

# Monthly Mailing – March 2020

## for local meeting clerks or conveners



### Welcome to your March 2020 mailing.

Area meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: [gabys@quaker.org.uk](mailto:gabys@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **April 2020**, will be sent out on 31 March 2020.

We suggest that some of the items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.



action required by clerk for meeting business



printed material is included relating to this item (number of sheets to right of icon)



this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at [www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar20](http://www.quaker.org.uk/mm-mar20)

## Listings

- March 2020 editions of **Books of the Month** and **Children & Young Adults Books of the Month** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses March 2020**  
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **Charney Manor weekend event: Finding out about Quakers** flyer included for details.
- **Clerks' Calendar 2020** listing monthly mailing dates and BYM events that invite representatives from all area meetings.

## Reminder: 'Prophets and Reconcilers' conference



10–4pm, Saturday 25 April 2020, Maria Fidelis Catholic School, London

The Network of Christian Peace Organisations, of which Quaker Peace & Social Witness is an active member, is holding a major conference on Christian and spiritual peacemaking this year. Local and area meetings are encouraged to send delegations.

For information and to register: <https://prophetsandreconcilers.eventbrite.co.uk>

Daniel Jakopovich, [danielj@quaker.org.uk](mailto:danielj@quaker.org.uk)

## Call for trustees

### Become a Quaker Social Action (QSA) trustee

Are you looking for a small, influential organisation that will make the most of your time, energy and skills? With 6% of the UK population trapped in deep poverty, earning at least 50% below the poverty line, there has never been a greater need for organisations like QSA.

See: <https://quakersocialaction.org.uk/taking-social-action/news/become-qa-trustee>

# Children and young people

## 1. Junior Yearly Meeting 2020 nominations deadline

*Deadline for nominations 10 March, 2020*

JYM is an important and significant event for young people's relationship with Quakerism. The support which AMs provide is something which affirms their sense of belonging. So, please continue to consider whether there are young people who might benefit from attending JYM at Yearly Meeting Gathering. They do not need to be in regular attendance or consider themselves Quakers to be eligible.

Information at: [www.quaker.org.uk/mm-nov19](http://www.quaker.org.uk/mm-nov19)

Aleks Zawadzka, [cypadmin@quaker.org.uk](mailto:cypadmin@quaker.org.uk), 0207 663 1013



Please let young people know about this opportunity and let those conducting AM nominations know if they are interested.

# Climate justice

## 2. Taking action on COP26

This year, the UK will host the COP26 UN summit on climate change in Glasgow in November. A massive show of force is needed by the UK and global climate movements to spur our governments to meet bolder targets and to place justice at the heart of their response to climate change. Quaker Peace & Social Witness will be working alongside Quakers across the country to push for bold leadership on climate justice and to support the climate movement.

Have you got plans or ideas for climate justice for 2020? Let us know – we'd like to work with you!

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See the blog 'Learning and leading: Quaker climate action in 2020' at: [www.quaker.org.uk/meet-oonagh](http://www.quaker.org.uk/meet-oonagh)



Announce in notices / place in newsletter.

## 3. Climate justice – a Quaker view

QPSW are excited to announce that a new leaflet, 'Climate justice – a Quaker view' is now available both online and in print. The new leaflet explores what climate justice means in practice and how QPSW supports Quaker climate action. We have included a leaflet for your meeting to take a look at. If you would like more copies, please email Rebecca Woo, [rebeccaw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:rebeccaw@quaker.org.uk), 0207 663 1107



Announce in notices.

## 4. Has your meeting committed to divest from fossil fuels?

Quakers in Britain were the first church in Britain to divest our centrally held money from fossil fuels. QPSW want to know if your local or area meeting has also committed to divest from fossil fuels since January 2018. If so, please contact Rebecca Woo by 15 March 2020 to tell us the size of your divestment and whether you are happy to have your meeting's name included in a global call on others to divest!

You can read more about QPSW's work on divestment on our website: [www.quaker.org.uk/divestment](http://www.quaker.org.uk/divestment)

Rebecca Woo, [rebeccaw@quaker.org.uk](mailto:rebeccaw@quaker.org.uk), 0207 663 1107



Announce in notices and pass on to treasurer.

## Peacebuilding and human rights

### 5. Seeking human rights monitors

We are seeking human rights monitors to serve in Palestine and Israel for 3 months in 2021, with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. You would be providing protection by presence, monitoring human rights abuses, supporting Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and working for an end to the military occupation of Palestine. See [www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi](http://www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi)



Announce in notices and display poster.

### 6. Invitation to launch of book about Quaker international conciliation work.

6.30pm Thursday 12 March 2020, live stream & at Friends House Quaker Centre Bookshop.

We invite you to the launch of: 'Dining with diplomats, praying with gunmen; experiences of international conciliation for a new generation of peacemakers', a vital and fascinating record of a little-known area of Quaker work. See flyer for full details of booking and live stream.

The book costs £10 from the Quaker Bookshop for individuals and meetings. [www.quaker.org.uk/bookshop](http://www.quaker.org.uk/bookshop)

See short film at <http://bit.ly/ConciliationVideo>

or with subtitles on screen at <http://bit.ly/SubtitledConciliationVid>



Announce in notices, share flyer and consider buying a copy of the book for your meeting library.

## Grants

### 7. QPSW Relief grants and Simmons grants

QPSW Relief grant applications (up to £4,000) open in April for peacebuilding work, or for relief of people who are suffering as a result of natural disasters, climate change, war, conflict or social and economic deprivation, but not for immediate crisis relief. Simmons grants (up to £1,500) open in May for projects that work to enable rural young people overseas to live self-sufficiently.

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[www.quaker.org.uk/grantmaking](http://www.quaker.org.uk/grantmaking)



Announce in notices.

### 8. William Gunn's Charity

A letter is enclosed with information for overseers about William Gunn's Charity. This Charity exists to assist individual Members who are in personal financial need by making grants of money to them or by paying for services and / or items needed by them.

Grants Secretary: Val Brittin 01905 25472

Clerk to Trustees: Jackie Fowler 01952 253378

[williamgunnscharity@gmail.com](mailto:williamgunnscharity@gmail.com)



Please pass the letter to your overseers for their attention.

## Community building and outreach

### 9. A Quaker Life catalogue of support and resources

A catalogue offering a rich range of resources, ideas, publications and people to help build thriving, intergenerational Quaker communities. Please share with elders, overseers, Quaker chaplains and those involved in working with children and young people.



Announce in notices and share.

## 10. Patterns and examples events in 2020

*Saturday, 2 May at Lampeter University | Saturday, 30 May at Norwich Quaker Meeting House | Saturday, 27 June at Lancaster Quaker Meeting House*

Patterns and examples are role holder gatherings for all Quakers but not aimed at those Friends very new to Quakerism. Come to make friends with others wishing to learn and explore together.

Booking: [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/patterns-and-examples](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/patterns-and-examples)

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## 11. Quaker Meetings Network – websites for Quaker meetings

Does your meeting have a smart website that will attract newcomers and tells existing friends what you are doing? A group of Friends, formed at Yearly Meeting in 2017, have been looking at how we make our local meeting websites more attractive for newcomers. The new site will improve outreach by making upcoming events visible. Whilst many meetings have websites today, they can be hard to maintain, especially when the person who sets them up moves on. The group has formed the Quaker Meetings Network (QMN), which for a monthly fee will provide a simple to set up and update Quaker website with ongoing support. Since its launch 3 months ago, 18 LMs and 3 AMs have joined the network.

Find out more about QMN and the project at <https://join.quakermeeting.org>

## Quaker chaplains

### 12. Quaker Chaplaincy updates needed

Quaker chaplains can be found in a variety of settings including prisons, secure units, universities, colleges and hospitals, hospices, on the streets in the evening outside pubs, in sports clubs and workplaces. We need your help to keep our national database of Quaker chaplains up to date so that chaplains can network efficiently. Please let us know if you have any new Quaker chaplains, in settings other than prisons, in your local/area meeting, or if anyone has been replaced in the last year or so.

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[www.quaker.org.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.quaker.org.uk/chaplaincy)



Find more information in the enclosed flyer or look online.



Inform the Friend(s) responsible for your meeting's website and outreach / spread the word about QMN and where to find more info.



Announce in notices. Inform your Quaker chaplains.

*Many thanks to the Friends who help to collate this mailing.*