



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

At the Yearly Meeting held at Friends House, London; Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire and online,

23–26 May 2025

Friday 23 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 for Yearly Meeting 2025, serving until the first session of Yearly Meeting in May 2026:

Clerk:	Adwoa Burnley	East Scotland AM
First Assistant Clerk:	Fred Langridge	Sheffield & Balby AM
Second Assistant Clerk:	Mary Aiston	Kingston & Wandsworth AM

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

Minute 2: Worship

We have met in worship and we have heard read *Quaker faith & practice* 10.04.

Minute 3: Welcome to all

We welcome everyone who is attending any part of Yearly Meeting this year. This year 1963 adults have registered in advance to attend, of whom 680 have booked to attend online and 1283 at Friends House. Of this total number, there are 422 attenders not in membership. We welcome 418 Friends attending Yearly Meeting for the first time.

Minute 4: All-age Yearly Meeting

The clerk has outlined what it means to be an all-age Yearly Meeting, including the age-related programmes happening this year.

As well as the Friends gathered in this room and online, we expect 129 children and young people to attend this Yearly Meeting. These comprise:

51 children aged 0–11 in three groups participating in the Children's Programmes based in Friends House, exploring the theme 'Peaceful inside and out'.

35 young people aged 11–15 participating in the Young People @ Yearly Meeting Programme held at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, exploring the theme 'Peace Inside + Out'.

43 young people aged 15–18 participating in Junior Yearly Meeting held at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, exploring the theme 'How do we as Quakers create the peace that is needed in ourselves and our communities?'

There are 25 adult volunteers working across these programmes. The themes of the Youth and Children's programmes reflect the topics of the Yearly Meeting and we expect all to come together as an all-age community at the All-together worship on Sunday morning and in the final session of Yearly Meeting on Monday afternoon.

We look forward to hearing from these Friends during this weekend.

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:

Trevor Bending, East Cheshire AM
Leneh Buckle, East Cheshire AM
Mervyn Dobbin, Luton & Leighton AM
Sarah Fishpool, Gloucestershire AM
Virginia Morck, London West AM
Emma Robinson, Southern Marches AM / CCR y Gororau Deheuol
Gemma Scott, Pendle Hill AM
Sylvia Thomson, North Scotland 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 this Yearly Meeting.

We give thanks for all the work undertaken by staff and Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee on our behalf.

Minute 7: Eldership and pastoral support at Yearly Meeting

We have heard from Patsy Wilson (Northumbria Area Meeting) and Deborah Mitchell (Cornwall Area Meeting), the co-conveners of the Yearly Meeting Pastoral Support Group, and from Ruth McCarthy (York Area Meeting) and Lee Taylor (Luton & Leighton Area Meeting), the co-conveners of Yearly Meeting Elders, about arrangements for pastoral support and eldership over the period of Yearly Meeting.

Minute 8: Report of Central Nominations Committee

We receive the report from Central Nominations Committee on their work in 2024. The report is at Appendix B in *Agenda & notes* and in the *Schedule of nominations* and has been introduced by the co-clerk of Central Nominations Committee.

Further to minute 10 of Yearly Meeting 2024, Central Nominations Committee brings forward nominations as specified in table 3a and b of the *Schedule of nominations*, as appended to these minutes.

We will consider nominations to the Agenda Planning Committee for the continuing Yearly Meeting later in our Yearly Meeting.

The other nominations being acceptable, the Friends named are appointed accordingly.

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

Minute 9: Nomination from Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees bring forward the name in table 2 in the *Schedule of nominations*. This nomination being acceptable, our Friend is appointed accordingly.

Minute 10: Report of Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

The Nominating Group appointed at Yearly Meeting 2024 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 Yearly Meeting in May 2026 as specified in table 4a of the *Schedule of nominations*, as amended in this meeting and appended to these minutes.

Minute 12: Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees: nomination required

We ask Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees to bring a nomination to Yearly Meeting in May 2026 as specified in table 4b of the *Schedule of nominations* appended to these minutes.

Minute 13: Nominations to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group (2025-2026)

Friends are asked to consider nominations for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group 2025-2026.

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

Minute 14: Book of Discipline revision update

We have heard a brief reflection from the Book of Discipline Revision Committee about their work, and ideas for how Friends and meetings might prepare themselves to receive and engage with the first draft of our new book of discipline, expected in 2027.

Minute 15: Receipt of letters of greeting

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

Minute 16: Introduction to International Peace Work

We have heard about Friends' experiences of service in the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI).

We hope that this will inform our discernment for the rest of our Yearly Meeting.

Saturday 24 May, 09.30–12.30: Yearly Meeting Session 2

Minute 17: How do we welcome, accept, and nurture the radical peacemaker in ourselves and others?

We have watched a film showing us a tapestry of examples of Friends who have stepped outside their comfort zone to take action for peace. We have seen Friends questioning, calming, challenging, changemaking, within Quaker and wider communities. Their witness to peace is reflected both in their vision of a more peaceful world and in the peaceful approach they take to achieving radical change.

We have been invited to consider how to welcome the 'radical peacemaker' in ourselves and others, remembering that contributions to radical peacemaking can take different forms.

We have been challenged to face what holds us back – fear, responsibilities, or the scale of the issues – and think about how we can support one another to move forward in the Spirit. We considered how, as a community, we can create spaces of compassion and

care, and support those who engage in radical peacemaking, including those who are led to action that puts them at risk of criminal sanction.

To be a Quaker calls us to be radical. If we are called to live as Jesus, we are called to find the truth in ourselves and share that in our daily lives. Our desire for peace can come from love for everybody in the world. As Friends we are called to love one another, whether we like them or not. That persistent love is how we bring about peace and how we move forward.

Both in this morning's session and in our preparation session we heard that being a radical peacemaker can be costly; it can be painful. Are we ready to risk feeling that pain? We can all support those who are led to take that risk, including by upholding them in prayer.

We have been reminded of Jesus's advice to his disciples to be not only as gentle as doves but also as wise as serpents. Doing this in love requires us to be courageous and speak uncomfortable truths and engage with injustice. It can take great courage to keep our lives under the ordering of the Spirit and to do no harm.

We have been encouraged not to simply take sides in a conflict but to see that on every side there are people in pain and fear, and people working for peace who need our support.

We must also work to get to the root of conflict, tackling poverty, inequality, distrust, and fear. We can work in our local communities to bridge gaps and build community before we get to violence, to bring in the people who are left behind, ignored and hungry.

We will continue to explore our testimony to peace and what it requires of us, individually and corporately, in later sessions of our Yearly Meeting.

Saturday 24 May, 14.30–17.30: Yearly Meeting Session 3

Minute 18: Epistle

Part of the Epistle from Australia Yearly Meeting 2024 has been read.

Minute 19: Continuing Yearly Meeting: terms of reference for the Agenda Planning Committee for Yearly Meeting

In 2024 Yearly Meeting agreed to a proposal to lay down Meeting for Sufferings and change how we meet as a Yearly Meeting. In 2026 we expect to meet three times as a whole community and from 2027 we will hold four Yearly Meeting sessions each year.

Minute 37 of Yearly Meeting 2024 asked the Recording Clerk to prepare and lay before Meeting for Sufferings in December 2024 terms of reference for a new committee to take forward the work of planning the agenda for Yearly Meeting sessions after May 2026. The minute also asked the terms of reference to propose a mechanism for the appointment of a clerking team for the new committee and for Yearly Meeting.

Terms of reference were put before Meeting for Sufferings in December and by minute MfS/24/12/11 they were approved as a working document so that planning could begin. Since then, some further minor amendments have been made. The amended terms of reference have been shared as Appendix C of *Agenda and notes* in advance of this Yearly Meeting and an online preparation session was held to allow Friends to ask questions and make any comments.

We especially note the following points from the terms of reference:

- The new committee will be known as the Agenda Planning Committee for Yearly Meeting (abbreviated to APC where appropriate) to distinguish it from our Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee, which will continue to work until the close of the May 2026 Yearly Meeting session.
- The APC will have its own clerk and assistant clerk and will not be clerked by the Yearly Meeting clerks.
- We will move to having two Yearly Meeting clerks who will focus on preparing for and clerking the business of Yearly Meeting. They will still attend APC meetings and participate in the discernment of the agenda.
- We expect that our team of four clerks will work closely together. They will have distinct responsibilities but will support one another as needed.

We now accept the terms of reference for the Agenda Planning Committee for Yearly Meeting. The clerk of this committee was appointed by Meeting for Sufferings in March 2025 and we expect to appoint an assistant clerk and 9 members later in this meeting.

Minute 20: Update on planning for continuing Yearly Meeting sessions

We are reminded of the purposes of Yearly Meeting as set out in *Quaker faith & practice* 6.05.

We have heard about some of the planning that has happened to help implement the decision to move to holding continuing Yearly Meeting sessions. We note the following:

- Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees have agreed to make improvements to the system for individuals seeking financial support to attend Yearly Meeting sessions.
- Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees have agreed to make arrangements for support to role holders serving at Yearly Meeting by funding their expenses from Yearly Meeting funds.
- Meeting for Sufferings has considered the purposes of representation at Yearly Meeting sessions, as well as the principles for how many representatives could be appointed from each Area Meeting and from Crynwyr Cymru – Quakers in Wales, General Meeting for Scotland, and Young Friends General Meeting.
- Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees have agreed that Britain Yearly Meeting will fund the expenses of Area Meeting representatives to Yearly Meeting on the basis that each Area Meeting will have one representative. Area Meetings with more than six local meetings will have one representative for each further 6 local meetings in the Area Meeting. It will also fund the expenses of three representatives from Young

Friends General Meeting and one each from Crynwyr Cymru - Quakers in Wales and General Meeting for Scotland.

- Church Government Advisory Group expects to bring draft text for the necessary constitutional amendments to *Quaker faith & practice* to Meeting for Sufferings by the end of 2025.
- Once appointed, the Agenda Planning Committee will start working on the tasks given to it by minute 37 of Yearly Meeting 2024.

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 D in *Agenda & notes* and we have heard from the Clerk. We also receive the annual Area Meeting Compliance Report which was published on the Britain Yearly Meeting website as part of the documents for this Yearly Meeting.

In December 2024, Meeting for Sufferings minuted its recommendation to Yearly Meeting that amendments should be made to our discipline to permit Friends not in formal membership to be appointed to area and local meeting roles. We ask Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee to bring this matter to a future Yearly Meeting session for consideration.

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

Sunday 25 May, 10.30–13.00: Yearly Meeting Session 4

Minute 22: All-together worship

We have worshipped together as a community: those participating in the Children's Programme, others in Friends House and, by video connection, Young People at Yearly Meeting, Junior Yearly Meeting, local meetings registered to join from their meeting houses and Friends in many other locations around Britain and the world.

Minute 23: Testimony

Part of the testimony to the grace of God as shown in the life of Paul Honigmann (pages 17-18 of *Testimonies*) has been read.

Minute 24: 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.

Trustees accepted the discerned recommendation from the Group to Review Central Structures (GRCS), that the time was not right to change the current structures of our Central Committees for Quaker Life and Quaker Peace and Social Witness. Trustees are

considering other ways of addressing the challenges that led to work on the structure of our committees being commissioned.

We have received a verbal report on the financial outturn for the year ended 31 December 2024 from our treasurer. Further to minute 20 of Yearly Meeting 2024, Meeting for Sufferings has the responsibility of receiving and accepting the 2024 audited accounts.

We encourage Friends to read the Trustees' review *Our Faith Our Work* and the Trustees' *Annual report & financial statements* when these are published. We encourage Meetings that have not already done so to invite the fundraising team and treasurer to visit them. We give thanks for the work Trustees do on our behalf.

Sunday 25 May, 15.00–18.00: Yearly Meeting Session 5

Minute 25: Messages from the children's programmes

We have heard about some of the exploration of peace that has taken place among our Friends aged 0-11. We look forward to receiving their minutes later in our Yearly Meeting.

Minute 26: How do we as Quakers address violence and conflict in our local communities and across Britain?

Prompted by violence and conflict in our own communities and across Britain including extreme political views and prejudices, we have been moved to revisit what Quakers have done – or not done – to address this.

We need to recognise the causes of conflict, which can be complex – they might include the stories that people are hearing, telling, and sharing about others or about themselves; they might include a sense of grief that things have changed; they might include fear about what lies ahead; they might include the role of divisive politics and policies; they can include people being unable to afford to feed their families, people who do not have adequate housing and who cannot heat their homes.

In seeking to answer the question “how should we live together in communities?” we need to engage with the people who are angry about a system that has failed them, and we need to be part of an alternative that provides hope.

In preparation sessions Friends shared examples of their involvement in peace work locally and across Britain. “When you start to look, hope is everywhere.” (David Gee)

We heard words from Barbara Deming (a US nonviolence advocate) about two hands of nonviolence. The first hand is firmly held up, palm facing forward to say “Stop what you are doing. I refuse to honor the role you are choosing to play. I refuse to obey you. I refuse to cooperate with your demands. I refuse to build the walls and the bombs. I refuse to pay for the guns. With this hand I will even interfere with the wrong you are doing. I want to disrupt the easy pattern of your life.”

At the same time, her second hand is outstretched, palm up in a gesture of friendship saying "I won't let go of you or cast you out of the human race. I have faith that you can make a better choice than the one you are making now, and I'll be here when you are ready. Like it or not, we are part of one another."

Violence can be clearly visible or can be in the form of discrimination and microaggressions experienced over years, some of which are unintentional. We are reminded again of how homogenous our Quaker communities can feel, and that the cultural norms of white, middle-class Britain do not equate to the leadings of God.

We have been reminded of conflicts within our Quaker communities as well as outside them. Fear is what happens in the absence of love, and there are Quakers who are afraid of other Quakers. Our testimony to truth means acknowledging the conflicts in our community; we hope that we have the wisdom to conduct these conversations peacefully.

Peace starts with me. When I am at peace in myself, I can extend that to those around me. We heard about three circles of concern: family; community; nation. We can all consider how we are contributing to peace in these circles.

The spirit is pushing us as individuals, local and area meetings to improve our toolkits, to become better at building peace. Some of the tools we need exist within our Yearly Meeting community and we can share these tools. We are reminded of peace building practice available to us from the Alternatives to Violence Project, and from Reconciliation Laboratories.

We have heard about the value of making spaces for listening to each other, where people feel safe enough to tell their stories, where their vulnerability can be held. These spaces are not for finding quick solutions. Such spaces can address our deep need for connection and enable us to mutually learn from our differences. We need to be in community with one another, and small communities built intentionally can enable us to open our vulnerabilities to each other. Intentional listening and learning is one of the foundations of peace.

Communities are built among individuals who know each other. The more we know each other, the more we love each other. It is necessary to build the small beginnings of peace even while we are eager for systemic change.

"...the great issues are built on a foundation of countless smaller ones. Every time we sow love where there was hatred we readjust the balance of the cosmos."

Adam Curle, *Swarthmore Lecture 1981*, p38

We are called to wider action too. Jesus travelled through the Bible lands and challenged the authorities at the time; he built peace by confronting injustice. Small changes are essential to building peace, but we can be ambitious and work towards fairer sharing of resources and of the power to distribute them. Societies with a healthy democracy are more peaceful.

Making peace is like making a quilt - how do these little squares fit together to make a big pattern? We must continue to look for gaps in the pattern and for the next piece to make the quilt more complete.

Minute 27: Discernment on Gaza

Our clerk has read a draft minute on the situation in Gaza. We will return to this discernment tomorrow in our As Led time.

Monday 26 May, 09.30–11.00: Yearly Meeting Session 6**Minute 28: Worship**

In our gathering worship we have heard the following reading:

“Since we are not in a position of power, the dilemmas are not ours to solve, the choices not ours to make. From time to time at the United Nations we are brought close to those who have to find the solutions and make the choices. On such occasions it may or may not be given to us to make suggestions which promote the better of two choices or solutions; it is more important that we express our conviction that decisions affecting the lives of multitudes cannot be dictated by worldly expedients but must be taken, as we would express it, ‘under concern’. We must not suppose that those in authority are unaware of this, but we must recognize that their liberty of action is often circumscribed by the nature of their office: the powerful are not necessarily free. We, who are freer than they are to follow what we believe to be the will of God, may at times be called upon to stand beside them as they seek for light on the road to peace.”

Duncan Wood, Quaker Representative at the United Nations, from a pamphlet entitled
“Quaker Work at the United Nations: Its Religious Basis”

Minute 29: Epistle

Part of the epistle of Southern Africa Yearly Meeting 2025 has been read.

Minute 30: Gaza

Our clerks have prepared the following statement on the current situation in Gaza drawing on our discernment earlier in our Yearly Meeting. We are deeply distressed by the conflict that we are praying over, and we have struggled with how to find unity. We are led to unite with this statement, as amended in our meeting.

‘Fear is what happens in the absence of love.’

Emily Provance, *Swarthmore Lecture 2025*

Radical peacemaking requires us to engage with and to acknowledge truth in all its discomfort, complexity and cruelty. Quakers historically have spoken truth to power. We need to heed the promptings of love and truth in our hearts and speak up now.

Last year, Meeting for Sufferings minuted its alignment with the International Court of Justice rulings that the term apartheid was an accurate description of the situation in occupied Palestine and that there was a plausible risk of genocide in Gaza. Meeting for Sufferings felt compelled to speak out following decades of direct Quaker witness and peace work in Palestine and Israel.

Since then, we have watched with horror as the Israeli government has deepened its collective punishment of Palestinians for the heinous, unjustified crimes of Hamas on 7 October 2023.

Over the last three months, we have witnessed the deliberate mass starvation of a people and dismantling of almost all life-sustaining systems within Gaza. We have seen the forced movement of Palestinians and a stated intention to expel them from Gaza. We have heard Israeli government ministers incite hatred against and dehumanise Palestinians. We have heard language and witnessed actions that cannot be justified and strike at the core of our common humanity.

In a world where we are seeing cases in many countries of outrageous inhumanity, dehumanisation and the cruel actions that follow from denying the worth and dignity of all, what is being done in Gaza is no less terrible for not being unique. Our long history of witness and peace work in Palestine and Israel gives us particular experience from which to speak on this issue. The fact that we are speaking about Gaza does not absolve us of our responsibility to learn about and respond to other atrocities around the world.

We understand that genocide under international law must meet certain strict criteria. It means specific acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. Genocide scholars are clear that genocide does not constitute one overwhelming, horrific act only, but is a process with many stages.

With this in mind, and guided by the testimony and judgment of Palestinians, Israelis, and genocide and legal experts we look to and work with, we are therefore led to say that we believe that genocide and mass displacement are underway in the actions of the Israeli government and its military towards the population of Gaza, recognising that a legal judgment on this is a matter for the International Courts.

We know that for many in the Jewish community, this word brings deep and real fear. Fear that the term 'genocide' fuels antisemitism, that it attacks their core Jewish identity and safety. That it reduces a complex, existential conflict to a simple story of 'good' and 'bad'. We acknowledge the historical weight of this term for Jewish people, set against centuries of anti-Jewish hatred and crimes, and the ultimate horror and genocide of the Holocaust. We acknowledge the history and present day reality of anti-Jewish hatred in the UK, a hatred that was exported worldwide by British and other European colonial powers. We acknowledge the historic and current role of the

British state in creating the context of this conflict and the tragedy we see playing out now.

Central to Quakerism is the experience that there is that of God in everyone. From this belief – that all people are unique, precious, children of God – all others follow. We therefore abhor racism, including antisemitism, in all its forms. We grieve the pain and fear that our friends in Jewish communities are experiencing at this time.

We see and uphold those in Jewish communities and in Israel working for peace and justice for Palestinian people.

And so, we cannot say clearly enough: it is this current Israeli government that we are led to say we believe is committing genocide. Jewish people are not committing genocide. The Israeli people are not committing genocide. We abhor, and will challenge, any attempt to exploit our words to incite, fuel, or commit anti-Jewish and antisemitic hatred or violence. We abhor, and will challenge, any attempt to use our words to question the existence of Israel or the Israeli people's right to live in peace and security.

It is also a tenet of Quakerism that violence can never be the answer. That the means are just as important as the ends. This is our peace testimony that has led us for more than 350 years to eschew all war and all violence at all times. We cry out for the violence in Gaza to stop – for an end to the killing of Palestinians and for the Israeli hostages to be returned home. We cry out for Palestinians and Israelis to be safe and to live thriving, joyous lives in their homelands. Everyone deserves a place to live where they don't feel scared. Our long work for peace tells us that security for some bought with the insecurity of others tears at our collective humanity and is only ever temporary. Peace can never be brought about by the systematic oppression of others.

We therefore use the word 'genocide' after deep discernment. We use this word with the aim of opening eyes, minds and hearts. We use this word in the deep hope that the actions it describes will stop.

We know that making a statement is not enough. We draw Friends' and meetings' attention to Meeting for Sufferings minutes S/11/04/4 from April 2011, which asks Friends throughout Britain Yearly Meeting to boycott settlement goods, until such time as the occupation is ended, and MfS/18/10/19 from October 2018, which asks BYM to avoid investing in companies profiting from the occupation of Palestine.

We ask Friends and meetings to reach out in love to Jewish people and communities they have connections with, and to understand and learn about atrocities across the world.

We send this minute to Quaker Peace & Social Witness, and uphold them as they communicate this statement to partners working for peace in the region.

We send this minute to Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations, and uphold them as they communicate this statement and seek to reassure our friends in the Jewish community and in other faiths of our continued support and love.

We hold in the light the people governing Israel and Palestine and pray that they are moved towards peace and compassion.

We uphold those in positions of power and pray for them as they “seek light on the road to peace.”

Monday 26 May 14.00–15.30: Yearly Meeting Session 7

Minute 31: Outdoor silent witness

Before lunch, we met in silence outdoors, forming a ring of people around Friends House to share our witness to peace.

Minute 32: Receipt of the Yearly Meeting Epistle

The Epistle Drafting Committee appointed by minute 10 has submitted a draft epistle which has been read and accepted after amendment.

Minute 33: 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 27 May 2025 until the end of Yearly Meeting May 2026:

Jacky Jarvis	Sussex East AM
Liam Lawson	London West AM/YFGM
Margot Lunnon	Teesdale and Cleveland AM
Kevin Mcnamara	London West AM/YFGM
Katrina McCrea	South East Scotland AM
Carole Rakodi	South Wales AM / CCR De Cymru
Daniel Tagg	Bristol AM

Being acceptable to the meeting, the Friends nominated are appointed to work with their convenor, Daniel Flynn, who was appointed by our minute 10.

We ask the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group to bring nominations to Yearly Meeting in May 2026 as follows: six Friends to serve on Central Nominations Committee from the end of Yearly Meeting in May 2026 to the end of the last Yearly Meeting session in 2028, and one Friend to serve as Convenor of the Nominating Group from the end of Yearly Meeting in May 2026 to the end of the last Yearly Meeting session in 2027.

Minute 34: Central Nominations Committee: Agenda Planning Committee appointments

Further to minute 37 of Yearly Meeting 2024, Central Nominations Committee brings forward nominations as specified in the last section of table 3a of the *Schedule of nominations*, as amended in the meeting and as appended to these minutes.

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

Minute 35: Receipt and acceptance of report from Quaker Housing Trust

We receive the annual report from Quaker Housing Trust on their work in 2024. The report is at Appendix E in *Agenda & notes*.

Minute 36: Receipt of Tabular Statement

We receive and accept the Tabular statement as at 31 December 2024, published as *Patterns of membership*.

Minute 37: 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 and listed in *Testimonies*.

Minute 38: Testimonies

The following testimonies to the grace of God as shown in the lives of deceased Friends have been received (pages 8-26 of the printed edition of *Testimonies*) in addition to those from which extracts have been read in our sessions.

Elizabeth Baker Davies
Patrick Bealey
Michael Bliss
Barbara Cairns
Wilf Fenten
Pamela Gould
Elisabeth Margaret [Elma] Harland
Neil Jameson
Iain Oughtred
Sara Packer
Marian Penny
Andy (Andrea) Stoller

Minute 39: Friends from other Yearly Meetings

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

Minute 40: Inter-church and interfaith visitors

We have welcomed as visitors to this Yearly Meeting:

Peter Colwell, Assistant General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

John Cooper, Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation

Alan Kennedy, National Ecumenical Officer for the Congregational Federation

Andreas Minic, Secretary for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain

Tim Norwood, National Ecumenical Officer for the Church of England

Greg Ryan, Assistant Professor of Catholic Ecclesiology and Receptive

Ecumenism at the Centre for Catholic Studies at the University of Durham

Padideh Sabeti, Director of the Office of Public Affairs of the UK Bahá'í community

Minute 41: Receipt of minutes from the Youth, Children and Families Programmes

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

During Yearly Meeting we have thought about Peace.

The Fox Cubs and Spiritual Adventurers enjoyed library visits and fun games where we learnt of Quaker Conscientious Objectors. They supported each other with secret notes. Fox Cubs learnt about Quakers campaigning for Peace and against Climate Change.

All our groups practised cooperation. The Spiritual Adventurers balanced chopsticks and the New Shoots practised sharing while in the sandpit.

Our calming activities, like mindfulness jars, helped us to be calm. Our peace banners had messages for peace in the world.

All the groups loved the park and played fun games with parachutes and balls (the football score was 10:1). All were welcome and equal and some other children joined in our games as well.

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

34 young people and 6 adults met this weekend at the Rock UK Frontier Centre to explore the theme of "Peace Inside and Out" hoping to link to those considering BYM's theme.

Our theme developed over different sessions, starting with inner peace with Ellis Brooks, where we considered how we can calm ourselves using techniques such as paired coaching and mirroring each other.

We then thought about interpersonal peace with one of our adult volunteers, Rebecca, talking about the ripples caused by kind and unkind actions, and came up with 3 ways we can affect those around us in a positive way.

On Sunday Hannah Larn helped us delve deeper into community peace by talking about the qualities of reconcilers and how we can nurture these in ourselves. We shared our thoughts around which qualities came more naturally to us and which we have to work at more.

Finally, we explored worldwide peace in 5 open discussion groups. The 4 main ideas that came out of this were:

- Everyone has different concepts of peace
- While Quakers can help with creation of peace, even with our accepting space, we can find conflict around us
- Human nature could find peace boring as we always seem to want changes
- That protective actions such as carrying knives can unintentionally lead to conflict

Over the weekend we developed as a community. At the start we thought about our hopes and fears for the event, and got to know each other through games such as human bingo and maps.

In our base groups we got to know different people and connected through games and discussions. Some of us joined JYM and wider BYM to watch the Swarthmore Lecture — which moved us.

We challenged ourselves in activities such as archery, abseiling, and kayaking. For some of us this prompted us to explore a new kind of inner peace. We showed our different abilities in silly sports and base group challenges — including creating mini plays with newspaper costumes.

Morning Worship and Epilogue gave us space to reflect and share. Our final Epilogue was a wonderful experience which was held around a fire where we were reminded that fire can be both destructive and beautiful. Participants shared moving messages of gratitude for the event; a strong theme was feelings of being supported and cared for.

We have received and heard read a minute from Junior Yearly Meeting as follows:

At a meeting of Junior Yearly Meeting 2025 held 23rd-26th May 2025 at Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough

When reflecting on our theme “*How do we as Quakers create the peace that is needed in ourselves and our communities?*”, we feel a strong sense that we should strive for acceptance rather than agreement. After listening to the Swarthmore Lecture, Friends have taken the message that we should nurture and cherish different beliefs, as the world would be very boring if we all thought the same thing. Everyone has the right to their own views and opinions, and when these are not

respected, we stray further from the peace we hope to create. We acknowledge that there is a point where being too accepting of intolerant views can lead to conflict, and that we must look inside at our core values to create peace.

We feel a strong calling to build a better, more peaceful society. After reflecting on our speakers, Hannah Larn and Mike Jackson, we have realised that, despite being young, we have the skills and capacity to create the change we want to see.

Although the road to peace may be long and complicated, we must look inside and create our own peace in ourselves in order to create peace in our communities. We will continue to strive to show love to everyone in our communities that they may not see in other places, even those we disagree with, and seek to find that of God in everyone.

Minute 42: Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting

We have received and heard read the epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting as follows:

Epistle of Junior Yearly Meeting 2025 held at Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire from 23 to 26 May 2025

To all Friends everywhere,

We send loving greetings from the Junior Yearly Meeting 2025, which was held at The Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire from the 23rd to 26th of May. During our time together, we gathered as a community of 42 young Friends, 6 adult volunteers and 4 staff to discuss the theme of:

“How do we as Quakers create the Peace that is needed in ourselves and our communities?”

The theme was at the heart of our Junior Yearly Meeting influencing our actions throughout. We found that peace begins with truly listening to one another. We created safe spaces where everyone felt valued, heard, and accepted.

We opened and closed each day in worship, grounding ourselves in silence and time to reflect. Our sense of community and acceptance allowed ministry to come from the heart and many young people felt comfortable to minister for the first time, and with a degree of openness that they had not felt before.

Our community was further enriched by sharing the site with the Young People @ Yearly Meeting (YP@YM), who joined us for several shared worship sessions that deepened our sense of connection across age groups.

We had plenty of opportunities to unwind and have fun throughout the weekend. Outward bound activities at the Frontier Centre were a real highlight, including Raft Building, Kayaking, High Ropes, Bushcraft, and Abseiling. Our Saturday night disco will be fondly remembered as a joyful opportunity to let loose and celebrate together — complete with a menu of creatively named Quaker mocktails like "Peace on the Beach" and "A Margarita Fell". Our community was greatly strengthened in free time,

allowing people's connection to form organically, through music, craft, conversation, and activities. In our joyous open-mic, Friends felt comfortable to share their eclectic talents, ranging from circus to barber shop — and everything in between.

Poignant and emotional moments were shared by our speaker, Mike Jackson who spoke on his experience in the LGSM (Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners) movement, challenging us to think about, protest and action. We were inspired by the influence of his work with peaceful protest. He showed us how simply standing in front of people and facilitating conversations has the power to break down prejudice and create space for peace and unison. His insights inspired us to see that protest can begin with something as simple as a conversation — and that it only takes two people talking to start making a difference.

Hannah Larn helped us to find our truths within ourselves and give us a deeper understanding of our own characteristics. Hannah made us think inwardly about our own strengths but also our own weaknesses. She discussed that in her experience, placing people with opposing views together, for a period of time, broke down barriers and made people see each other not as opponents, but one and the same — turning conflict into acceptance.

We were inspired by both speakers and overwhelmingly felt that despite being young “we still have skills and capacity to be the change we want to see.” Young Quakers are here and now, we are not just the future.

The bonds we have made with other young Friends are powerful. In a time of political conflict and lack of peace in wider communities, Junior Yearly Meeting is an event where there is a real sense of hope for the future. We invite all Quakers to carry this hope with them into their lives and their communities, knowing that this is a driving force for peace.

We want to end with a quote from our minute: “We will continue to strive to show love to everyone in our community that they may not see in other places, even those who we disagree with, and seek to find that of God in everyone.”

In friendship and peace,

Signed on behalf of Junior Yearly Meeting

Hayden Kemp and Esme Roberts

Minute 43: 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 in 2026.

Minute 44: General Epistle

The General Epistle approved by minute 32 has been read by our clerk:

**Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting
held at Friends House, The Frontier Centre in Northamptonshire, and online from
23 to 26 May 2025**

Dear Friends everywhere, we send you our loving greetings.

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

What is your message of peace for the world?

What brings you a sense of inner peace?

To explore these questions, around 1,000 Quakers met at Yearly Meeting this weekend as an all-age community. We are encouraged that for many this was their first time at Yearly Meeting. The contributions to our discernment from the thriving young people's programmes have lifted our hearts, as have the gurglings of the infant with us in our worship.

Recent Yearly Meetings have focused on Church Governance. We now see ways forward, as we develop structures that we trust will help our shared discernment. This year's agenda is firmly rooted in our historic peace testimony, and we have asked ourselves deep questions about what it means for us today. We have listened in hope, and have opened ourselves to new learning, trusting in the leadings of the Light.

We are reminded that the central message of the New Testament is one of love. We are called to challenge tyranny; and to love everyone, even those who do bad things.

This is an anxious time for the world, even more so now than when we met last year. We have been challenged to welcome, accept, and nurture the radical peacemaker in ourselves and in others. We have also explored how we, as Quakers, address violence and conflict in our communities.

To help our discernment, we have seen a film about the different ways in which Friends are called to bear witness to our Peace Testimony. We have also heard prepared ministry from a number of Friends, including those who have seen violence and oppression at first hand while giving service in Palestine and Israel as human rights observers. Reflecting on what we hear and read about each day has inevitably stirred deep and painful emotions.

We have spent much time praying about the situation in Gaza. Quakers have a long tradition of speaking truth to power. We have done some heart-searching and some heart-breaking, and our discomfort contributed to deeply gathered worship. We have been moved by the Spirit to speak out. We urge Friends to read the full minute, which has been written in love for all those affected.

This year's Swarthmore Lecture, A Testimony of Community, has nourished our discernment. We have spent time in worship considering how we live together in our various communities; there are many things we might do to build peace within them. The work begins by finding peace within ourselves.

The promptings of love and truth in our hearts are pushing us to step outside our privilege, comfort and security. Can we do this in a spirit of adventure and joy? How radical can we be while retaining tenderness and not doing harm? We each have a different appetite and capability for radical peacemaking; we can all contribute.

We recognise that to secure lasting peace we must address the complex causes of conflict, including poverty and hunger, injustice and distrust, fear and disempowerment. To create a fairer world, we must get better at sharing. In doing this work we remember Jesus' advice to his disciples to be "as wise as serpents, as gentle as doves" (Matthew 10:16).

As a final shared activity, many of us who were in London have taken advantage of being together to stand in silent worship around Friends House. We held signs which had messages of hope for world peace on the outside and hopes for personal peace on the inside.

This Yearly Meeting has been one of great joy at meeting each other in the spirit, deep sorrow at conflict in the world, and determination to live out our Quaker witness.

Signed in and on behalf of Yearly Meeting,

Adwoa Burnley

Clerk

Minute 45: Naming of clerks

Central Nominations Committee expects to bring the following names to serve as clerks for Yearly Meeting in 2026, to be appointed in the first session of that Yearly Meeting:

Fred Langridge, Sheffield & Balby AM

Mary Aiston, Kingston & Wandsworth AM

Jane Harries, South Wales AM

We ask these Friends to undertake the necessary work to prepare for that Yearly Meeting.

Minute 46: Closing minute

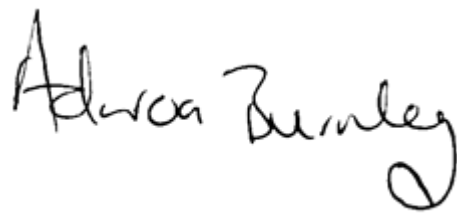
Dear Friends, thank you for walking alongside your clerking team throughout this Yearly Meeting. We have tried to serve you all faithfully. As a Yearly Meeting we all tried to follow where we were led by that still small voice.

We troubled over the realities of the level of injustice and pain etching our world. Why do we turn our heads? We are challenged to translate the feelings some of us have of inadequacy, guilt, or discomfort into peaceful and transformative contributions.

“Give over thine own willing, give over thy own running, give over thine own desiring to know or be anything and sink down to the seed which God sows in the heart, and let that grow in thee and be in thee and breathe in thee and act in thee[...]

Isaac Penington 1661, Quaker Faith and Practice 26.70

Having concluded the business laid before us in the agenda for the Yearly Meeting, we separate, hoping to meet again at Friends House, London, and online, from Friday 1 to Monday 4 May 2026, should nothing occur to prevent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Adwoa Burnley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Adwoa" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and the surname "Burnley" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The final letter of "Burnley" is a large, stylized loop.

Adwoa Burnley

Clerk

Schedule of Nominations

Table 1a. Yearly Meeting Clerks

Appointed to serve for Yearly Meeting 2025:

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Clerk	Adwoa Burnley	East Scotland AM	for Yearly Meeting 2025 until the first session of Yearly Meeting 2026
First Assistant Clerk	Fred Langridge	Sheffield & Balby AM	
Second Assistant Clerk	Mary Aiston	Kingston & Wandsworth AM	

Table 1b. Yearly Meeting Clerk Nominees for Yearly Meeting 2026

Central Nominations Committee expects to nominate the following Friends to serve as clerks for Yearly Meeting in 2026:

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Clerk	Fred Langridge	Sheffield & Balby AM	for Yearly Meeting 2026 until the first session of Yearly Meeting 2027
First Assistant Clerk	Mary Aiston	Kingston & Wandsworth AM	
Second Assistant Clerk	Jane Harries	South Wales AM	

Table 2. Report from Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees Nominations Group

Re-appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Paul Whitehouse	Bristol AM	from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028

Table 3. Report from Central Nominations Committee

a) Appointments for this Yearly Meeting:

Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee

Re-appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
David Simpson	Teesdale & Cleveland AM	from Yearly

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Aled Vernon-Rees	York AM	Meeting 2025 to Yearly Meeting May 2026
Felicity Breet	Northumbria AM	
Angela Arnold	North Wales AM	
Deborah Mitchell	Cornwall AM	

Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Linda Batten	Mid Wales AM	during Yearly Meeting 2025
Keith Braithwaite	East Cheshire AM	

Yearly Meeting Elders

To serve as co-convenors for Yearly Meeting 2025, nominate:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Lee Taylor	Luton & Leighton AM	during Yearly Meeting 2025
Ruth McCarthy	York AM	

Appointed: (*re-appointed):

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Ivan Hutnik	Surrey & Hampshire Border AM	during Yearly Meeting 2025
Alison Mitchell	Devon AM	
Robert Rayner	Cambridgeshire AM	during Yearly Meetings 2025-2027
Dic Williams*	North Wales AM	during Yearly Meeting 2025-2026
Eleanor Beswick*	Oxford & Swindon AM	
Cathy Khurana*	Central England AM	
Lee Taylor*	Luton & Leighton AM	
Gill Grimshaw*	Banbury & Evesham AM	
David Simpson*	Teesdale & Cleveland AM	
Paul Hodgkin*	Ipswich & Diss AM	

Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Jonathan Lingham	London West AM	during Yearly Meeting 2025
Juliet Prager	Leeds AM	
Graham Waterhouse	Cambridgeshire AM	
Miranda Bird	Cornwall AM	
Kate McNally	London West AM	
Eleanor Brooks	East Kent AM	
Lesley Thomson	York AM	

Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Appointed to serve:
Joyce Latimer	York AM	during Yearly Meeting 2025

Agenda Planning Committee for the continuing Yearly Meeting

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Ingrid Greenhow (Clerk)	Luton & Leighton AM	Appointed
Alison Mitchell (Assistant clerk)	Devon AM	from YM 2025 to 31 December 2027
David Simpson	Teesdale & Cleveland AM	from YM 2025 to 31 December 2026
Patsy Wilson	Northumbria AM	
Elizabeth Allen	South East Scotland AM	
Keith Braithwaite	East Cheshire AM	
Ivan Hutnik	Surrey & Hampshire Border AM	from YM 2025 to 31 December 2027
Willoughby Densham	West Scotland AM	from YM 2025 to 31 December 2028
Jean Scott-Barr	Mid Thames AM	
Laurie Michaelis	Oxford & Swindon AM	
Gavin Burnell	Leeds AM	

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

Clerks of Central Nominations Committee

Appointed: (*re-appointed):

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Co-clerk	Gill Greenfield*	Mid Somerset AM	from YM 2025 to
Co-clerk	Eleanor Brooks	East Kent AM	YM 2026

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Appointed: (*re-appointed):

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Ruth McTighe	Central Yorkshire AM	from 1 January 2026 to 31
Catherine Brown*	Hampshire & Islands AM	December 2028

Appointed between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings:

Name	Meeting	Appointed to serve:
Chris Jardine	South East Scotland AM	from March 2025 to 31 December 2026

Table 4. Nominations required

a) Nominations to be brought to Yearly Meeting 2026

Committee	Nominations required	For service
Yearly Meeting Agenda Planning Committee	3	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028
Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee	2	at YM May 2026
Yearly Meeting Elders	12	at Yearly Meetings in 2026, 2027 and 2028
Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee	5-7 (1 as convenor)	at YM May 2026
Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group	2	at Yearly Meetings in 2026, 2027 and 2028
Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees	6	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2029

b) Nominations to be brought by Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees to Yearly Meeting 2026:

Committee	Nominations required	For service
Clerk of Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees	1	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2029

Table 5. Report of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Central Nominations Committee

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	For service
Elize Sakamoto	North West London AM	from YM 2025 to YM 2027
Anna Mitchell	South East Scotland AM	
Cath Dyer	South East Scotland AM	
Deborah Rowlands	South Wales AM	

Released from service:

Name	Meeting
Gordon Benson	Pendle Hill AM

Convener of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Appointed:

Name	Meeting	For service
Daniel Flynn	London West AM	from YM 2025 to YM 2026

Table 6. Meeting for Sufferings interim membership changes since Yearly Meeting 2024

For information we record here the membership of Meeting for Sufferings, excluding those who serve ex officio, as advised to the Recording Clerks Office and appointed by Meeting for Sufferings as at its meeting in March 2025.

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 Yorkshire AM	David Bunney	David Cook

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
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
East Scotland AM	Robert Thompson	Norman Alm
General Meeting for Scotland	Elaine Millar	Ann Kerr
Gloucestershire AM	Sarah Eilbeck	
Hampshire & Islands AM	Rosemary Kirk	Cathy Eglington
Hardshaw and Mann AM	Diana Jeater	Richard Melling
Hertford & Hitchin AM	Ian Chandler	
Ipswich & Diss AM	Sally Sparrow	Steve Whiting
Kendal & Sedbergh AM		
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	
Mid-Thames AM	Jenny Gordon	
Norfolk & Waveney AM	Lucy Faulkner Gawlinks	Liz Hoffbauer
North East Thames AM	Liz Ingham	Jo Law
North London AM	Ann Boater	
North Scotland AM	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	
Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire AM	Nicola Hoskin-Stone	
Oxford & Swindon AM	Jennifer Barraclough	

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Pendle Hill AM	Damian Entwistle	Ben Pink Dandelion
Pickering & Hull AM	Paul Wicks	Chris Fellowes
Sheffield & Balby AM	Emma Norminton	
South East London AM	Ruth Owens	
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
Thaxted AM	Anne Heywood	
Wensleydale & Swaledale AM	Ian Hunter Smart	Samuel Cooper
West Kent AM	Jill Clarke	John Spencer
West Scotland AM	Elaine Millar	Ann Kerr
West Somerset AM	Ali Dominy	Margaret Stocks
West Weald AM	John Manfield	Jo Hills
West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM	James Copestake	
Wirral & Chester AM	Jane Laxton	
Worcestershire & Shropshire AM	Penny Osborne-Gajewski	Colin Billett
York AM	John Bourton	Eleanor Tew
Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM)	Chloe Scaling	Will Reed

Committee representatives

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Central Nominations Committee	David Lewis	Gill Greenfield
Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations	Penelope Cummins	Elaine Green
Quaker Peace & Social Witness Central Committee	Sue Curd	
Quaker Life Central Committee	Klaus Huber	

Quaker World Relations Committee	Ruth Homer	Anthony Froggett
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