

Monthly Mailing – March 2017

for clerks of area meetings, General Meeting for Scotland,
Meeting of Friends in Wales, and Young Friends General Meeting



Welcome to your March 2017 mailing.

Local meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. There is one item relevant to area meetings only at the end of this letter.

Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **April 2017**, will be sent out on 28 March 2017.



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this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar17

Listings, magazine and podcast

- **Books of the Month March 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses March 2017**
Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **The Young Quaker Magazine – Issue 14, February 2017** This edition of the Young Friends General Meeting's magazine contains young Quakers' reflections on different kinds of relationship – from marriage to your relationship with a Quaker role.
For further copies, contact: yfgm@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1050.
- **Q:Witness** Listen to the new podcast from Quaker Peace & Social Witness at www.quaker.org.uk/qwitness. Episodes so far include nuclear disarmament, nonviolent change in Kenya, new economy and much more. Please, listen, subscribe and add your ratings and comments whenever you listen.

Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.

We suggest that some of the following items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

Governance

Governance Gold: Changes to Quaker faith & practice



Longer serving Clerks may recall that Governance Gold is a periodic enclosure giving advice on Quaker process and practice. After a break, here is another issue listing where *Quaker faith & practice* has changed since the publication of the fifth edition in 2013.

Michael Booth, Church Government Adviser, michaelsb@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1023

1. What have you learned from the process of reading *Quaker faith & practice*?

The Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group invite feedback from all those who have been reading our current book – whether you have formed a group, read it alone, raced ahead or are taking it slowly. There is only one question: what have you learned from the process of reading *Quaker faith & practice*? Your comments will inform the process of discernment about whether it is time to revise our book of discipline, which Yearly Meeting will probably consider in 2018

Please complete the form at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ReadingQfp or write to Michael Booth, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

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Circulate the link, especially to groups who are reading *Qf&p*.

Quaker employers

2. Quaker employers' resource

The Quaker employers' resource is available online. The resource offers advice and guidance to Quaker organisations that employ staff, whether the employment is: paid, self-employed, voluntary; with or without benefits (such as accommodation) in kind.

This resource is intended for area meeting trustees, local meeting employment/premises committee, and anyone in your meeting who is responsible for employment.

Oliver Waterhouse, oliverw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1007

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Please share with those responsible for employment.

Economics

3. Survey from North Wales Credit Union Group

The North Wales Credit Union Group, supported by Quaker Peace & Social Witness, would like you to fill in their survey.

In English: <http://bit.ly/Qcredit>

In Welsh: <http://bit.ly/Qcredit-welsh>

See bilingual leaflet for further information.

Maya Williams, mayaw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1056

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Ask Friends to fill in the online survey. Leave the leaflet visible for Friends to see.

Sustainability

4. Take action on fracking at 'meeting for worship for witness' on Pendle Hill

2pm, 6 May, Pendle Hill, Lancashire

Pendle Hill Friends invite you to a 'meeting for worship for witness' on top of Pendle Hill to draw attention to the threat of potential local shale gas fracking. This follows a statement by Meeting for Sufferings in February calling for a ban on fracking to help urgently tackle our climate crisis. If you'd like to find out more about the event or want to attend, please contact Maya Williams (details below).

To find out more about fracking and other ways of taking action, visit www.quaker.org.uk/sustainability.

Maya Williams, mayaw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1056

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Please announce to Friends, and inform any individual or groups who may be interested.

Peace

5. Nuclear weapons ban treaty

Lobby of Parliament, 1 March

Multilateral negotiations for a new nuclear disarmament treaty begin in New York on 27 March. 134 countries will be taking part, and the UK is not one of them, despite 'multilateral disarmament' being government policy. We are being asked to write to our MPs and to the Foreign Secretary, sign a petition and attend a mass lobby of parliament on 1 March to urge our government to attend.

Tim Wallis, timw@quaker.org.uk, 0207 663 1067

www.quaker.org.uk/disarm



Please read out during notices and encourage Friends to take action.

EAPPI

6. Advert for Ecumenical Accompaniers

Based in the West Bank and Israel for 2018 for three months' service

Please share the enclosed advert for Ecumenical Accompaniers to work as human rights monitors in the West Bank and Israel. 20 vacancies for three months' service.

Closing date for applications 28 April 2017.

Helen Bradford, 020 7663 1071, helenb@quaker.org.uk

To apply, go to: www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi



Announce in notices. Put advert up in meeting houses.

Children and Young People

7. Family day

Friday 2 June 2017, Friends House, London

This day is a great opportunity for children, with an accompanying adult, to visit, find out about and enjoy Friends House and learn more about the work that goes on here.

Book online or contact cypadmin@quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1013



Announce in notices.

Area Meeting only item

Children and Young People

8. JYM nominations deadline reminder

Junior Yearly Meeting is an important event for young Quakers (14- to 17-year-olds). Information about JYM nominations was sent to area meeting clerks in the November monthly mailing. The deadline for area meetings to make nominations is 15 March 2017.

Nominations information can be found at www.quaker.org.uk/events/junior-yearly-meeting-2017.



Area meetings should submit nominations by 15 March 2017.