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To everyone attending Britain Yearly Meeting, 1-4 May at Friends House, London

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Dear Friends,

We send loving greetings from the Friends World Committee for Consultation Europe and Middle East Section (FWCC EMES) as you meet. We hold you all in the Light as you are in God's presence as you spend time together. Magdalena Gadowska, a member of our Executive Committee, and EMES Assistant Treasurer, will join you as our representative.

You are a part of our FWCC Section and through us you are connected to thousands of Quakers in 13 Yearly Meetings, one Monthly Meeting, several worship groups, and isolated Friends, spread across over 25 countries speaking over 25 languages.

EMES envisages a thriving, vibrant, inclusive, all-age, spiritual community of Friends in Europe and the Middle East, woven together in transformative faith and love, working and connecting with others, listening to the Spirit, actively living out our Quaker testimonies. In August, we will be truly trying to live out that vision at the [All Age Gathering](#) that we are organising in partnership with Europe & Middle East Young Friends. Over 170 Friends of all ages will gather for a week just outside Cologne in Germany to consider the *River of Life* and build an all age community.

The wars in our Section still move us; we continue to feel deep grief for those who suffer, and we feel hope listening to stories of courage. We have heard of Friends within our Section working to maintain the dignity and humanity of all people affected by war: those who fight and those who refuse; those free to stay true to their conscience and those persecuted; those who stay and those who flee; those welcomed in new countries and those who are turned away. Our peace testimony requires us to act. We ask all Friends to lend their support in whatever way they can.

In line with our [sustainability policy](#) our [Annual Meeting on the 28th -30th May](#) will be online. We hope to see some of you there!

We wish you an inspired and hopeful meeting.

In friendship,

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