



## IRELAND YEARLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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### To Friends in Britain Yearly Meeting

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Dear Friends

We send our loving greetings to your Yearly Meeting from Ireland Yearly Meeting. We are delighted that our Friends Rachel Kirk-Smith and Robin Ritchie will be joining you, bringing our greetings in person.

At our recent Yearly Meeting, where we were delighted to be joined by your representatives, Kate Arnot and Gordon Benson, we reflected on how we need to learn and grow in an environment that seems increasingly threatening and violent. A loss of a sense of humanity seems too often evident. The impact on the poor and most deprived is horrific, and we are particularly saddened by the tragedies unfolding in the Middle East.

In seeking what our witness must be, we reflected that we must listen carefully to each other and learn the ways towards peace. Only by deep and long listening can we find understanding and a just resolution.

We are also conscious that we need to reach out to the many young people who are looking for answers and to show them that this is not the world that we wish them to inherit. We need to be as a Society of Friends as unique today as we were 400 years ago; a group of both contemplation and action, drawing from this source both encouragement and hope.

As a learning community we are guided by these words "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" John 8:31-32.

We wish you well for a gathered and inspiring Yearly Meeting.

**In Friendship**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Will Haire', written in a cursive style.

**Will Haire**  
**Clerk of Ireland Yearly Meeting**