Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain

At the Yearly Meeting held at Friends House, London; Northampton and online (1 - 4 May 2026) and at Kings House, Manchester, and online (18 July 2026)

1 - 4 May 2026

Friday 1 May, 19.00–21.00: Yearly Meeting Session 1

Minute 1: Clerks

Central Nominations Committee nominates the following Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerks as follows:

for Yearly Meeting May 2026, and subsequent Yearly Meeting sessions until 31 December 2028:

Clerk:	Fred Langridge	Sheffield & Balby AM
First Assistant Clerk:	Mary Aiston	Kingston & Wandsworth AM

for Yearly Meeting May 2026, serving until 31 December 2026:

Second Assistant Clerk:	Jane Harries	Cyfarfod Rhanbarth De Cymru / South Wales AM

These nominations being acceptable, we appoint the Friends named accordingly.

Minute 2: Worship

As we meet together in worship we have heard read part of *Quaker faith & practice* 12.01.

Minute 3: Welcome to all

We welcome everyone who is attending any part of Yearly Meeting in May this year. This year 1,980 adults have registered in advance to attend, of whom 619 have booked to

attend online and 1,361 at Friends House. Of this total number, there are 429 attenders not in membership. We welcome 396 Friends attending Yearly Meeting for the first time.

Minute 4: All-age Yearly Meeting

As well as the Friends gathered in this room and online, we expect 100 children and young people to attend this Yearly Meeting, supported by 28 adult volunteers.

Sixty-two children aged 0-11 in three groups are participating in the Children's Programmes based in Friends House, exploring the theme 'Building bridges'. We look forward to worshipping together with these Friends on Sunday morning.

Thirty-two young people aged 11-15 are participating in the Young People @ Yearly Meeting Programme held at the Rock UK Frontier Centre, Northampton and at Friends House, London, exploring the theme 'Connecting across divisions: how can we overcome our prejudices and understand people who we disagree with in our communities?'

Junior Yearly Meeting this year took place 3-7 April. This weekend, six young people aged 15-17 are participating in the Accompaniment programme at Friends House, London, which offers support for these Friends to attend Yearly Meeting sessions.

We look forward to hearing from these Friends during this weekend and we expect all to come together as an all-age community in the final session of this weekend on Monday afternoon.

Friends of all ages are considering related topics during our Meetings this spring.

Minute 5: Committee to Examine Minutes

We appoint the following Friends to examine the minutes of this Yearly Meeting at the close of each session, and to correct any slight inaccuracies:

Leneh Buckle, East Cheshire AM

Paula Button, Central England AM

Robert Card, Manchester & Warrington AM

Zélie Gross, South Wales AM / Cyfarfod Rhanbarth De Cymru

David Heslop, Craven & Keighley AM

If substantive alterations appear to be required, they are to be proposed at the next session prior to further business.

Minute 6: Agenda

We receive and accept the report of Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee in Appendix A of *Agenda & notes* and accept the agenda as listed in section 4.

The clerk of Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee has introduced the agenda and outlined the topics for our Yearly Meeting this weekend.

The changes agreed by Yearly Meeting in July 2024 mean that Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee will be laid down on 4 May 2026, at the close of this session of Yearly Meeting. We thank all those Friends who have served us through the years on this committee.

Minute 7: Eldership and pastoral support at Yearly Meeting

We have heard from the co-conveners of Yearly Meeting Elders, and from the co-conveners of the Yearly Meeting Pastoral Support Group, about arrangements for eldership and pastoral support during Yearly Meeting this weekend.

Minute 8: Nominations from Central Nominations Committee

Further to minute 11 of Yearly Meeting 2025, Central Nominations Committee brings forward nominations as specified in table 3a and 3b of the *Schedule of nominations*, as appended to these minutes.

These nominations being acceptable, the Friends named are appointed accordingly.

We release the Friend named with thanks for their service.

Minute 9: Nomination from Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees bring forward the name in table 2 in the *Schedule of nominations* to serve as clerk of BYM Trustees. This nomination being acceptable, the Friend named is appointed accordingly.

Minute 10: Report of Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

The Nominating Group appointed at Yearly Meeting 2025 brings forward nominations as specified in table 5 of the *Schedule of nominations* and appended to these minutes.

These nominations being acceptable, the Friends named are appointed accordingly.

We release the Friend named with thanks for their service.

Minute 11: Central Nominations Committee: nominations required

We ask Central Nominations Committee to bring nominations to a future session of Yearly Meeting in 2027 as specified in table 4 of the *Schedule of nominations*, appended to these minutes.

Minute 12: Nominations to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group (2026-2027)

Friends are asked to consider nominations for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group to serve to the end of 2027.

The nominations process has been explained. We will return to this later in Yearly Meeting.

Minute 13: Quaker Housing Trust

We receive the annual report from Quaker Housing Trust on their work in 2025. The report is at Appendix B in *Agenda & notes*.

Minute 14: Receipt of Tabular Statement

We receive and accept the Tabular statement as at 31 December 2025, published as *Patterns of membership*.

Minute 15: Receipt of letters of greeting

We have received letters of greeting from Friends World Committee for Consultation, and from Friends World Committee for Consultation Europe & Middle East Section. These letters have been published on our Yearly Meeting website.

We note that a letter was sent in February 2026 from the Yearly Meeting clerk to Friends in Cuba, extending the hand of Christian fellowship to them.

Minute 16: Reflections on Quaker Earthcare Gathering

We have heard the experience of a Friend who attended the Quaker Earthcare Gathering held in Derbyshire on 24-27 October 2025 and have spent time reflecting in worship together on what we have heard this evening.

Saturday 2 May, 09.30–12.30: Yearly Meeting Session 2

Minute 17: Minute of Junior Yearly Meeting

We have received and heard read a minute of Junior Yearly Meeting held 3-7 April 2026 as follows:

> **Minute of Junior Yearly Meeting 2026 held at Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster from 3 to 7 April 2026**
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> *In a divided world, are we living our values to foster acceptance and belonging?*
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> There is communal strength to be found in mutual vulnerability and openness. We feel that the key to openness is ignoring or deconstructing preconceptions, allowing

oneself to listen free from judgement and with a sense of genuine curiosity for the experiences and wisdoms of others. By trusting the process of listening and talking, allowing the conversation itself to be the goal, being fully present in each discussion we have, and being willing for our minds to be changed, we can find ways to build bridges between communities, and foster a great sense of mutual respect. We were encouraged to look beyond our own prejudices and focus on the intent behind people's actions, rather than the actions themselves. We feel that moving through life with a general willingness to hear others fully is especially important in a world where people seem to have stopped listening to each other as it allows us to begin to overcome divisions, on small and large scales, and to have real empathy for everyone, including those with very different perspectives.

It is important to acknowledge the differences between acceptance and belonging. It is felt that acceptance is more easily found and can be more easily fostered through the simple act of living one's values fully, whereas belonging requires more effort to find, as it requires some shared values or experience. It is important to accept that not everyone can find a sense of belonging in every group or community, but that it is crucial for all individuals to have spaces where they do belong. It may be that these communities form naturally over time, but it is equally important to consider building spaces where belonging can be found to be an active choice, and that communities can be created with intention.

Within the community of Junior Yearly Meeting, we found hope in the small purposeful acts of acceptance, and the vulnerability that people were willing to show when sharing thoughts or personal experiences. It was greatly reassuring to many to see the act of a community being built, and to witness divisions and differences being overcome, even on a small scale. We believe that small acts of kindness are the foundation of building connections and community on a global scale.

Minute 18: Spirit-led community

In a divided world, how can we develop our Spirit-led connection at the heart and at the edges of our communities? We have been invited to explore how the Spirit can help us to connect more deeply with one another, and how a community with diverse perspectives can expand our experience of the divine.

...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

When we are kind and we choose freely to be vulnerable, we can make space to connect to God, to other people and to our true selves. We are all embodied: when we are hurt or when we are treated kindly, we feel it in our bodies. To feel our own pain and happiness viscerally, and to remember that other people are the same, might help us. To be a loving community, we must truly listen to one another, be present with one another and accept

one another. Being truly open to one another can help us to move from fear and increases our capacity for finding joy.

All our different ways of connecting to the Divine are important and are incomplete; God is impossible to define or contain. We can each experience a connection with spirit, and when we are able to share our experience with each other and the world, we are more complete as a community. Our relationship with divinity is an ongoing process which we can cultivate in and with community.

Our theological diversity also can bring pain. Some of us hunger for the things we can say together, without translation. We find unity in shared feeling and action; can we also find unity in a shared Quaker language and vocabulary to deepen our sense of connection? We want ways to describe our embodied experience of God, and to hear our Friends' experience of being moved to share ministry that comes not from them but through them. Our hearts can be unbound by words from other mouths speaking our truth. Music and song can connect with our hearts and connect us with each other.

We are seeking to build our communities in a world of brokenness and pain. We are challenged to recognise as our neighbour people in whose words we hear hate and prejudice, to seek common ground there too.

Our truth testimony requires that we recognise power imbalances. In our society, some people are structurally more vulnerable than others. Although there is that of God in each of us, structurally that light in some may be blocked. If we learn to recognise this, we hope it can be unravelled.

Is there a time not only for a gentle breeze that calms but also for a wild wind that whips up a firestorm and burns down injustice, releasing seeds for new growth?

Our community can be strengthened and the spirit given space to move if, when wrestling with a difficult issue, we can hold our knowledge and let go of our certainties about the right answer. How can we unite in our Quaker way when we may feel individually led in different directions?

We are united in faithful waiting, holding our hearts, minds and souls open in the silence, listening together for where we as a community are led.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier

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Saturday 2 May, 14.30–17.30: Yearly Meeting Session 3

Minute 19: New Shoots minute

We have received and heard read a minute from the New Shoots (Friends aged 0-2):

The New Shoots have been learning to share and have enjoyed eating together.

Minute 20: Epistle

Part of the epistle of Monteverde Monthly Meeting (Costa Rica) held 12 June 2025 has been read.

Minute 21: The work of our national representative body: receipt of annual report from Meeting for Sufferings

We receive a report from Meeting for Sufferings on its work in the past year, provided at Appendix C in *Agenda & notes,* and have heard from the Clerk of Meeting for Sufferings.

We give thanks for the work of Meeting for Sufferings on our behalf.

Minute 22: Report of Agenda Planning Committee

We receive a report from Agenda Planning Committee on its work in the past year, provided at Appendix D in *Agenda & notes,* and have heard from the Clerk of Agenda Planning Committee.

Agenda Planning Committee has considered which Quaker bodies should be able to communicate with it by minute, and how to season and test the minutes it receives to determine whether and when they might be ready to be taken to a Yearly Meeting session.

All those meetings and committees, which can currently send minutes to Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee and to Meeting for Sufferings, will be able to send them to Agenda Planning Committee. In addition, as an experiment, Agenda Planning Committee will accept minutes from any clerked Quaker meeting for worship for business in Britain, provided that the meeting or group sending the minute is able to correspond with Agenda Planning Committee on an ongoing basis. More details about the process for sending minutes and how Agenda Planning Committee will consider them will be available on the Yearly Meeting website.

Agenda Planning Committee was asked to consider whether we may lose something important by laying aside the name ‘Meeting for Sufferings’ when the current body is laid down. The committee spent much time on this and feels that it would not be helpful to retain this name, but rather that, from time to time, there should be a meeting for worship to uphold those suffering for our Quaker faith.

We have heard about plans for residential Yearly Meeting sessions to be held from 24-28 July 2027 at the University of Hull.

Minute 23: Revision of Yearly Meeting constitutional documents

a) Revision of the Britain Yearly Meeting governing document

Britain Yearly Meeting is a registered charity and as such its purpose and structure must be accurately set out in a governing document. The current version of the governing document has been revised to take account of the structural changes agreed by Yearly Meeting in 2024.

The text of the revised governing document was published as *Agenda & notes 2: Governance supplement for Yearly Meeting in May 2026* and Friends were invited to comment on it.

As a result of comments in advance and in this meeting, a formatting error has been corrected so that the four aspects of the charitable object of Britain Yearly Meeting are described in the same way in both the Governing Document and *Quaker faith & practice*, and the term “Quakers in Britain” in paragraph 2 will be placed in quotation marks.

We accept the revised governing document and ask that it be updated to include the number of this minute of acceptance.

We authorise the Yearly Meeting Clerk to sign the finalised revised governing document on our behalf and ask staff to file it with the Charity Commission, noting that their permission is not required for the changes.

b) Revision of the terms of reference for Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

The terms of reference for Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees were last reviewed in 2021, when the Yearly Meeting asked for them to be reviewed again in 2026. This review has focused on the changes needed in the light of structural changes to the Yearly Meeting.

The text of the revised terms of reference was published as *Agenda & notes 2: Governance supplement for Yearly Meeting in May 2026* and Friends were invited to comment on it.

We accept the revised terms of reference for Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees. We ask that these be reviewed again by no later than 2031.

Minute 24: Amendments to Quaker faith & practice

a) Record of changes to *Quaker faith & practice* agreed by Meeting for Sufferings

Meeting for Sufferings made changes to *Quaker faith & practice* chapters 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15. The full list of changes is attached as a schedule to these minutes.

These changes will take effect at the end of this weekend’s session of Yearly Meeting, and the online version of *Quaker faith & practice* will be updated as soon as possible.

b) Substantive changes to *Quaker faith & practice* chapter 6

Chapter 6 of *Quaker faith & practice* is entitled 'Yearly Meeting'. It sets out a short history of Yearly Meeting, as well as covering the functions and other relevant details about the holding of Yearly Meeting sessions. Changes to the way we will hold our sessions have been reflected in a fully revised chapter 6.

The text of the revised chapter 6 was published as *Agenda & notes 2: Governance supplement for Yearly Meeting in May 2026* and Friends were invited to comment on it. As a result of such comments, some further changes have been suggested to the published version and the Recording Clerk has explained these.

We accept the new text subject to the additional amendments agreed today, namely that:

- A typographical error in 6.07h be corrected so that 'appointing' is spelled correctly
- In 6.08a & 6.17 the old name of Young Friends General Meeting be updated to the new name of General Meeting of Young Friends in Britain

The online version of *Quaker faith & practice* will be updated as soon as practical.

We thank Church Government Advisory Group for their work preparing these drafts for us.

Minute 25: Laying down Meeting for Sufferings

By minute 37 of Yearly Meeting 2024, we agreed that new arrangements would be put in place for the holding of Yearly Meetings from July 2026 and that Meeting for Sufferings in its current form would be laid down.

The arrangements for this having been completed, we lay down Meeting for Sufferings. All its functions are hereby transferred to Yearly Meeting (being the ultimate decision-making body of Britain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (registered charity number 1127633)) unless otherwise delegated or recorded in *Quaker faith & practice*.

We give thanks for the work of Meeting for Sufferings over its long history.

We record the names of Friends who served as members and alternates on Meeting for Sufferings at the date of its last meeting in March 2026 as set out in table 6 in the *Schedule of nominations.*

Minute 26: Central Nominations Committee annual report

We receive the report from Central Nominations Committee on their work in 2025. The report is at Appendix E in *Agenda & notes* and has been introduced by the co-clerks of Central Nominations Committee.

We give thanks for the work of Central Nominations Committee on our behalf.

Sunday 3 May, 9.30–12.30: Yearly Meeting Session 4

Minute 27: Epistle

Part of the epistle of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting (USA) held 12-15 June 2025 has been read.

Minute 28: All-age worship

We have continued our worship together, gathered as an all-age community: those participating in the Children's Programme, others in Friends House and online.

Minute 29: The work of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

The clerk and assistant clerk of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees have given a verbal report on the trustees' work and responsibilities.

We have also received a verbal report on the financial outturn for the year ended 31 December 2025 from our treasurer.

We give thanks for the work Trustees do on our behalf and look forward to receiving the annual report & financial statements at a YM session later in the year.

Minute 30: Book of Discipline revision update

We have heard a reflection from the Book of Discipline Revision Committee about their work to date.

We note that a complete first draft is expected to be published at the end of 2026. We are encouraged to read, reflect and respond to this draft as preparation for consideration at the residential Yearly Meeting session planned for 24-28 July 2027 at the University of Hull.

Minute 31: Europe & Middle East Young Friends (EMEYF) & Europe & Middle East Section (EMES) All Age Gathering, August 2026

We have heard from Magdalena Gadomska for the Europe & Middle East Young Friends (EMEYF) and Europe & Middle East Section (EMES) of FWCC about the All Age Gathering to be held in Germany in August 2026. The theme will be The River of Life: an all age gathering.

Sunday 3 May, 14.30–17.30: Yearly Meeting Session 5

Minute 32: Testimony

Part of the testimony to the grace of God as shown in the life of Ghee Bowman (pages 13-16 of *Testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 33: New Shoots minute

We have received and heard read a minute from the New Shoots (Friends aged 0-2½):

Our Light is like a rainbow. We see it when we play.

Minute 34: Fox Cubs minute

We have received minutes in the form of art from the Fox Cubs (Friends aged 2½-4):





Minute 35: Light Explorers minute

We have received and heard read a minute from the Light Explorers (Friends aged 5-8):

We have spent a lot of time thinking about building bridges and how challenging but important this can be. Building bridges is important to help us cross rivers, both literal and metaphorical. It helps us to make friends, be happy and play together. Building bridges also lets us get to know people we don't like and make the world a better place.

Minute 36: Spiritual Adventurers minute

We have received and heard read a minute from the Spiritual Adventurers (Friends aged 8-11):

Spiritual Adventurers met with visiting Friends from America, Switzerland and the Philippines and shared stories to Bridge our differences. In our epilogue we shared what we had learnt on the petals of a flower.



Minute 37: Handling conflict well

In a divided world, as a Spirit-led community, how can we handle conflict well? How do we let the Spirit guide us to peaceful resolution of the conflicts within our Quaker meetings and our communities?

We have spent time in worship with attention to these questions. We will return to this tomorrow.

Monday 4 May, 09.30–12.30: Yearly Meeting Session 6

Minute 38: Epistle

Part of the epistle of FWCC Asia West Pacific Section Annual Gathering, held 19-23 October 2025, has been read.

Minute 39: Yearly Meeting Nominating Group: appointment and nominations required

Further to minute 12, the following nominations are received for service on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group from 5 May 2026 until 31 December 2027:

Kate Arnott - South East Scotland AM

Meredith Freeman - South Wales AM / Cyfarfod Rhanbarth De Cymru

Kate Hale - Bristol AM

Nicola Muller - Gloucestershire AM

Jane Vicary - Lancashire Central and North AM

Sam Winder - London West AM

These names being acceptable to the meeting, the Friends nominated are appointed to work with their convener, Liam Lawson-McNamara (London West AM), who was appointed by our minute 10.

We ask the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group to bring nominations to a future session of Yearly Meeting as follows:

- six Friends to serve on Central Nominations Committee from the end of Yearly Meeting in May 2027 to 31 December 2029,
- one Friend to serve as convener of the Nominating Group from 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2028.

Minute 40: Handling conflict well (continued)

In a divided world, as a Spirit-led community, how can we handle conflict well? How do we let the Spirit guide us to peaceful resolution of the conflicts within our Quaker meetings and our communities?

We spent time together yesterday afternoon in worship with attention to these questions. Practicing peace starts with ourselves and in our Quaker communities. We heard rich and personal ministry, expressing vulnerability, sharing Friends' experiences of conflict and of seeking ways forward within our communities and as communities.

In our Quaker communities, too often, we sweep tensions and conflicts under the carpet. This can lead to conflict emerging in different ways, or can hold us back from being fully present with each other.

Where conflict arises in the open, our response to it can feel physical – jarring or jangling – and can make it difficult to meet others calmly. It is important to acknowledge that we are sometimes actively participating in a conflict, rather than a conflict happening to us. Awareness that we are, or are seen as, the problem in a conflict can be acutely painful and we can feel stigmatised.

Sometimes when we have a sense of community, we build a protective wall around ourselves. It feels risky to be open to newcomers and what they bring to us. When we look for who is missing from our communities, are they absent because we have failed to reach out or to be welcoming?

Conflict is one of the Light's ways of showing us our darkness and bringing us to new life. Sometimes, in reflecting on how the other person is perceiving me, I might recognise that I'm not responding in a way that meets their needs.

There is no one recipe that fixes everything, but we have resources to call upon, skills and knowledge available, meetings for clearness, non-violent communication, peer mediation, Quaker writings, gifted Friends and Quaker groups. These can help us seek together the will of God and may bring healing and growth.

As Quakers we are accustomed to feeling that we are good at addressing conflict. We need to unlearn some of what we think we know, to unlearn our institutional and structural bias, and be willing to learn from others.

In a spirit-led community, love for each other is foundational. We need to feel confident and safe enough to name disagreement. We need to listen with curiosity and be willing to let go of our own opinions. We can practice and become familiar with talking lovingly and listening attentively. Empathy can be cultivated.

God can speak through the earthquake, wind and fire as well as through the still small voice of calm. We can learn the skill of staying with the intensity of others' expression, not shutting it down because it is uncomfortable.

Only if we have practised facing conflict close to home, holding differences in a loving, constructive way, making a community where we can be our full selves, can we truly hope to help our neighbourhoods and the wider world.

Minute 41: Plans for future Yearly Meeting sessions

We have heard about plans for Yearly Meeting sessions to be held on 18 July 2026 in Manchester, for which booking is now open. We have received a presentation about the residential sessions to be held from 24-28 July 2027 at the University of Hull and online.

Minute 42: Quakers, protest and changing legislation

We have heard from the Recording Clerk about Quakers, protest and the work being done on our behalf to respond to increasingly restrictive legislation. Protest rooted in love, truth and peace is a part of our testimony, our lived expression of our faith.

Monday 4 May 14.00–15.30: Yearly Meeting Session 7

Minute 43: Receipt of the Yearly Meeting Epistle

The Epistle Drafting Committee appointed by minute 8 has submitted a draft epistle which has been read and accepted after amendment.

Minute 44: Epistles from other Yearly Meetings

We have received greetings from Friends around the world via epistles from Yearly Meetings and other bodies, available on the website of Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Minute 45: Testimonies

The following testimonies to the grace of God as shown in the lives of deceased Friends have been received (pages 7-69 of the printed edition of *Testimonies*):

Anthony (Tony) Arnold

Diana Beddoes

Ghee Bowman

Angela Broome

Doreen Brown

David Bartlett

Patrick E. Coleman

Joyce Esther Margaret Evans

Eleanor Fairclough

Jill Firth

Takako Mendl

Patricia Griffith

Elaine Miles

Susan Deborah (Sue) Mottram

Roger H Quinn

Gillian Robertson and Donald Robertson

Mary Rowlands

Vasant (Vas) Janardan Shend'ge

Peter Squire

Margaret (Peggy) Thomas

Jean Wadge

Minute 46: Friends from other Yearly Meetings

We have welcomed 74 representatives and other visitors from yearly meetings and Friends' groups around the world.

Minute 47: Inter-church and interfaith visitors

We have welcomed as visitors to this Yearly Meeting:

> Paulina Hlawiczka-Trotman, Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain and one of the Presidents of Churches Together in England, representing the fourth presidency group.
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> Ibrahim Mogra, Shaykh, co-chair of the Christian Muslim Forum.
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> Vincent Nichols, Cardinal in the Catholic Church and Archbishop Emeritus of Westminster.
>
> Paul Robinson, Territorial Ecumenical Officer for the Salvation Army in Great Britain.
>
> Mike Stygal, Belief and Education officer and National interfaith manager for the Pagan Federation in England and Wales.
>
> Andy Wistreich, Extinction Rebellion Buddhists.

Two visitors had planned to join us and were prevented by circumstance:

> Josh Levy, Rabbi, Co-Lead for The Movement for Progressive Judaism
>
> Charley Baginsky, Rabbi, Co-Lead for The Movement for Progressive Judaism

Minute 48: Receipt of minutes from the Youth, Children and Families Programmes

In our all-age worship yesterday, we sang songs with lyrics written by Friends in the Children's Programme.

We have received and heard read minutes from the Children's Programme of this Yearly Meeting as follows, and have seen ministry from these Friends in the form of artwork:

> New Shoots
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> (Friends aged 0-2½)
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> Seven New Shoots have been getting to know each other, learning names, exploring sharing, helping each other and eating together. It takes time to build bridges and now we know each other better.

Fox Cubs

(Friends aged 2½-4)

We are the Fox Cubs aged 2 ½ to 4 and we made a garden on the window, played and worshipped together.

We explored our similarities and differences, practised sharing, playing with trains and the kitchen, looking after each other and our dollies, and doing silly things. Sometimes it was difficult but we practised solving our problems.

We really enjoyed building bridges and learning about the importance of firm foundations, truth and love. We learnt about the story of cooperative donkeys during our visit to the library (as well as the fun of the slidey floor and echoey sounds).

Stories were really important for us to explore our theme of building bridges and laughing together. We are going home happy but tired and hope to see each other again.

Light Explorers

(Friends aged 5-8½)

We came together on Saturday morning feeling nervous, happy and excited. We started with some name games to help us remember everyone new and old. Then, we practiced our communication and cooperation skills by silently getting into a birthday line. Then, we thought about some statements, such as “we should always tell the truth”, by standing on a spectrum from yes to no. We then thought about what makes a good friend and wrote this on paper bricks to make a Friendship Bridge. We finished the morning by learning about worship and came together for silent worship.

After lunch, we sang with Tim Gee and the Spiritual Adventurers. We thought about when and where our Light shines, such as when the sky is grey, and used this to make new lyrics. Then, we worshipped together as the Light Explorers and started collecting ideas for our minute and thinking about nominations.

On Sunday, some of us enjoyed attending All Age Worship. We were excited to see people we know outside Yearly Meeting and to see the lyrics we made with Tim being used. We then went to the library and heard the Tale of The Two Mules and learnt that, if we work together, it becomes a win-win story, rather than lose-lose. We also thought about what is needed for cooperation and community, to make a cooperation bridge.

Ailish joined us on Monday morning to help us think about the life cycle of a conflict. We learnt that conflict can start from something very small, such as confusion, but can become huge. We talked about how we might feel when we have conflict: confused, frustrated and angry. Explaining how we feel can help us stop confusion and resolve the conflict, but can take a very long time. There might

be some people we really disagree with, who might not want to make a bridge, but it's still important we try to build bridges with them.

We have enjoyed playing games together this weekend and building a community by snacking together.

Spiritual Adventurers

(Friends aged 8½-11)

At the start of our time together we read about building a story bridge between communities by sharing stories, signs and picnics. Afterwards we decorated kites with our stories. It was wonderful sharing afternoon tea and cakes with visiting adults Friends from USA, the Philippines and Switzerland and got to know each other and found out about Quakers in their countries.

We glued ourselves and lollipop stick bridges together.

With Tim Gee and the Light Explorers, we sang lots of songs. When some children were upset, other children comforted them. Later another Friend, Summer, helped us learn to sign Building Bridges.

Whilst playing hospitals we had a few injuries, but our talented doctors fixed them all before the parents arrived.

When it was too busy and noisy, some people read stories. We found a wonderful book about Elizabeth Fry where she realised, “I’m sad because I am not being kind enough to people.” We also tried to practice this as everyone helped each other without being asked.

At the park we had fun playing netball and then football, without having arguments. We also made tree dens and played with parachutes and skipping ropes. We washed a few children in a parachute washer-machine.

In our session with Ailish, after helping two Friends resolve their argument about fracking we had a wedding.

The Spiritual Adventurers’ sessions were full of fun, friendship and hope for the future. We look forward to meeting again soon.

We have received and heard read a minute from Young People @ Yearly Meeting (YP@YM) (Friends aged 11-15) as follows:

YP @ YM minute

On the 1st to 4th May 2026, 32 young people and 7 adults joined together at the Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire to explore the theme: “Connecting Across Divisions: How can we overcome our prejudices and understand people we disagree with”.

During the weekend away we connected with each other through communal games, and centre activities. These included High Ropes, which led to some of us “swingling”, and rafting, where some had a drenching in murky smelly water! Some

of us also watched the Swarthmore lecture which provoked many thoughts about inclusivity in Quaker history.

We enjoyed time in our more closely knit Base Groups where we got to know each other through smaller games, discussions, and collective creative works.

We welcomed 2 adult volunteers and 2 guest speakers to lead us in understanding historical, social and personal prejudices which impact how we connect with others, as well as discussing our unanswered questions in open space chatrooms.

Till Geiger told us about the Quaker activist Bayard Rustin and we explored his ideas more deeply through exploring some quotations.

We enjoyed Emily Provance's engaging session where she combined anecdotes with shared questions, enabling us to share our own experiences.

Throughout the weekend we explored different styles of worship, both programmed and unprogrammed. We created a tree-like structure where we reflected on qualities we want to grow, and prejudices we want to drop like autumn leaves.

Our last Epilogue of the weekend took place around a massive campfire where we shared as a group our reflections and gratitude for the wonderful experiences we had together, and especially for the community we have built. We finished our last evening with songs and stories.

As well as singing "Building Bridges" many times during the weekend, we learnt that in order to build them, we need to acknowledge our differences, be open to listening, and actively reach out to help us coexist as one.

Minute 49: Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting

We have received and heard read the epistle from Junior Yearly Meeting held 3-7 April 2026 as follows:

Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting 2026 held at Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster from 3 to 7 April 2026

To all Friends everywhere,

We send greetings from the community of Junior Yearly Meeting 2026, held at The Pioneer Centre in Kidderminster from the 3rd to 7th of April. During our time together, we gathered as a community of 49 young Friends and 9 adults to explore the theme of:

"In a divided world, are we living our values to foster acceptance and belonging?"

We opened and closed each day in worship, using a variety of tools to help inspire our reflections. These included drawing, lights, music, poetry and a bonfire.

Worshipping together allowed us to grow more comfortable sitting with uncertainty around open questions.

Sasha Lawson-Frost spoke to us about ministry and its many forms, encouraging us to reflect on what ministry truly is, where it comes from, and how it is expressed. We were challenged to think about whether ministry could ever feel angry or unsettling—if words come through us as vessels, is it still ministry when it carries anger, or does it become something else? We recognised that the deep ministry of young Friends can sometimes be overlooked by adults.

Our adult Friends shared their life experiences alongside the theme, offering a diverse range of talks that were both engaging and thought-provoking, grounded in community and our shared humanity. They encouraged us to be unapologetically passionate about what we love, reminding us that the ridiculous is something to be embraced—for our communities are richer when we bring our full, authentic selves, a fact that became evident in the community built at JYM.

We had plenty of opportunities to unwind throughout the weekend. The Pioneer Centre offered a range of outward-bound activities, including high ropes, abseiling, an aerial runway, indoor caving, and archery—and even the soggy raft builders found plenty of joy in the experience.

Free time was equally enjoyable and gave us space to relax and be ourselves. Our spaces were filled with games, music, singing, and even a dinosaur themed jigsaw. Alongside laughter, free time created opportunities for deeper conversations—moments that might not have found space within the main sessions, but were incredibly rewarding, both intellectually and spiritually.

A creative session run by Lorna McNeill allowed us to reflect on the theme in a more indirect way and the glass paint art was appreciated in the evening using light to project the artwork. This brought us together and united us using art as an expression of our core values.

Through telling stories, last year’s Swarthmore lecturer, Emily Provance, challenged us to consider how two communities with the same core values can experience conflict - prompting us to question our preconceptions and listen more openly. We thought deeply about the concepts of love and empathy, recognising their differences, and considering how we could extend love and empathy to all people in the world. We struggled with the impossibility of meaningfully loving the entire population of the world but concluded that we should still strive to have this love, perhaps in a way that manifests as simply loving the humanity in people.

Paul Ingram reminded us that working for meaningful change is often not about the outcome, but about the process. It’s about breaking down barriers that prevent meaningful conversations from happening. It struck us how much experience Paul has in bridging divisions. This inspired us to open up to other people and allow ourselves to be vulnerable, especially where there is a vast difference of opinion to overcome.

In our minute, we claim that “there is communal strength to be found in mutual vulnerability and openness”. By sharing our ideas freely, being open to having meaningful conversations and being vulnerable with each other, we were able to develop an overwhelming sense of connection between the Friends present at JYM.

This strong sense of belonging let us hope for a less divided world.

In friendship and peace,

Signed on behalf of Junior Yearly Meeting,

Ryn, Izzo, Rose

Minute 50: Thanks

We record our thanks to all our staff and all those who have served us so well both during this Yearly Meeting and over the past year. We uphold those working on the planning for our Yearly Meeting session in July 2026.

Minute 51: General Epistle

The General Epistle approved by minute 43 has been read by our clerk:

Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting
held at Friends House, The Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire, and online from 1 to 4 May 2026

To Friends around the world

Loving Greetings to Friends everywhere

Gyfeillion annwyl ym mhobman, anfonwn atoch ein cariad a’n cyfarchion.

Battered by the certainty of some of those around us, we seem to live in a world polarised by conflict and fear. The world around us appears even more frightening and unstable than it did last year, and yet we experienced deep joy at being able to come together.

Almost 2,000 Friends registered in advance for Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) May 2026, including 100 children and young people at Friends House and at the Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire. Over 600 registered online and almost 400 attended for the first time.

We gathered around the themes:

What unites us as a Spirit-led community in a divided world?

As a Spirit-led community, how can we handle conflict well?

We heard about overwhelm and helplessness, and a feeling that what we each are able to do is not enough: our hearts are resonating with the cry of the earth and the earth's people in pain.

A Friend shared their experience of the recent Earthcare Gathering where they came to understand that listening and upholding the witness of others is an important Quaker ministry. The Salter Lecture investigated the multiple moral catastrophes in the Middle East. We must work for "the just and equal and safe future where every life is precious and dignity belongs to everyone". The Recording Clerk summarised recent work relating to the right to protest in the United Kingdom.

Change, which can bring a sense of bereavement, as well as renewal, is coming to Quakers in Britain. We enacted structural changes to BYM. As we laid down Meeting for Sufferings after 350 years, we heard the Testimony to the Grace of God as shown in the life of Meeting for Sufferings and the many changes it weathered in its lifetime. We feel excited about the evolving landscape and look forward to the next session of BYM in Manchester and online in July. The draft of our new book of discipline will be with us in November, with a variety of resources to help us contribute towards a further draft, which will make it our own. We are reminded that the book itself is not our faith, but that unmediated access to the divine is the most important thing for British Quakers.

We became aware that our spiritual language over the weekend showed a return to our roots. Maybe we are becoming more comfortable with living with the tension between theistic and other language. We shared a greater willingness to hear the meaning which underlies our words.

In the Swarthmore Lecture we were reminded that we are still living with fundamental and productive tensions which have existed since the beginning of Quakerism.

We have heard from a minute of Junior Yearly Meeting that we need to hold differences tenderly and distinguish between acceptance, which comes as a result of being authentically yourself, and belonging, which is the result of shared values. Our children's and young people's groups worked on co-operative art work on bridge-building and led us in singing "Building Bridges" in all-age worship on Sunday.

We feel in our bodies the pain of conflict. Embodiment can also sometimes be how the Spirit convinces us of the way forward.

We need to let go of certainty, the certainty that we know the answer. We need to let go of the outcome, and let the Spirit move: Friends who were in Friends House meeting room will long remember the improvised cheerful hymn-singing when the Zoom sound failed. Can we be open not only to this kind of gentle wind, but also to

the storm that sweeps through and blows down trees, leaving room for new seeds to sprout? Let us hold spaces which are safe not just for the still small voice, but also for the wind, the storms, the power that makes us uncomfortable and which stirs us to action.

Do we still have the power to turn the world upside-down? Let it be so!

Signed in, and on behalf of, Britain Yearly Meeting

Fred Langridge, Clerk

Minute 52: Minute of adjournment

Having concluded the business laid before us in the agenda for this session of Yearly Meeting, we adjourn, hoping to meet again in Manchester and online, on Saturday 18 July 2026, should nothing occur to prevent.

Fred Langridge

Clerk

Saturday 18 July 2026

Saturday 18 July, 09.30-13.00: Yearly Meeting Session 8

Minute 53: Worship, welcome & introductions

We began our meeting together in worship, during which we heard read part of *Quaker faith & practice* 6.03.

Today we are meeting for a single day together as we begin the new ways of working that Yearly Meeting agreed nearly two years ago. We accept the agenda prepared for our meeting today.

We welcome everyone who is attending any part of our Yearly Meeting session today.

This time 876 adults have registered in advance to attend, of whom 424 have booked to attend online and 452 at the venue. Of this total number, there are 137 attenders not in membership. We welcome 80 Friends attending Yearly Meeting for the first time.

As part of this Yearly Meeting, 12 Friends aged 2-11 are participating in the Children's Programme, exploring 'Making Peace'. 11 Friends aged 13-17 are participating in the Accompaniment Programme, exploring reparation and what being a Quaker means to them, including the option of joining in the all-age discernment on these matters. We look forward to gathering as an all-age community.

We have heard an introduction to the new role of Yearly Meeting representative, created to support the changes to the holding of Yearly Meeting and to strengthen connections between local Quakers and the yearly meeting as a whole.

Minute 54: Receipt of minutes by Agenda Planning Committee

Minute 22, made at our session in May 2026, lays out the range of Quaker groups who may send minutes to the Agenda Planning Committee of Yearly Meeting. Members of the committee have shared some good practice in writing a minute that will help Agenda Planning Committee in discerning the next steps for each minute received.

Minute 55: Minutes from area meetings

We receive minute 26.19.01 from Worcestershire & Shropshire Area Meeting, together with minute 2026:36 from Banbury & Evesham Area Meeting, both relating to Evesham local meeting.

For some time, Banbury & Evesham Friends have been considering the future of their area meeting. They have agreed that Evesham local meeting should transfer to become part of Worcestershire & Shropshire Area Meeting. Worcestershire & Shropshire Friends agree with this plan.

We endorse the proposal that Evesham local meeting should cease to be part of Banbury & Evesham Area Meeting and should become part of Worcestershire & Shropshire Area Meeting.

Minute 56: Visitors from other Yearly Meetings

We have welcomed 8 representatives and visitors from other yearly meetings and Friends' groups around the world.

Minute 57: Friends Trusts Limited report

We receive a report from Friends Trusts Limited and thank the directors of Friends Trusts Limited for their work.

Minute 58: Report of Central Nominations Committee

Central Nominations Committee brings forward nominations, amendments and requests for release from service as specified in their paper *Nominations to Yearly Meeting, July 2026* and as appended to these minutes.

The nomination to Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations being acceptable, our Friend is duly appointed.

The renomination to serve as Yearly Meeting Elder being acceptable, our Friend is duly appointed.

The releases requested being acceptable, our Friends are duly released with thanks for their service.

The proposed correction to terms of service being acceptable, these changes are agreed.

Minute 59: Between meetings procedure for nominations, appointments and releases

On occasion it may be necessary for releases and appointments to be made between sessions of Yearly Meeting. In such cases, the normal nominations process will be followed but the procedure for appointment will be modified. The conveners of Central Nominations Committee (or the relevant nominating group) will provide the name to the clerks of Agenda Planning Committee and the clerks of Yearly Meeting. These clerks will have authority to agree the name and make the appointment or release.

Any appointments made in this way will be shared with the papers for the next Yearly Meeting session and Yearly Meeting will minute the appointment.

Minute 60: New ways into membership

For more than ten years we have been considering how to make it possible for Quakers who cannot easily feel part of a local or area meeting to enter into membership of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain. Our initial focus was on younger Friends and on those who moved around the country, and whose Quaker community was not primarily associated with a geographic location. In the last five years, we have seen increasing development of online Quaker communities, some of whose members do not feel a sense of belonging to any other Quaker meeting.

A working group of Quaker Life Central Committee has considered three main areas:

- How to fully include people who are not fully included by a geographic-only system of belonging.
- How to include non-geographic Quaker worshipping communities within the structure of Britain Yearly Meeting.
- The potential for an individual's membership of specific groups associated with Quakers to be sufficient basis for membership of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain.

The group reported to Meeting for Sufferings in July 2025, proposing that the guidance on membership in chapter 11 of *Quaker faith & practice* could be just as relevant to non-geographic Quaker communities as it is to area meetings. Meeting for Sufferings endorsed this view.

We have heard prepared ministry: a Friend's personal response to this matter, and an introduction from a member of the QLCC working group. We welcome the opportunity to enable Friends who have found a spiritual home in Quaker worship, but who are not attached to a geographic meeting, to come into membership. We expect to recognise two new kinds of Quaker community in our formal structures:

- A 'home meeting', equivalent to a local meeting, but without a stable geographic location: these meetings may worship online and/or may come together in different places at different times.
- An 'anchor meeting', equivalent to an area meeting responsible for a group of home meetings, in accordance with chapter 4 of *Quaker faith & practice*. The anchor meeting will be responsible for receiving and considering applications for membership from those attending its home meetings.

As with a new area meeting, an anchor meeting would need to be approved by Yearly Meeting to become a formal part of our structure.

To aid our further discernment, we ask Quaker Life Central Committee, drawing on the experience of existing non-geographic Quaker communities, to work with Agenda Planning Committee and staff on these proposals to be brought to a future session of Yearly Meeting for our consideration. We ask them to:

- Prepare possible guidance on the requirements for being a ‘home meeting’, drawing upon the requirements of local meetings currently set out in *Quaker faith & practice*, and including worship, eldership, pastoral care and the holding of meetings for worship for business in the manner of Friends.
- Prepare possible guidance on the requirements for being an ‘anchor meeting’, drawing upon the requirements of area meetings currently set out in *Quaker faith & practice,* and including governance arrangements, safeguarding and how to generate and maintain a worshipping community of Friends and a family of home meetings.

We ask Yearly Meeting representatives to discuss this with Friends in their area meetings and encourage engagement with our future discernment.

Saturday 18 July, 14.00–16.30: Yearly Meeting Session 9

Minute 61: Testimony

Part of the testimony to the grace of God as shown in the life of David Blamires (pages 7-11 of *Testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 62: The work of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

We have heard from the clerk and assistant clerk to Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees, giving an update on their recent work.

We have also heard a verbal report from the clerk of Quaker Peace & Social Witness Central Committee, covering the work of that committee in 2025.

We have had an opportunity to ask questions in relation to these reports and in relation to the work carried out on our behalf.

We give thanks for the work of our trustees and committees.

Minute 63: Introduction to reparation

We receive a written progress report from the Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees’ Reparation Working Group and we have heard prepared ministry from the co-clerks of this group.

The Group was established in the autumn of 2023, in response to minutes 27 & 33 of Yearly Meeting 2022. The group has been asked to examine the relevant history of Quakers in Britain, including Quaker involvement in enslavement, trafficking, economic exploitation, and colonisation, as well as the legacy of this involvement. The group has been working to consider what reparation requires of us. The group is deliberately using the singular term “reparation”, to signify that this is an ongoing process.

The working group is holding a conference at Friends House and online on 23 October 2026, entitled *Truth and Repair: Our Quaker Journey Towards Justice*. All are encouraged to attend.

We thank the group for their work so far and uphold them in their continuing work. We expect to return to the matter of reparation in Yearly Meeting in session, initially at our November meeting.

Minute 64: Dates for Yearly Meeting sessions in 2029

Agenda Planning Committee has recommended dates for Yearly Meeting sessions in 2029. We agree the following dates:

Saturday 17 February 2029:	Friends House and online
Friday 4 - Monday 7 May 2029:	Friends House and online
Saturday 21 July 2029:	venue to be decided (outside London) and online
Saturday 17 November 2029:	Friends House and online

Minute 65: Introduction to Yearly Meeting session in November

Our next Yearly Meeting session is planned for 21 November 2026, online and at Friends House. The assistant clerk of Agenda Planning Committee has shared an initial view of the anticipated agenda and a reminder of the dates of Yearly Meeting sessions in 2027.

Minute 66: Upholding Friends suffering for their faith

We have spent time in worship upholding those Friends who have been before the courts or otherwise brought into the criminal justice system for matters of conscience.

Minute 67: Testimonies

The following testimonies to the grace of God as shown in the lives of deceased Friends have been received (pages 7-33 of the published edition of *Testimonies)*:

David Blamires

Peter Capewell

Barbara Mary Groombridge née Lee

Hilary Ruth Ludlow

Dorothy Sheila Parry

Kevin Piper

Penelope Putz

Greta Sealey

Minute 68: Receipt of minute from the Children's Programme

We have received and heard read a minute from the Children's Programme of this Yearly Meeting (Friends aged 2-11) as follows:

We gathered together this morning, some people excited to see old friends and some a bit nervous about meeting new people. We settled quickly and made community through snacking and playing together, although it was only for a short time.

We have really enjoyed learning to express our feelings through art, drawing how we feel when we upset someone or someone upsets us. We then learnt how to respond when we're frustrated or angry by reading Peaceful Inside *by John Lampen*

Minute 69: All-age worship and conclusion

We have ended our time together in worship as an all-age community.

Our Yearly Meeting's last visit to Manchester was in 1926. We are glad to have spent time here, grateful for the hospitality of Manchester Friends, the staff of our venue, and for the work of our staff and Agenda Planning Committee for making the arrangements for our visit.

Having concluded the business laid before us in the agenda for this session of Yearly Meeting, we adjourn, hoping to meet again in Friends House and online, on Saturday 21 November 2026, should nothing occur to prevent.

Fred Langridge

Clerk

At a Yearly Meeting session held at Friends House, London, and online,

Saturday 21 November 2026

Saturday 21 November, 09.30-13.00: Yearly Meeting Session 10

Minute 70: Worship, welcome, agenda & introductions

We began our meeting together in worship, during which we heard read *Quaker faith & practice* 26.72

We accept the agenda prepared for our meeting today.

This time 701 adults have registered in advance to attend, of whom 255 have registered to attend online and 446 at Friends House. Of this total number, there are 97 attenders not in membership. We welcome 119 Friends attending Yearly Meeting for the first time.

As part of this Yearly Meeting, 11 Friends aged 1-12 are participating in the Children's Programme, exploring the theme of 'story weavers'. 6 Friends aged 13-17 are participating in the Accompaniment Programme, which will include an introduction to the new draft book of discipline and work on reparation as well as the option of joining in the all-age discernment. We look forward to gathering as an all-age community.

We welcome everybody who is attending any part of our Yearly Meeting session today.

Minute 71: The work of our yearly meeting trustees: receipt of the annual report of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

We receive with thanks the trustees' annual report including financial statements for 2025. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees have spoken about the work done on our behalf. The Yearly Meeting Treasurer has introduced the accounts, emphasising that Britain Yearly Meeting needs income in order to continue to do Quaker work. All of us, individual Friends and Quaker meetings, are urged to give the amount we believe is possible and right for us.

We have heard responses in spoken ministry.

We accept the annual report and financial statements.

Minute 72: Visitors from other Yearly Meetings

We have welcomed 8 representatives and visitors from other yearly meetings and Friends' groups around the world.

Minute 73: Report of Central Nominations Committee

Central Nominations Committee brings forward nominations, amendments and requests for release from service as specified in their paper *Nominations to Yearly Meeting, November 2026* and as appended to these minutes.

The nominations and renominations being acceptable, the Friends named are duly appointed.

The proposed extensions to terms of service being acceptable, these changes are agreed.

The releases requested being acceptable, our Friends are duly released and we give thanks for their service.

Minute 74: Proposed changes to the Quaker marriage declaration

In December 2023 the Book of Discipline Revision Committee asked Meeting for Sufferings to consider whether there should be changes to the Quaker marriage declaration. Friends and meetings engaged in discernment on this issue and in October 2024 Meeting for Sufferings asked Quaker Life Central Committee (QLCC) to take the matter forward. In December 2025 Meeting for Sufferings agreed the proposed changes in principle; the final authority to change the wording of the Quaker marriage declaration lies with Yearly Meeting.

We are not in unity about the proposed change to the wording that may be used towards the start of the declaration, to ‘In the presence of God and this assembly’, or ‘Ym mhresenoldeb Duw a'r gynulleidfa hon’. The existing options will therefore remain at the beginning of the declarations, including the option to omit the initial phrase and begin with ‘Friends, I take this my friend’.

We agree to the proposal that the marriage promises may be given in English as 'upheld by the Light of Love', as an optional alternative to 'through divine assistance' or 'with God's help'. In Welsh the phrase agreed for the additional option is ‘wedi fy nghynnal gan y Goleuni’.

These changes now having been agreed, they form part of our discipline and should be used for marriages from now on. Anyone with queries about forthcoming marriages should contact the Recording Clerk's office for advice.

We ask Church Government Advisory Group and Crynwyr Cymru – Quakers in Wales to bring forward new text for *Quaker faith & practice* 16.52 and 16.53. We ask that the proposed new text be published as soon as possible so that Friends have time to consider it, with a view to it being agreed on draft minute at a future Yearly Meeting session.

Minute 75: Report of the Book of Discipline Revision Committee

We receive a written report from the Book of Discipline Revision Committee and its clerking team has spoken to the report.

We give thanks for the prayerful work of this committee over the last eight years, and for the new draft book that they have prepared. We will uphold them as their work continues. The draft book will become available to everyone today, and we look forward to reading it.

Our Quaker Way: The spiritual discipline of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain is a draft book, not the finished article, and the title is provisional. All of us will have the chance to shape the final text. Friends and meetings are encouraged to explore the text, and the non-text materials which are available online. We are encouraged to make use of the resources available to help us read, reflect and respond. We are encouraged to engage prayerfully, joyfully, creatively and boldly with the process.

We expect to consider the book together during our Yearly Meeting sessions in 2027 and beyond.

Minute 76: Epistle

Part of the epistle of Switzerland Yearly Meeting 2026 has been read.

Minute 77: Update from Agenda Planning Committee

The clerk of Agenda Planning Committee has updated us on the work of the committee, including plans for our next Yearly Meeting session on 20 February 2027.

Saturday 21 November, 14.00–16.30: Yearly Meeting Session 11

Minute 78: Reparation Working Group

We have heard from Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees' Reparation Working[1]Group, who have shared the work of researchers, historians and theologians showing that Quakers and Quaker-owned businesses were directly involved with, and profited from, the enslavement and trafficking of Africans, and that Quakers have continued to benefit from this.

We acknowledge this history that has been brought into the light, and we commit to the next phase of work on our response.

We are grateful to the Reparation Working Group for their work so far and their commitment to future work on our behalf. We recognise that we all have our part to play in understanding this aspect of Quaker history and discerning our response.

[1] The working group's name has been changed from Reparations (plural) to Reparation (singular) as a result of their discernment.

We ask local and area meetings to continue these conversations about our history and about the action needed now. Resources to help with this are available at https://www.quaker.org.uk/action/reparations and in the attached document ‘Reparation Working Group: Tree of hope and tapestry’. Friends throughout Britain Yearly Meeting need to be engaged in order to make an apology meaningful.

We expect to return to this matter at our Yearly Meeting sessions in 2027.

Reparation is not about changing the past but about repairing broken systems and harmful behaviour that continue to do damage today.

We are urged to look more deeply into the ideology of Quaker colonialism and white supremacy that affected enslaved people and enslavers, and continues to affect descendants of both of these groups. The history of Quaker involvement in abolitionism is not a true or complete history; it erases the history of black people and enslaved people who struggled for their own freedom. This history is bound up with a mindset of extractivism, treating people as objects and accumulating wealth in the hands of the few.

Until we face up to our own culpability we cannot hold others to account.

We have an opportunity to open ourselves to the truth that can make us free. We each have a light and we can make a commitment to take this journey together, to show the world we have been wrong, but that our testimonies can make a difference to the world.

Our discernment today follows on from the conference *Truth and Repair: Our Quaker Journey Towards Justice* held on 23 October 2026. The conference was organised by the Reparation Working Group and about 200 Friends registered to attend, online and at Friends House. We receive the document “Our hopes for the reparation journey”, prepared by the group and giving possible ways forward for our collective work on reparation. We also receive the report, prepared by Woodbrooke, on the history and theology of Quaker involvement in enslavement, abolition and reparation.

We are grateful for the work of the historians, researchers and theologians who have explored this subject on our behalf.

We know that there is a great deal more for us all to learn and work to do.

Minute 79: Minutes received from area meetings

(a) Banbury & Evesham Area Meeting

We receive minute 2026:56 from Banbury & Evesham Area Meeting and minute 2026:097 from Central England Area Meeting. Banbury & Evesham AM intends to lay itself down, with its remaining local meetings being transferred to Central England. Central England AM agrees to this suggestion.

We agree to the course of action outlined in these minutes.

(b) Joint London Area Meeting

We receive minute 2026/57 from the Joint London Area Meeting, a meeting that brings together Friends from the seven existing area meetings in London. Kingston and Wandsworth, London West, North East Thames, North London, North West London, South East London and South London intend to lay themselves down and to create a single area meeting known as Quakers in London.

We agree to this plan.

Minute 80: Minor amendments to *Quaker faith & practice*

Church Government Advisory Group proposes minor amendments to *Quaker faith & practice* sections 4.10, 4.17, 5.04. 5.05, 8.08, 8.09, 8.10, 13.44 and 14.43. These amendments relate to changes concerning Crynwyr Cymru – Quakers in Wales, Quaker Life Representative Council and the Annual Conference of Treasurers.

We accept the proposed amendments, with the following additional changes:

-The word "*Llywodraeth*" should be removed from 5.05 (iii)

-The correct cross reference in section 5.04 (v) and 5.05 (v) is to 6.08.

The online version of Quaker faith & practice will be updated as soon as possible. We thank Church Government Advisory Group for its work.

Minute 81: Court and prison register

Matt Clement, an attender of Leicester local meeting, was arrested at a peaceful protest outside the factory in Meridian Business Park which manufactures military drones for the Israeli weapons company, Elbit.

Jim Newmark of Leicester Area Meeting, was arrested at a protest organised by Defend our Juries about the banning of Palestine Action.

Both Friends have been charged but neither Friend has yet had their trial.

Ginnie Shaw of York Area Meeting was arrested whilst protesting as part of a 'Defend our Juries' march and sit-in. Her plea hearing was expected in autumn 2026 but has been delayed.

We agree to include this information in our court and prison register and we hold these Friends in the Light.

Minute 82: Testimonies

The following testimonies to the grace of God as shown in the lives of deceased Friends have been received (pages 2-17 of the published edition of *Testimonies)*:

Peter Armstrong
Jean Asher

Ronald (Ron) Barden
John Lynes
Susan (Sue) Monaghan
John Guthrie Smithson

Minute 83: Receipt of minutes from the Children's Programme

We have received and heard read a minute from the Children's Programme of this Yearly Meeting (Friends aged 1-11) as follows:

Story Weavers

We came together this morning as a new group to play, worship, hear stories and share stories.

Our favourite things about today were:

- Playdough – we made a restaurant.
- The people
- Reading to the babies
- Watching everyone make friends
- Seeing different age groups playing with each other.

We have made a big book of us and look forward to hearing how our stories carry on, next time we meet.

We have also received a minute from the Accompaniment Programme (13-17 year-olds) as follows:

Accompaniment Programme

Five young people, two adult volunteers and one staff member met today in Friends House to discuss Quaker values and beliefs. Some of us chose to join clerked sessions during the day, whilst others preferred to discuss in a smaller group. These decisions were supported throughout. We were also visited by a reporter from *Le Monde*.

We explored the draft of *Our Quaker Way*, which was kindly gifted to us and recognised the effort that was put into it. We considered how children and young people were described - sometimes feeling like an add on or second thought. This led us to recognise the value of our time together and the role of adults who supported us - locally, regionally and nationally and the resources this requires. Reflecting on the revised advices and queries, we started the process of creating a version that spoke to us more. We edited the language of the newer copy to try and make the advices seem less like demands and more like collective suggestions.

Earlier in the day, we took a visit to Friends House Library and explored the books and extensive cataloguing system. We were also lucky enough to see the Sichuan tapestry and look forward to seeing it reinstated. We thank the library staff for opening it for us and for their welcoming presence.

We appreciated a space today to be with others our age and have fun.

Minute 84: All-age worship and conclusion

We have ended our time together in worship as an all-age community.

We are learning together how our new ways of gathering as a Yearly Meeting can work, and we will continue this experiment in 2027.

Change is needed. We need to be silent together and to talk together. We need to be opened by the spirit to see what we need to do as individuals and a whole community.

Having concluded the business laid before us in the agenda for this session of Yearly Meeting, we separate, hoping to meet again in Friends House and online, for the first session of Yearly Meeting 2027 on Saturday 20 February 2027, should nothing occur to prevent.

Fred Langridge

Clerk

Schedule of Nominations: May 2026

* indicates re-appointments

Table 1. Yearly Meeting clerks

Appointed

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Clerk	Fred Langridge	Sheffield & Balby AM	From the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026 until 31 December 2028
First Assistant Clerk	Mary Aiston	Kingston & Wandsworth AM	
Second Assistant Clerk	Jane Harries	South Wales AM	From the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026 until 31 December 2026

Table 2. Report from Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Appointed

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Clerk to Trustees	Marisa Johnson*	Cambridgeshire AM	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028

Table 3. Report from Central Nominations Committee

a) Appointments for this Yearly Meeting:

Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Mary Savage	Cumberland AM	For the duration of the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026
Sue Tyldesley	Lancashire Central & North AM	

Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Miranda Bird* (convener)	Cornwall AM	For the duration of the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026
Gilly Charters	York AM	
Peter Fishpool	Gloucestershire AM	
Chris Lord	Dorset & South Wiltshire AM	
Kate McNally*	London West AM	
Lucy Parker	Norfolk & Waveney AM	

Yearly Meeting Pastoral Support Group

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Ruth Thompson	Northumbria AM	From May 2026 until 31 December 2028

b) Appointments and other changes to committees and groups for work outside Yearly Meeting in session:

Clerks of Central Nominations Committee

We note that Central Nominations Committee has made the following nominations for Co-clerks (for appointment at their next meeting):

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Co-clerk	Gill Greenfield*	Mid-Somerset AM	From their appointment by CNC to 31 December 2026
Co-clerk	Eleanor Brooks*	Mid-Thames AM	From their appointment by CNC to 31 December 2027

Agenda Planning Committee of Yearly Meeting

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Aled Vernon-Rees	Leeds AM	1 May 2026 to 31 December 2028
Elizabeth Allen*	South East Scotland AM	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028
Linda Craig	London West AM	

Released from service between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting
David Simpson	Teesdale & Cleveland AM

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Chris Jardine*	South East Scotland AM	From 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
Teresa Murray*	South Wales AM	From the May session of YM 2026 until 31 December 2028
Alexandra Boliver-Brown	East Kent AM	From 1 January 2027 until 31 December 2029
Lucy Cox Dodgson	North London AM	
Ursula Fuller*	East Kent AM	
Jo Hills*	West Weald AM	
Kit King*	Mid Essex AM	
Elizabeth Redfern*	Leicester AM	

Britain Yearly Meeting Representatives to International Yearly Meetings

Released from service between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting	Role
Deborah Hansen	Leicester AM	Representative to Norway Yearly Meeting

Appointed between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting	Role	Appointed to serve:
Chris Whichelo	Mid-Thames AM	Representative to Central European Yearly Meeting	For 2026
Theo Whitlock	Young Friends in Britain	Representative to Norway Yearly Meeting	

Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Robert Card	Manchester & Warrington AM	From the May session of YM 2026 until 31 December 2028

Quaker Housing Trust

Appointed between meetings by the Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting	Appointed to serve:
William Bewley	Cumberland AM	From the 2026 April annual meeting of Quaker Housing Trust until the 2028 April annual meeting of Quaker Housing Trust.
Sarah Mudd	Mid-Essex AM	
David Somervell	Quakers in Scotland	

c) Yearly Meeting Elders:

These appointments have already been made by Meeting for Sufferings. They are included here for reference:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Simon Nash	Hampshire & Islands AM	From 1 January 2026 until 31 December 2028
Gerry Winnall	Devon AM	
Katie Evans	Devon AM	
Jessica Bishop	Cambridgeshire AM	
Marion Littler	Quakers in Scotland	
Cathy Holman	Quakers in Scotland	

The following Friends have had their service extended by Meeting for Sufferings:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Lee Taylor	Luton & Leighton AM	Appointed to serve an extension between 1 January 2026 and 31 December 2026
Gill Grimshaw	Banbury & Evesham AM	
Paul Hodgkin	Ipswich & Diss AM	
Cathy Khurana	Central England AM	
Dic Williams	North Wales AM	
John Miles	Gloucestershire AM	

Released from service between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting
David Simpson	Teesdale & Cleveland AM

Table 4. Nominations required

a) Nominations to be brought by Central Nominations Committee to Yearly Meeting in 2027

Committee	Nominations required	For service
Agenda Planning Committee of Yearly Meeting	3	01 January 2028 to 31 December 2029
Yearly Meeting Elders	8	Elders serve for 3 year terms, four elders are needed to start in 2027 and four in 2028
Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee	5-7 (one as convener)	To be discerned by Agenda Planning Committee
Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group	1	01 January 2028 to 31 December 2030
Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees	5	01 January 2028 to 31 December 2030

Table 5. Report of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Central Nominations Committee

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	For service
Miranda Bird	Cornwall AM	From the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026 to 31 December 2029
Eliza Howarth	London West AM	
Simon Nash	Hampshire & Islands AM	
Sue Proudlove	South East Scotland AM	
Robert Rayner	Cambridgeshire AM	

Eleanor Brooks*	Mid-Thames AM	From the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026 to 31 December 2029
Yvonne Dickson*	Wirral & Chester AM	
Sylvia Thompson*	Quakers in Scotland	

To rectify a mistake in the length of their first term of service by extending for one year the service of:

Name	Meeting	For service
Cath Dyer	South East Scotland AM	From YM 2027 to 31 December 2028
Till Geiger	East Cheshire AM	
Deborah Rowlands	South Wales AM	
Elize Sakamoto	North West London AM	

Released from service:

Name	Meeting
Anna Mitchell	South East Scotland AM

Convener of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Appointed to serve on Yearly Meeting Nominating Group as convenor:

Name	Meeting	For service
Liam Lawson - McNamara	London West AM	From the May session of YM 2026 to 31December 2027

Table 6. Meeting for Sufferings membership as at March 2026

For information we record here the membership of Meeting for Sufferings, as at its meeting in March 2026, excluding those who serve ex officio, as advised to the Recording Clerk's Office and appointed by Meeting for Sufferings:

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Banbury & Evesham AM	Chris Tombs	Julie Tucker
Bournemouth Coastal AM	Jenny Tipping	Kate Mellor
Brighouse West Yorkshire AM	Anne Goggin	
Bristol AM	Kerren Davey	Ray Bray
Cambridgeshire AM	Dorothy Ball	Hazel Shellens
Central England AM	Margot Williams	Nicholas Paton-Philip
Central Nominations Committee	Gill Greenfield	
Central Yorkshire AM	David Bunney	David Cook
Chilterns AM	Sheila Stevenson	Douglas Butterfield
Cornwall AM	Andrew Bird	
Craven & Keighley AM	Chris Hart	Lois Lodge
Crynwyr Cymru / Quakers in Wales	Deborah Rowlands	Angela Arnold
Cumberland AM	Mary Savage	Glenn Tomkinson
Devon AM	Judy Thurgood	Mark Waistell
Dorset & South Wiltshire AM	Rachel Celia	
East Cheshire AM	Keith Braithwaite	Sally Mendham
East Kent AM	Gerald Bane	George Conyne
Quakers in Scotland	Robert Thompson	Norman Alm
Quakers in Scotland	Elaine Millar	Ann Kerr
Gloucestershire AM	Sarah Eilbeck	
Hampshire & Islands AM	Rosemary Kirk	Cathy Eglington

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Hardshaw & Mann AM	Diana Jeater	Richard Melling
Hertford & Hitchin AM	Ian Chandler	
Ipswich & Diss AM	Sally Sparrow	Steve Whiting
Kendal & Sedbergh AM	Maggie Mason	
Kingston & Wandsworth AM	Kim Boyd	Linda Murgatroyd
Lancashire Central & North AM	Jane Vicary	Jennifer Maclennan
Leeds AM	Veronica O'Mara	Richard Hawkins
Leicester AM	Margaret Theaker	Debbie Hansen
Lincolnshire AM	Chris Rose	Julia Richardson
London West AM	Charles Phillips	Clare Scott Booth
Luton & Leighton AM	Anne Seilly	Helen Osborn
Manchester & Warrington AM	Kate Hughes	Jenny Amery
Mid-Essex AM	Anne Olding	Frankie Carpenter
Mid-Wales AM	Carol Satterthwaite	Tasha Alden
Mid-Somerset AM	Christopher Greenfield	Jane Wilson
Mid-Thames AM	John Griffin	
Norfolk & Waveney AM	Lucy Faulkner Gawlinksi	Liz Hoffbauer
North East Thames AM	Liz Ingham	Jo Law
North London AM	Ann Boater	
Quakers in Scotland	Lex Ryder	Mary Dower
North Somerset AM	Shella Parry	Carinne Allinson
North Wales AM	Mike Turton	Terry Eckley
North West London AM	Tony D'Souza	Natalie Stacey
Northamptonshire AM	Magnus Ramage	Matt Keen
Northumbria AM	David Jenkins	Michelle Caulkett

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire AM	Nicola Hoskin-Stone	
Oxford & Swindon AM	Jennifer Barraclough	
Pendle Hill AM	Damian Entwistle	Ben Pink Dandelion
Pickering & Hull AM	Paul Wicks	Chris Fellowes
Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations	Hilary Stringer	Elaine Green
Quaker Peace and Social Witness Central Committee	Sue Curd	
Quaker Life Central Committee	Zélie Gross	
Quaker World Relations Committee	Ruth Homer	
Sheffield & Balby AM	Emma Norminton	
South East London AM	Judith Niechcial	Ian Tilley
South East Scotland AM	Jane Kelly	Katrina McCrea
South London AM	Janet Veitch	Eva Kalmus
South Wales AM	Teresa Murray	Julia Richardson
Southern East Anglia AM	Robert Parkes	Sara Merrit
Southern Marches AM	Ann Davison	Jan Arriens
Staffordshire AM	Janet Baker	Debby Flack
Surrey & Hampshire Border AM	Carina Hamilton	Rosemary Loving
Sussex East AM	Peter Aviss	Mary Elliott
Sussex West AM	Christine Habgood-Coote	
Swarthmoor (South West Cumbria) AM	Bill Shaw	
Teesdale & Cleveland AM	David Simpson	Helen Whittington

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Thaxted AM		
Wensleydale & Swaledale AM	Ian Hunter Smart	Samuel Cooper
West Kent AM	Jill Clarke	John Spencer
Quakers in Scotland	Elaine Millar	Ann Kerr
West Somerset AM	Ali Dominy	Margaret Stocks
West Weald AM	John Manfield	Jacinta White
West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM	James Copestake	Rachel Berger
Wirral & Chester AM	Jane Laxton	
Worcestershire & Shropshire AM	Penny Osborne-Gajewski	Colin Billlett
York AM	John Bourton	
Young Friends in Britain	Chloe Scaling	Will Reed

Schedule of changes to *Quaker faith & practice* agreed by Meeting for Sufferings

Since Yearly Meeting in May 2025, Meeting for Sufferings has agreed changes to the following sections of Quaker faith & practice.

3.09, 3.28
4.09, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18, 4.19, 4.20, 4.25, 4.40
5.02, 5.03, 5.07, 5.08
7.01, 7.02, 7.03. 7.04, 7.05, 7.06, 7.07, 7.08, 7.09, 7.10
8.02, 8.04, 8.05, 8.06, 8.07, 8.08, 8.10, 8.12, 8.13, 8.15, 8.17, 8.18, 8.20, 8.21, 8.22, 8.23, 8.24, 8.26
9.07, 9.09, 9.12, 9.13
13.13, 13.15, 13.19, 13.28, 13.54
14.36
15.14

Appointments, changes to terms of service & releases from service: July 2026

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Release from service on 31 December 2026:

Liz Redfern, Leicester AM

BYM representative to Central European Yearly Meeting

Release from service with immediate effect:

Chris Whichelo, Mid-Thames AM

Church Government Advisory Group

Release from service with immediate effect:

Pennie Quinton, London West AM

Central Nominations Committee

Release from service with immediate effect:

Cath Dyer, South East Scotland AM

Friends Trusts Ltd

Release from service with immediate effect:

Alison Clarke, York AM

Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations

Appointed with immediate effect until 31 December 2028:

Damian Entwistle, Pendle Hill AM

Release from service with immediate effect:

Joyce Robertson, North Wales AM / CCR Gogledd Cymru

Quaker United Nations Committee

To correct a mistake in the record from an end date of 31 December 2026 to a new end date of 31 December 2027:

Helen Drewery, South London AM

Yearly Meeting Elders

Release from service with immediate effect:

John Miles, Gloucestershire AM

Renomination for service with immediate effect and to 31 December 2026

Eleanor Beswick

Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group

Release from service with immediate effect:

Ruth Thompson, Northumbria AM

Appointments, changes to terms of service & releases from service: November 2026

Yearly Meeting Elders

Service extended from 01 January 2027 to 31 December 2027:

Eleanor Beswick, Oxford & Swindon AM

Lee Taylor, Luton & Leighton AM

Catherine Khurana, Central England AM

Reappointed to serve from 01 January 2027 to 31 December 2029:

Gill Grimshaw, Banbury & Evesham AM

Appointed to serve from 01 January 2027 until 31 December 2029:

Martin Barker, Quakers in Scotland

Thomas Penny, South East London AM

Church Government Advisory Group

Appointed to serve from 01 January 2027 until 31 December 2029:

Gerald Hewitson, North Wales AM/CCR Gogledd Cymru

Friends Trusts Ltd

Reappointed to serve until 31 December 2027:

Mark Tod, Mid-Thames AM

Reappointed to serve until 31 December 2029:

John Capper, Thaxted AM

Malcolm Sterratt, Pendle Hill AM

Appointed to serve from 01 January 2027 until 31 December 2029:

Liz Megson, Cambridgeshire AM

Hilary Tucker, Manchester & Warrington AM

Quaker Life Central Committee

Reappointed to serve until 31 December 2029:

Graham Dragon, Hampshire & Islands AM

Appointed to serve from 01 January 2027 until 31 December 2029:

Emma Robinson, Southern Marches AM

Michael Goodwin, Norfolk & Waveney AM

Margaret Lee, South Wales AM/CCR De Cymru

Quaker Peace and Social Witness Central Committee

Reappointed to serve until 31 December 2029:

Matthew Guest, Northumbria AM

Hannah Larn, Hardshaw & Mann AM

Margot Lunnon, Teesdale & Cleveland AM

Lesley Grahame, Norfolk & Waveney AM

Friends in residence at Pendle Hill (Pennsylvania)

Appointed to serve in 2027:

Rosemary Field, Cornwall AM

Gillian Metheringham, Gloucestershire AM

Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations

Appointed to serve from 01 January 2027 until 31 December 2029:

John Shinebourne, North West London AM

Released from service with immediate effect:

Joyce Robertson, North Wales AM/CCR Gogledd Cymru

Review group for Yearly Meeting eldership and pastoral care

Appointed to serve until the work is complete:

Clare Scott Booth, London West AM

Jane Harries, South Wales AM/CCR De Cymru (as convenor)

David Somervell, South East Scotland AM

Ruth McCarthy, York AM

Epistle Drafting Committee

Reappointed to serve until 31 December 2027:

Chris Lord, Dorset & South Wiltshire AM

Lucy Parker, Norfolk & Waveney AM (as co-convenor)

Gillian Charters, York AM (as co-convenor)

Appointed to serve in 2027:

Mark Russ, Central England AM

Suzie Green, Bournemouth Coastal AM

Mary Elliott, Lincolnshire AM

Kirstie Macqueen, North-East Thames AM

Felicity Breet, Northumbria AM

Deborah Hansen, Leicester AM

Marie Giraud, Oxford & Swindon AM

Quaker World Relations Committee

Appointed to serve from 01 January 2027 until 31 December 2029:

Till Geiger, East Cheshire AM