

# Contribution 2018



Britain Yearly Meeting  
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Society of Friends

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Dear Friend

Firstly, I am writing to thank you and your meeting for the financial support you have given to Britain Yearly Meeting in 2017. I hope that publications like *Quaker News*, *Quake!* (our new monthly e-newsletter) and the forthcoming annual review and report (both due out in May) show just how much vital work your funding has made possible.

Secondly, I now enclose the contribution materials for 2018.

I have previously stated that contributions from Friends need to increase to help meet the rising cost of our work. However, the 2017 accounts will show that the level of annual giving by Friends remains static, as it has been for much of the last decade, at just over £2 million – well short of our target of £3 million. Although other sources of income such as our hospitality company have been able to help cover this shortfall, it is Friends' giving that not only supports our work financially but demonstrates that our corporate life as a church, with a vision of a more peaceful, just and sustainable world, is valued by us all.

I recognise the work that you do and that you have a responsibility to raise the funds that are needed for your local or area meetings, and you will no doubt advise Friends of the amounts that have to be raised for these. However, we all share a commitment to the centrally managed work of the yearly meeting, built up over many years of worshipful deliberation and decision, and this also needs to be paid for. If you can help to raise an average of £225 per member for this national work we will meet our target. Of course, I understand that not every Friend will be able to give this much, whilst others may be able to give more. The real ask is not for Friends to each give an equal amount, but to give with equal generosity. Can you help?

In Friendship

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