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To: Area Meeting Clerks and Treasurers

Dear Friends,

Financial support for Northern Friends Peace Board

We are very grateful for the financial giving from Friends and other supporters during the past year, and in particular the contributions from Area Meetings in the North who provide the larger part of our funding.

Guideline for financial contributions

This is a time of change and challenge, both in the world more widely and for Northern Friends Peace Board. It is in this context that we are suggesting a new guideline figure for financial contributions of £11 per member. We know that not all Area Meetings (or Local Meetings, where they are the main contributors) will be able to make a donation at that level. Equally, if some Meetings can give a little more, that is greatly appreciated.* We are diligent in our budgeting and expenditure but need to be realistic about the impact of inflationary price increases on our finances, and the fact that we are having to draw on reserves in order to continue delivering our work as we would wish.

* Payments can be paid into our account as follows: Sort Code 08-90-86, A/C No 50140004.

Our plans

During the coming year we will be arranging our normal NFPB meetings and the range of other activities for and with Friends and the wider peace movement. We are also

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planning a significant larger event for the wider community of Friends, to take place on 13th June in York. This will bring Friends together to explore different aspects of the peace testimony, to make connections, to learn from and to encourage one another. We are

grateful for the additional grant that we have received for this work, as well as some funding for our recent publication project, 'Responses to war'. And during 2026 we expect to be involved in the discernment by Quakers in Britain on peace testimony priorities.

Later in 2026 our Coordinator, Philip Austin, will be retiring after many years in the role. We are looking at the best approaches for appointing someone to help us take the work forward in the period after his service, balancing the needs and opportunities for Quaker peace work with a challenging financial environment.

If you would like more information about our work, please contact us via the details below, or find reports and updates on our website at:

<https://nfpb.org.uk/resources/updates-and-reports/>

In Friendship,

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