



## IRELAND YEARLY MEETING

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To Friends in Britain Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

We send our loving greetings to your Yearly Meeting. We are delighted that our Friends Siobhán Walshe and Anna Wade will be joining you, bringing our greetings in person.

As Quakers around the world prepare to gather at the FWCC World Plenary in South Africa in the coming weeks, we have taken this time together, in our Yearly Meeting last week, to consider the theme of Ubuntu. No doubt, preparation for the World Plenary has been very central to your thoughts.

We realise that this approach, understanding our deep interdependence, needs to influence us at all levels. It impacts the way we consider the state of our own Yearly Meeting, and the challenges and conflicts we experience. It is deeply relevant to our commitment to our wider community and economy. It also needs to help us in our global dialogue with Friends, seeking to address the needs of Friends in many countries. The damage of economic inequality, at local and international level, threatens our sense of community. We know that we must witness against it and seek new ways of working and living.

In this we are guided by a quote from IYM General Christian Counsel, Organisation and Christian Discipline *“Live in love with one another as commanded by Christ, watching over one another for good, bearing with each other’s failings, upholding one another prayerfully in times of difficulty and sorrow, and sharing with each other’s joys.”*.

We wish you well for a gathered and inspiring Yearly Meeting.

In Friendship

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Will Haire'.

Will Haire

Clerk, Ireland Yearly Meeting

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