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Dear Friends,

I often page through *Canadian Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice* looking for a passage that will speak to my condition. This morning a photograph of a rugged mountain reminded me of an excerpt written by Bill McMechan that I read when I need guidance and perspective.

There is a place in the ascent of the mountain where the climbers meet. It is not far from the summit, but at that point there is a unity in accomplishment ... Things that were important at lower altitudes – language, techniques, dress, and so on, fall away and a unifying sense of humility and privilege prevails ...

I'll leave you to explore this text (no. 1.112 on p. 52) and others.

Canadian Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice contains a wealth of writing by Friends in Canada and abroad that can renew and guide one's faith, just as Bill's writing often helps me. Climbers ascending a mountain need gear, technique, and support. Similarly, the services that Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) provides – including *Faith and Practice* – help to support, guide, and deepen our faith, and provide a unifying sense of community for Canadian Friends.

Our primary experiences of Quakerism and our activities as Friends focus on monthly meetings and worship groups, but **you and I also have the larger Quaker community in common**. We share a desire to live faithfully and to show what the path of love can do.

Will you help CYM to provide services that ground, uplift, and renew our Quaker faith?

Your support over the past year has helped CYM in many ways. CYM held an online Yearly Meeting Gathering – the third since the onset of the pandemic. A monthly *e-Newsletter* and two issues of *The Canadian Friend* were distributed. Several courses were offered, and two pamphlets are in the works. CYM Representatives attended meetings of other Quaker and ecumenical bodies, and the Canadian Quaker Library and Archives reopened with a full-time archivist.

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We are excited about the coming year. The CYM General Secretary-Treasurer, Tasmin Rajotte, and the CYM Office Coordinator, Eva Lacelle, are working with CYM committees and clerks to establish systems to improve future services. Starting in 2023 a new communications coordinator will enhance courses, publications, and events, and planning has already begun for a hybrid Yearly Meeting Gathering in Winnipeg.

The transitions currently underway will allow CYM to function more effectively, linking Friends in monthly meetings and worship groups across Canada and providing services that will help to nourish and renew our Quaker faith.

Your help is needed now to ensure that CYM will be here for future generations. **I ask that you please consider donating to CYM today.** If you are already a monthly donor, thank you for your continued support.

CYM is here today because of the support and service of Friends and attenders like you. We thank you!

Your continuing generosity will help to replenish the faith and hope needed to ascend the different kinds of mountains we face in these turbulent times.

With love and in Friendship,



Ruth Pincoe
Presiding Clerk, Canadian Yearly Meeting

PS: Please remember that **every single gift, large or small, makes a huge difference.** Your gift helps with tending to the beloved community. Help to show the path of love. Thank you!



Yes! I want you to help Canadian Yearly Meeting provide services that ground, uplift, and renew our Quaker faith.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

1. Choose your donation

OPTION A: One-time donation

Here is my gift of: \$50 \$75 \$100 Other \$ _____

OPTION B: Monthly donation

I authorize Canadian Yearly Meeting to receive the following amount on the 15th of each month:

\$10 \$20 \$30 \$50 Other \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

2. Chose your method of payment

I've enclosed a void cheque for my monthly payment

I've enclosed my cheque payable to Canadian Yearly Meeting for a one-time donation

Credit card Visa Mastercard

Card No: _____ Expiry: _____ CVC: _____

Cardholder Name _____

Signature _____ Tel No. (if not written above): _____

3. I would like CYM to email me newsletters and other updates.

I can unsubscribe any time. Email (if not written above) _____

4. Mail this completed reply form with your donation in the envelope provided.

PLANNED GIVING

Canadian Yearly Meeting is here today because of the generous support and service of Friends like you and the lasting gifts of past Friends. Please consider including Canadian Yearly Meeting in your legacy as a gift to future generations of Friends.

I am pleased to advise you that I have included a gift to Canadian Yearly Meeting in my will.

Please contact me about making a gift to Canadian Yearly Meeting in my will.

... [T]here is a strong connection between our spiritual health and the way we spend our money. There is a great deal of tension when thinking and talking about money in our culture and also within the Religious Society of Friends. We ask Friends to reflect on whether their dedication of personal resources to the Religious Society of Friends is in keeping with their spiritual commitment.

—Consultation and Renewal Working Group Report, 2007

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