

YOUR GIFTS WILL ENABLE

Maintaining our Faith Community for future generations:

*“Attending CYM gathering was a highlight of my children’s year. That’s where they met other Young Friends who they could identify with.”**

*“Being able to get support to attend regional Quaker gatherings was important in helping my teenagers develop a Quaker identity.”**

What has inspired you and given you purpose and commitment to Quaker values? Those values can be passed on to the next generation.

Please consider making a bequest to Canadian Yearly Meeting.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

If you would like more detailed information, please visit www.quaker.ca/bequests, or send an email to bequest-info@quaker.ca.

If you prefer to speak to someone in person, call the Yearly Meeting office at 613.235.8553 or 888.296.3222 and you will be directed to the Friend who deals with Bequests.

Should you feel led to leave a bequest to CYM, we kindly ask you to let us know so that we can properly thank you. Donors are welcome to remain anonymous.



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LEAVING A LEGACY

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS



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Friend William Penn wrote over three hundred years ago:

“Death cannot kill what never dies... This is the comfort of Friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present, because immortal.”

Quaker Friends from previous generations created Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) to conduct Canadian Quaker business. Canadian Yearly Meeting has created structures and developed resources to enable Canadian Quakers to follow our ongoing revelations and maintain an archive that records the life of the society.

Regular donations from Members, both individually and through their Meetings provide financial support for current CYM operations and initiatives. We are grateful that Friends across Canada make giving to CYM a part of how they “let their lives speak”. However, every life must come to an end which results in a loss of that individual’s action and effort. Current members can help strengthen the future of CYM by contributing not just now, but after our lives end. Charitable bequests made through a will are the most common form of end-of-life gifts.

What immortal friendship and society do we want to leave our future generations of Canadian Friends?

WHAT CAN MY GIFT ENABLE?

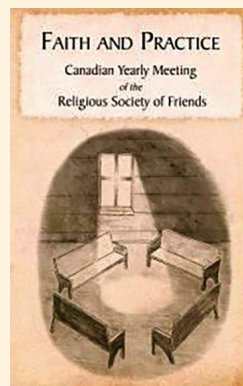
Helping us make links with other Friends:

*“There’s comfort in knowing there’s an interconnected web of Meetings. We’re bigger than our individual Meetings.”**

CYM funds Friends to travel in the ministry, to attend Quaker gatherings in Canada and elsewhere, and to gather in Meetings for Worship for Business throughout Canada to consider and advance CYM work. This not only enables Friends to hear Spirit together in our unique way, but it allows us to discern right action on our leadings, drawing on the strength and wisdom of each other.

Building our Faith Community:

*“I handed a Quaker visiting from Britain my copy of Canadian Faith and Practice with a sense that it was our contribution to the founders- adding to the tradition.”**



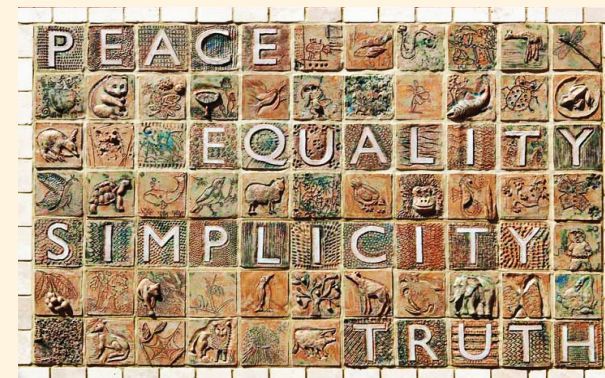
The development of Faith and Practice of Canadian Yearly Meeting reflects the importance of a national organization devoted to our distinctive faith and sustainable practices. Over 20 years of discernment took place throughout Canada and resulted in the first edition of a book which reflects a basis of unity for Canadian Quakers.

HOW DO I START?

As Quakers:

*“Our life is a ministry, part of that ministry is to give as we are able to Canadian Yearly Meeting to continue the work that it does.”**

Discerning what you may be called to support is an individual and personal process. Leaving a charitable bequest is a Testimony to values and causes you care about. Consider your family and their traditions. Talk to them about your plans.



There are ways you can make certain your loved ones are cared for AND leave a legacy to CYM, or other groups you believe in. Estate planners, accountants and lawyers can help you review your needs and wishes, making sure your intentions are reflected in legal documents.

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