GENERAL MEETING FOR SCOTLAND / QUAKERS IN SCOTLAND

Hybrid Meeting to be held at the Soutar Theatre, Bell Library, York Place, Perth PH2 8EP, and by video conference, 20th September 2025 11 am – 4:00 pm With an optional Pre-meeting Thursday 18th September at 7:00 pm online



Proposed Agenda

Papers for this agenda are indicated under relevant items and can be found on the General Meeting for Scotland/Quakers in Scotland Website. More information will be in the draft minutes issued a few days before GM/QiS.

GENERAL MEETING FOR SCOTLAND

10.30 am Refreshments available at Perth Library

11.00 am Opening Worship (about 10 minutes) followed by:

- 1. Welcome to all present
- 2. Elders for this meeting
- 3. Acceptance of agenda
- 4. Reporter to The Friend and Scottish Friend
- 5. Record of new members and deaths
- 6. Receipt of testimony to the grace of God in the life of Roger Quinn (PAPER A)
- 7. Shindig report
- 8. Report on Central European Yearly Meeting (PAPER B)
- 9. Nordic Yearly Meeting letter of greeting

12.00 pm - We expect a short shuffle break at about 12.00 pm

- 10. Quaker Voices on Mental Health
- 11. Meeting for Sufferings report (PAPER C)
- 12. Parliamentary Engagement Working Group report, including an update on Climate Justice (PAPER D)
- 13. Correspondence and events

1.00 pm LUNCH BREAK

2.00 pm Afternoon Session

- 14. Transition from General Meeting for Scotland to Quakers in Scotland a summary/introduction to set the scene, with the report from QiS Foundation Trustees (PAPER E)
- 15. Update from GMS Trustees
- 16. Laying down of General Meeting for Scotland

QUAKERS IN SCOTLAND

- 1. Setting up Quakers in Scotland
 - Appointment of clerks followed by open worship
- 2. Report from QiS Trustees, including transition legalities, updates on AMs, with minuting of the receipt of the Transfer Agreement (PAPER QiS A to come)
- 3. Membership and data transfers (Listing of members transferred)
- 4. Report from Co-ordinating Group, including ways of working, etc.
- 5. Appointments carried over from GMS (PAPER QiS B)
- 6. Dates and venues for 2025, 2026, 2027
- 7. What happens next how QiS will work

3.00 pm Short shuffle break, if needed

- 8. Nominations Report
- 9. Nominations Committee appointment of clerks
- Update on witness to President Trump (Ecumenical/Interfaith Appeal)
 PAPER QiS C
- 11. Scottish Quaker Community Justice Working Group update
- 12. Future business (PEWG 3-year priorities 2026-2028; LDW priorities 2026)

3.55 pm Closing worship and signing of the Minutes

4.00 pm tea

Michael Hutchinson Clerk

PAPERS FOR THIS MEETING are on the GM/Quakers in Scotland website

at https://www.quakerscotland.org/general-meeting

They are under 'Documents' to the right hand side.

- A Testimony to the Grace of God as shown in the life of Roger Quinn
- B Report on Central European YM
- C Meeting for Sufferings report
- D Parliamentary Engagement Working Group report
- E Report for QiS Foundation Trustees
- QiS A Transfer Agreement (to come)
- QiS B List of appointments carried over from GMS to QiS
- QiS C Appeal letter witness to President Trump

We ask Elders and Pastoral Care Friends present at GM:

- To encourage Friends in the maintenance of an atmosphere that enables spiritual discernment and to prayerfully uphold the Meeting and ensure its right ordering
- To ask Friends to uphold the worship and or clerks if necessary
- To be available to clerks after the meeting for support, if necessary
- Be aware of any needs that may need to be met and alert clerks