



Sharing information about pastoral care in Quaker communities

We are gathering the experience of Quaker communities during the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020. This request is to understand more about how Quaker communities have supported everyone pastorally during the pandemic.

Please share your story, and details about how your local Quaker community is set up to offer pastoral care to Friends. This can really help other meetings. We will compile these in a simple document, with one meeting after another, on the BYM Coronavirus webpage. We will update it periodically into the autumn of 2020.

What shall I write?

Write your story with your own style. Try to include:

- a little about your meeting
- how pastoral care was/is arranged
- how your pastoral arrangements changed during the pandemic?
- a little about your meeting place, and its size
- what affected the way your community responded?
- a little local colour – joys, frustrations, humour – without naming names or lots of detail (remember it will go up on the web!)

Now try to include something about:

- What has worked well?
- What lessons have you learned?
- What might the future hold?
- How would you encourage other meetings?

We are hoping each community's contribution will be about a page – less will be fine.

Are there texts or books that you have specifically referred to?

Do you have any quotes from people in your meeting that will help to bring some colour and depth to what you describe? Make sure the person is happy for their words to be used if they can be identified.

Please include your contact details, and whether you are happy for these to be included in the document on the BYM website.

Send your contribution, ideally in a Word document, to:

supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk

Many thanks,

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