

Readings for worship

"We condemn all acts of government which set people against one another; which discriminate against people because of who they are or where they were born. We reject policies which condone suspicion and hatred; which turn away those who need and depend upon our help. We were not put on Earth for this, but to be a people of God, to live in harmony with each other."

Meeting for Sufferings Statement on Racist Policies, February 2017

"Quaker work to build sanctuary everywhere also has strong spiritual foundations. Inherent in the belief that God dwells within every person is an imperative to welcome every person in need.

We call ourselves a radical faith, and a definition of radical is 'to go to the root'. At the root of Quaker spiritual inheritance is the life and example of Jesus, who built practical solidarity with those whom the authorities discriminated against."

Ministry shared during the creation of the Sanctuary Everywhere Programme

"Our Meeting for Sufferings was born of a response to the government's systematic discrimination against Quakers in the past. Today we turn that experience into solidarity, and stand against all oppression and suffering. We declare our determination to work for sanctuary everywhere, including here in Britain."

From the Sanctuary Everywhere Manifesto, agreed by Quakers in Britain, December 2017