

Dear Friends/ treasurer

I am writing to you to ask if our meeting would consider making a contribution towards Young Friends General Meeting.

As you are probably aware, in addition to attending meetings for worship at [insert name of meeting], I am also a regular participant at gatherings of Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM). I greatly appreciate the time that I spend at YFGM weekend gatherings. They allow me to meet other young adult Quakers and offer me new routes to explore my faith and live out the Quaker testimonies.

I know that many other young friends also enjoy such benefits as a result of participation in YFGM. It gives us the opportunity to try out various roles such as elderring or overseeing and strengthens our understanding of Quakerism and our own spiritual journeys through workshops, lectures, discussions and worship. YFGM also sends representatives to other Quaker recognised bodies and to several BYM committees meaning that it plays a crucial role in ensuring that young Friends can actively contribute towards shaping the future of the Religious Society of Friends.

YFGM members make contributions towards each gathering they attend. However, external donations are and always will be vital to the work of the organisation. Without them, it would be impossible for us to provide as much as we do for our members. Donations allow us to cover costs such as food for our YFGM gatherings, accessibility funds for those requiring extra provision at the weekends, and travel bursaries for people who would not be able to attend YFGM without financial help. With our commitment to equality, it is vitally important to us that we have a budget for these expenses as we do not wish to become a community serving only those who can afford the cost of attendance.

It is with this in mind that I write to you now. It would be greatly appreciated if, our meeting could consider supporting the work carried out by YFGM in introducing young adults to Quakerism, supporting them personally and spiritually, and establishing them as active participants in the wider community of Quakers in Britain. A regular donation made to YFGM from this meeting would be very gratefully received. However, if we are unable to do this, even a one-off collection would really help the organisation to conduct its important work. I sincerely hope it is within our meeting's means to offer some support, however small.

If you have any questions about YFGM or this request, I would be more than happy to answer them.

In friendship,

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