

What signs of thriving do you see?

1 in 5 Friends who gathered this year for training and consultation about service to their local meetings were new to wider events hosted through New England Quakers

40% of participants in our at-capacity midwinter retreat for young adults were newcomers

Expanded online opportunities for peer relationship; one-day events like Living Faith, Meeting Care Day, and Meeting for Listening

Increased accessibility; elder care, childcare for events, enabling stipends for Friends serving as volunteer servant leaders

Friends with little previous involvement beyond their home meeting are being nourished by sharing their gifts of service through the Yearly Meeting

Dozens of new youth, new volunteers, parents, and grandparents participating in youth ministry retreats this year

More 30- to 50-year-olds contributing leadership, service, and vision at Sessions and elsewhere

Friends Camp finances and staffing on a renewed and stable footing

Short-term service opportunities allow increased participation and sharing of gifts

50+ Friends meetings and groups engaged with the new Meeting Accompaniment Group in recent months





Dear Friend,

Are you led to encourage the life of Friends today, and to nurture the Quaker movement as it could be—10, 50, 100 years from now? Do you yearn for multigenerational spiritual communities where everyone takes part, with gifts liberated to serve, responding to the condition of our neighbors and the wider world? Are you passionate about being part of a living faith tradition offering enduring guidance, accompaniment, and nurture throughout the whole of people's lives?

If so, we're writing today to invite you to join Friends of many ages across our region in being part of the "Generations Together" financial sustainability campaign.

The signs of thriving we see fill us with hope. And sustaining the ministries of New England Quakers this year and for generations to come requires substantial financial resources. In recent years, the pandemic and related disruptions were setbacks to ensuring the support Friends' shared ministries need, this year and in the time to come. Whatever our circumstances, each of us shares in the responsibility for the whole, as we honor our connection to the living stream of Friends past, present, and future. Responding to a shared leading to this service, a group of Friends of different ages and life circumstances have come together in recent months to invite you to join us in what we're calling "Generations Together."

Please consider helping us to expand the numbers of Friends households contributing ongoing support of our shared ministries through your gift in any amount. If you already give: thank you, we are deeply grateful. As your means allow, we hope you will consider an increase in your annual gift, or setting up a monthly gift, if you're able. And: Why do you give? This is a living story that you could share, with a Friend you might encourage to contribute, or with your Friends meeting.

In the coming months, we look forward to sharing news about the progress we're making together, as we partner with the Spirit to sustain our shared service for the present and future of Friends.

Spring is here...will you join us?

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