



**DRAFT MINUTES OF TRUSTEES' AWAY DAY using ZOOM
TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2021, 1.30-4.30pm**

PRESENT: Sue Brownlie, Faith Cartwright, Brian Collingridge, Charles Henderson, Phil Parratt, Margaret Stenhouse, Margaret Stocks

FACILITATOR: Pip Harris (SW Local Development Worker for Quaker Life)

ELDERS: Anna Mullett (co-clerk to WSAQM), Martin Wall (co-clerk to WSAQM and elder at Taunton LM)

WELCOME AND OPENING WORSHIP

21.36 READING

Number 14 of Advices and Queries has been read during our opening worship.

21.37 MINUTE OF RECORD

Today we have considered how Trustees uphold the Area Meeting (AM) and how we as a group can work well together, by trying to respond to the question 'How can we as Trustees best serve this Area Meeting'.

In order to do this we have expressed our individual as well as our collective views.

We noted the need for a Trustee body to possess a range of skill-sets and looked at our processes for reaching collective agreement, our approach to specific tasks, our need for various types of training, at the support available to us through Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) and Woodbrooke, as well as at the future difficulties we perceive regarding recruitment.

Other groups of Area Meetings have faced similar situations and have either made the decision to adopt a simpler model for their Trustee and AM relationships or are in the process of doing so. We wondered how to start similar conversations across our nearby AMs and posed the question 'What should be our next step?' At present we have no definitive answer. We have had two lengthy and informative meetings where we have considered our current structures and ways of working.

We now need time to absorb and reflect on what we have learned before reaching any conclusions.

We thank Pip Harris (Quaker Life's Local Development Worker for the South-West) for her care and expertise in once again facilitating an afternoon on our behalf.

Our Elders for the afternoon have been Anna Mullett and Martin Wall. They are also co-clerks to this AM. We thank them for giving us their time and hope that it has been useful for them as well as beneficial to us.

We separate, hoping to meet again as a Trustee body on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 2pm, by means of zoom.

Margaret A. Stocks, clerk

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