



Yearly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers) in Britain

At a meeting of

Meeting for Sufferings

Held at High Leigh Conference Centre and by video conference over the weekend of
3-5 October 2025

MfS/25/10/09 Governance in Scotland

We receive and note the following minutes:

East Scotland Area Meeting minute 25.09.03

North Scotland Area Meeting minute 32/25

West Scotland Area Meeting minute 065/25

All three area meetings wish to lay themselves down and become part of Quakers in Scotland (QiS). We agree to this and endorse the proposals for reorganisation. We are content that QiS will take over the responsibilities of these area meetings.

In keeping with the legal requirement, each of these area meetings has obtained consent from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator to dissolve their area meeting charity.

We have been informed that on 20 September 2025 General Meeting for Scotland (GMS) held its final meeting and minuted its intention to dissolve the charity as soon as all legal formalities can be completed. As we heard at our July meeting, QiS will take over all the responsibilities of the General Meeting.

We ask our Church Government Advisory Group to propose appropriate changes to *Quaker faith & practice* to take account of these governance developments in Scotland.

When Meeting for Sufferings is laid down, there will be a new system of representatives to Yearly Meeting sessions. Until then, following the transition to QiS of GMS, East, West and North Scotland Area Meetings, we ask Quakers in Scotland to make suitable arrangements so that four Friends continue to be appointed to attend Meeting for Sufferings (online or at the venue).

We uphold our Friends in Scotland as they develop new structures that aim to help Quakerism in Scotland to thrive.

Robert Card, Clerk



Sarah Donaldson
Meeting for Sufferings Secretary

To: East Scotland AM
North Scotland AM
West Scotland AM
Quakers in Scotland
General Meeting for Scotland