GENERAL MEETING FOR SCOTLAND

Blended Meeting to be held at Aberdeen Meeting House, 98 Crown Street AB11 6HJ, and by Zoom

7th June 2025 11 am – 3:30 pm

With an optional **Pre-meeting** Wednesday 4th June at 7:00 pm online, with an emphasis on the transition to Quakers in Scotland papers posted on the GMS website.

Proposed Agenda

Papers A - F follow this agenda separately or where indicated (see page 3). **PAPERS ARE ON THE WEBSITE – see agenda letter.** More information will be in the draft minutes issued a few days before GM.

10.30 am Hot drinks available at Aberdeen Meeting House

11.00 am Opening Worship (about 20 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. Proposed dates and host meetings for GM in 2026/7
- GM Trustees: Annual report & accounts for 2024 (Papers A on website: GM Annual Report 2024; GM Accounts 2024; Donations & Affiliations 2025)
- 8. Families weekend oral report (Mary Troup)
- 12.00 pm We expect a short shuffle break at about 12.00 pm
- Quakers in Scotland proposal for GM to transition to Quakers in Scotland on 20 September (Paper B), including how Nominations Committee will function.

1.00 – 2.00 pm LUNCH BREAK

2.00 pm Afternoon Session

- 10. Nominations Report, including need for an editor for the Scottish Friend
- 11. Meeting for Sufferings report from Elaine Millar



- 12. Parliamentary Engagement Working Group report, including a request for additional funding for Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS) Paper C
- 13. Wiston Lodge weekend 5th 7th September 2025

3.00 pm Short shuffle break, if needed

- 14. Any further Social Witness reports
- 15. Update on witness to President Trump (Ecumenical/Interfaith Appeal Paper D)
- 16. Verbal reports from Busa Cochrane-Muir on Central European YM and Mary Woodward on Finland YM
- 17. Initiation of Local Development Worker priorities review (Paper E)
- 18. Items for Yearly Meeting 2026 (Paper F). YM 2025 feedback.
- 19. Correspondence and future business

3.25 pm Closing worship and signing of the Minutes

3.30 pm tea

Michael Hutchinson Clerk

PAPERS FOR THIS MEETING are on the GM website at

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

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

- A Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts. See separate papers: GM Annual Report 2024; GM Accounts 2024; Donations & Affiliations 2025.
- B Transition to Quakers in Scotland.
- C Parliamentary Engagement Working Group report.
- D Update on witness to President Trump (Ecumenical/Interfaith Appeal).
- E Local Development Worker priorities for 2026.
- F Items for Yearly Meeting 2026 agenda.

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