications from families, it is very helpful if meetings can let us know when someone has died. Being told twice is better than not being told at all.

#### How

You can send an email to [updates@quaker.org.uk](mailto:updates@quaker.org.uk) or write to the Updates team, C&S, Friends House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ or telephone 020 7663 1006.

#### *Quaker faith & practice* 10.30 (part)

"If all those who belong to our meeting are lovingly cared for, the guidance of the spirit will be a reality. The celebration and commemoration of life's great events draw us together as we share the occasion and rejoice or mourn with one another."