

17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

To Area Meeting Clerks and Treasurers

Dear Friend,

## **Financial support for Northern Friends Peace Board**

We greatly appreciate the financial support that Area Meetings and Local Meetings have given during 2018. For 2019 we are suggesting a guideline figure of £9.00 per member for contributions from Area Meetings – an increase from £8.50, which it has been since 2016. As a representative body, financial and practical contributions to our activities from Northern Friends are essential to enabling our Quaker witness, which is very much a collective endeavour.

We know that not all AMs are able to provide the same level of financial support, so we are most grateful for whatever you are able to give. We also know that some Area Meetings have devolved financial giving to NFPB to their Local Meetings, in which case we should be most grateful if this letter could be copied or forwarded to the Clerks and/or Treasurers in those Local Meetings.

During 2018 we completed the process of withdrawal from the Pensions Trust scheme, which involved paying off a deficit in their funds for the defined benefit scheme. Whilst this has reduced our reserves, it has brought to an end the additional payments we were having to pay on a monthly basis and the continued uncertainty about the size of the liability.

As well as legacies (which have enabled us to invest reserves and generate income from this), additional funds come from individual gifts, collections and grant-funding for projects and for our work as a whole. Thank you to all who have supported us in these ways.

Please do get in touch if you would like more information or have any questions. Annual reports and accounts for previous years can be found at: <a href="http://nfpb.org.uk/node/201">http://nfpb.org.uk/node/201</a> and news of our recent activities is also on our website.

If you would find it convenient to make payments by BACS and /or in smaller payments through the year, our account details are given below. It would be very helpful to us if you could notify us by email ( nfpb@gn.apc.org) of any payments being made in this way, so that we can know who payments are from and we can send acknowledgements. Thank you.

In Peace and Friendship,

Phoebe Spence

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