NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS QUAKERS

January 23, 2026

Dear Monthly and Quarterly Meeting Clerks,

We are writing to warmly invite your participation in the upcoming

Visioning Day for Thriving Quarters, April 11, 2026
UU Church of Haverhill
15 Kenoza Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830

This will be an all-day programmed gathering to learn and share about the spiritual legacy and present-day experiences of our quarterly meetings.

All are welcome! Please announce this gathering at your monthly and quarterly meetings and encourage individuals and groups in your meeting to attend.

> *For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*
> Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

Those of us who have made quarterly meetings a regular part of our Quaker commitments readily testify to the ways in which these gatherings enrich us as individuals. We are inspired by regular worship with Friends from beyond our own meetings, by hearing about the witness of Friends in our region, and by sharing in corporate discernment with our neighboring meetings.

But beyond the benefits and rewards to individuals, some quarters tenderly hold the corporate understanding that there is, or should be, a relationship of mutual, committed caring between neighboring meetings, pledging to support, uplift, perhaps elder, or celebrate the communal lives of neighboring meetings. Regular participation in quarterly meetings flows back to enrich our monthly meetings, helping them to thrive and feel connected as a Body of Friends to other meetings in their region, and to the wider Quaker community of Yearly Meeting, and beyond. We hope you will be excited by the vision of a community of spiritual neighbors awaiting you in your quarterly meeting and will plan to attend the Visioning Day for Thriving Quarterly Meetings.

In faith and spiritual community,

Susan Davies

Susan Davies, NEYM Permanent Board Clerk

Phillip Veatch

Phillip Veatch, NEYM Presiding Clerk

Att: Announcement and agenda for the day

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