

Advices & Queries — Participation in the Life of the Meeting

When meeting for worship holds a central place in our life, regular and punctual attendance follows. Friends hold in the Light those who are unable to participate fully in the life of the meeting.

We contribute to the life of the meeting in many ways: attending meeting for business, committee service, offering and accepting spiritual support, and praying for the spiritual strength and health of the meeting. Contributing our time and resources makes our love visible.

Friends are encouraged to consider what gifts of service we are led to provide and how we may grow through this service. We also uphold others in their service.

We consider carefully the needs of our local meetings and wider Quaker work and the level of financial support we can bring to them.

We encourage attenders to become acquainted with Friends ways and to participate in the meeting community. We encourage attenders to apply for membership when it is evident that the meeting has become their spiritual home.

- ▪ Do we each take an active part in the life of our meeting? In what ways do we grow by participating in the life of the meeting?
- ▪ How has our group grown together through its activities? Do we bring together groups across generations in a loving community?
- ▪ Do we provide youth with responsible opportunities and encouragement to participate in meeting life and structure?
- ▪ Do we express our skills and gifts in service to the meeting and to the Spirit? Do we recognize and support others in doing so?
- ▪ Do we visit one another in our homes, and keep in touch with distant members?
- ▪ How do we welcome and involve newcomers?
- ▪ How do we encourage attenders from all ethnicities, backgrounds, and faith perspectives to share in the life of the meeting? Do we urge them to consider membership when they are ready?
- ▪ How does God speak to each of us through relationship to the meeting?