

JLAM
Joint Area Meeting of the seven London Area Meetings
The Religious Society of Friends
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Minutes of a Meeting for Worship for Business
Held at Westminster Meeting House and online
Saturday 13 June 2026 at 13.30

JLAM 2026/20 Opening Worship

A reading was given of the Activist Prayer from *Wildest Dreams - an imagined history of the GreenMan* by David Gee 2025

We heard that since our last meeting Alan Asay of Friends House Local meeting has died.

JLAM 2026/21 Present and Prevented

60 Friends are present in the room and 13 online. There is provision for a Children's Meeting but only one child, an infant was present.

Our Co-Clerk Paul Keenleyside is prevented.

JLAM 2026/22 Minute of Record

In the Morning Session we explored how QiL might use money with imagination. We hope that the ideas raised today might be carried forward through our existing and developing Committee Structure.

The following applications were discerned by the Meeting:

JLAM 2026/23 Application for membership – Angela Mutum

We have heard a report from Peter Jones and Susan Costello on their visit to Angela. We accept her application and welcome her into membership of NWLAM. We ask Susan Costello to welcome her at her local meeting, Friends House Meeting.

JLAM 2026/24 Application for membership – Catherine Bewley

We have heard a report from Scott Wells and Ethel Livermore on their visit to Catherine. We accept her application and welcome her into membership of SLAM. We ask Ginny Mellman to welcome her at her local meeting, Streatham and Brixton.

JLAM 2026/25 Application for membership – Catrine Kirkman

We have heard a report from Barbara Limon and Jo-Anne Fraser on their visit to Catrine. We accept her application and welcome her into membership of SELAM. We ask Trottie Kirwan to welcome her at her local meeting, Forest Hill Meeting.

JLAM 2026/26 Application for membership – Chris Martin

We have heard a report from Simon Risley and Jennifer Kavanagh on their visit to Chris. We accept his application and welcome him into membership of LWAM. We ask Jennifer Kavanagh to welcome him at his local meeting, Westminster Meeting.

JLAM 2026/27 Application for membership – Edward Tranter

We have heard a report from Wendy Best and Jerry Millar on their visit to Edward. We accept his application and welcome him into membership of LWAM. We ask Jerry Millar to welcome him at his local meeting, Westminster Meeting.

JLAM 2026/28 Application for membership – Liam Lawson-McNamara

We have heard a report from Virginia Morck and Carol Sargent on their visit to Liam. We accept his application and welcome him into membership of LWAM. We ask Virginia Morck to welcome him at his local meeting, Westminster Meeting.

JLAM 2026/29 Application for membership – Suzy Round

We have heard a report from Anne Matthews and Emily Williams on their visit to Suzy. We accept her application and welcome her into membership of SELAM. We ask Trottie Kirwan to welcome her at her local meeting, Forest Hill Meeting.

We received a report from the Nominations Committee and an Offer of Service Form can be found on our website. The following are appointed:

JLAM 2026/30 Membership Clerk

Chris Martin (LWAM) is appointed to serve from today to 31 December 2028.

JLAM 2026/31 Eldership & Pastoral Care Committee

Linda Murgatroyd (KWAM) is appointed from today to serve until 31 December 2026.

JLAM 2026/32 Trustees

These Friends are appointed as Trustees of QiL beginning on 1 January 2027, meanwhile we hope they will liaise together in preparation for their service.

Mary Stiasny (SELAM) 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027

George Barrow (NLAM) 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027

Catherine Utley (NLAM) 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028

Bernadette O'Shea (LWAM) 1 January 2027 to 31 Dec 2028

Nate Burnikell (LWAM) to 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2029

Peter Jones (NWLAM) 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2029

JLAM 2026/33 Interfaith and Inter-church Representatives

Nick Poltorak (SELAM) is appointed to serve from today to 31 December 2026 as JLAM's Representative and from 1 January 2027 for 3 years as QiL's.

JLAM 2026/34 Release from Arrangements Committee

We thank Ella Dorfman for her service on the Arrangements Committee and release her with immediate effect.

JLAM 2026/35 Update from London Development Group (LDG)

We have heard an update from Tim Rouse, co-clerk of LDG, about the work of preparation for the formation of a single AM for all London Quakers. The report was circulated in advance of this meeting and is archived on our website. Friends have had the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the report. We thank the members of LDG for all their work and ask that they feed back our discernment to LDG and its subgroups.

JLAM 2026/36 Update from Finance Subgroup of LDG

We received a report from the Finance Subgroup and many useful and valuable suggestions have been made that we trust will be considered.

JLAM 2026/37 QiL's Financial Arrangements

We have heard an update from Keith Walton, a member of the LDG Finance Subgroup, about the discernment needed for QiL's interim financial

arrangements until the QiL trustees have prepared a full financial policy. The report was circulated in advance of this meeting and is archived on our website. We thank the subgroup for their work and their report.

We agree that all money which at the time of the merger is held in designated funds should remain as designated funds. Five years from the date of merger, QiL's treasurer and finance committee will review the designated funds. If a fund is not being actively used, QiL trustees and Finance Committee will discern future arrangements in collaboration with whichever body is responsible for that fund.

The Finance Subgroup recognises that, with the laying down of London Quakers, a budget is needed for organising activities such as weekend gatherings, talks, Quaker education and outreach and attenders' events across QiL. We agree that a budget of £50,000 should be set aside for this in 2027.

JLAM 2026/38 Exploring Changes to our Committee Structure

Gillian Ashmore spoke on how we might develop QiL as a living Area Meeting in part by reviewing and revisiting our committee structure. There will be a gathering on Zoom at 8pm on Wednesday 29 July to explore this, and a recommendation may be brought back to the next meeting of JLAM. We ask that each LM sends at least 2 representatives to the Zoom meeting.

The next gathering of JLAM will be on Saturday 12 September 2026 at Wanstead Meeting House.

The Meeting ended at 16.45

Signed digitally by the Co-Clerks

Kate Green and Tim Heath