GENERAL MEETING FOR SCOTLAND

Agenda Letter for General Meeting for Scotland to be held on Saturday, 7th June 2025 11am – 3:30 pm (drinks 10:30)

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you all!

Quakers in Scotland

Our next General Meeting will be on Saturday 7th June, at Aberdeen Meeting House, 98 Crown Street AB11 6HJ, and online through Zoom. There will be a preparatory pre-meeting by zoom on Wednesday 4th June at 7pm (see below in second box).

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE for security online and to help plan hospitality at Aberdeen. Use this link, however you attend:

https://tinyurl.com/ynr8rv3k

Please note that you will receive Zoom login details even if you have registered to attend face to face - this is a default setting of the registration set up. It assists in planning for the number of people expecting to come.

BUSINESS INCLUDES

*The Annual Report and Accounts prepared by our treasurer and trustees.

*Becoming Quakers in Scotland – a proposal for General Meeting to transition into the new Quakers in Scotland body on 20 September. *Our Social Witness.

*Plus, reports from the Families Weekend and Meeting for Sufferings, an update on the witness to President Trump's UK visit and setting priorities for our Local Development Worker in 2026.

Today we recognise that we can be a community of transformation as we look to adapt to the change all around us. It won't be easy, and there will be challenging and questioning. But we have each other. We need to think through how we do things, but we have the resource of each other to draw upon. From GMS minute 22/03/19 Time for reflection: sustaining our Meetings and ourselves After preliminary refreshment from 10:30 am, we will start with open worship at 11.00, break for lunch from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm, and our afternoon session will finish by about 3.30 pm, following which there will tea.

Please do join us! All are welcome. North Scotland AM Friends will be providing refreshments beforehand and afterward, for those coming to the meeting house. They are serving soup and light refreshments for lunch. If you need anything more for lunch, please bring it yourself.

To help us think about our agenda, we are holding a PREPARATORY PRE-MEETING on Wednesday 4th June at 7pm online for those who wish to attend. This is both to give Friends opportunities to hear and ask about the business coming to us, and also to prepare some routine administrative business to save time on the Saturday.

Members of the Quakers in Scotland Co-ordinating Group will be on hand to answer queries and explain the potential ways of working for a single Quaker body for Scotland. Information papers for this will be posted in advance on the General Meeting/Quakers in Scotland website.

Queries on other agenda items are also possible.

The link for this meeting follows:

General Meeting for Scotland is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: GMS pre-meeting Time: Jun 4, 2025 07:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89352662527?pwd=FHEpzqbI59Y2I9Lk7 Ccm0ISAck6b9j.1

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This is an opportunity to meet together with Friends from across Scotland. In a spirit of worship we attend to our church affairs, and matters concerning the spiritual life and witness of Quakers in Scotland. The agenda, and papers to accompany it, will be sent towards the end of May, although some papers are found on the GM website only. A second mailing a few days before GM will

include draft minutes and any additional papers. If you do not already receive them, please ask our Administrator, Jane Booth, to add you onto the emailing list (<u>scotfriends@gmail.com</u>).

If you have any questions, please contact me, your clerk, by email <u>scotfriendsclerk@gmail.com</u> or telephone 0141 770 7865. Also email the clerk if you need instructions on how to get to the Aberdeen Meeting House, parking, etc.

The following General Meeting will be blended again on 20th September, physically in Perth, and online.

Michael Hutchinson Clerk Susan Mitchell Assistant Clerk