

Minutes: Disley Meeting for Worship for Business: 03.09.2

(1) During our Opening Worship we heard read Section 10.13 from QF&P.

(2) The minutes of the meeting held on 9.07.23 had been circulated

(3) Matters Arising:

(a) Area meeting at Disley Methodist Church on Saturday,

16<sup>th</sup> September: 10.30am We are hosting Area meeting. There is a list to sign up on if you can contribute food for the lunch. The Church will be open from 9am on 16<sup>th</sup> for us to set up and Anne is collecting the key on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – 3pm.

(b) Quaker Week: 28<sup>th</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> October:

i. On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September our young people will camp at the meeting house in preparation for 'Yealand' camp.

ii. On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October - World Quaker Day - the young people will join us for MfW and shared lunch. Bridget has reported on the FWCC suggestions for World Quaker Day which include showing a short video. The Report will be circulated with the Minutes and we agree to the suggestions.

iii. We will investigate the possibility of holding a Vigil for Climate Change on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Till will contact Emma to see if the young people would like to be involved.

(c) Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Visit to Edale Methodist Chapel

We will visit the Chapel, arriving for a Meeting for worship at 11am on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Then we may go for a walk, have a picnic and visit

Belinda. Bridget will check on the train times to Edale, send a list of Friends who are going on the visit and will be in touch with them.

#### (4) Treasurer

Jennifer has given us a Financial summary and information on our contribution to Britain Yearly meeting. (in the attachment) After discussion Jennifer proposed sending a donation of £4,000 to be sent to BYM immediately. We will review the situation in November and decide whether we can send more.

#### (5) Friday Evening Meeting for Worship

Elders and Pastoral Friends have had an email discussion about our online Friday evening worship sessions, which have lapsed over recent months.

We realise that many other opportunities for online worship at different times have arisen since Covid, for example at Woodbrooke.

We would like to have a rethink about a non-Sunday time for face to face worship, and we ask our Elders and PFs to consider this at their next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

#### (6) Membership Questions: Responses

We have responded to the questions on Membership from Meeting for Sufferings (in the attachment).

The responses we received indicated that we wish 'Membership' to continue but perhaps with more flexibility in the ways of acceptance into membership. Our responses have been forwarded to Meetings for Sufferings and Area Meeting.

(7) Racial Justice Group: (see attachment)

We have been thinking about what we want to do as a meeting regarding Racial Justice. So far, we have had workshops on 'Unlearning Racism' and 'White Allyship'. We are asked to contact the RJG with questions, ideas, requests and comments and bring further proposals to the next Business meeting. We thank the Racial Justice Group for their initiatives so far.

(8) Posters at the meeting house

During 'Covid' we had no posters sent. Since then, Ann Lewis has been making and putting up posters for us and will continue to do this. We may have some professional posters made for Quaker week and/or have some poster making sessions with the Childrens' group. We thank Ann for undertaking this creative task.

(9) Representatives at AM & Intervisitation:

Ben will represent us at Area Meeting at Disley Methodist Church on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Anne Sumner visited Crewe & Nantwich meeting in August.

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(10) Collections: In July we collected £150 for Glebe House

In August we collected £250 for 'Ramallah' school in Palestine

In September we are collecting for 'Stop Ecoside International'

Notices: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September: discussion after MfW on 'Discernment'