

## **Experiment with Light Network Annual Report for May 2014 to May 2015**

One of the highlights of this 12-month period was the Yearly Meeting Gathering in Bath where we had opportunity to disseminate the theory and practice of the Experiment to many Friends at three different events. We also held our first Annual Business Meeting on this occasion.

Its many different facets and aspects have always made it difficult to pin down Experiment with Light in one word. Britain Yearly Meeting's Recording Clerk, during a break at YMG, tried to do exactly this and eventually settled for the term "a discipline", a description we have since happily taken on board.

It was only a few weeks later that we were saddened by the sudden death of Catherine King Ambler. We acknowledged our faith that Catherine's spirit and wisdom will continue to guide us.

In addition to the Annual Business Meeting, our Steering Group has met three times; a further meeting scheduled for September was cancelled at short notice due to Catherine's illness. Our meetings remain steeped in the process of the Experiment, with a Light meditation forming an integral part of them.

We have explored a variety of possibilities with regard to our organisational status and come to the conclusion that, for the time being, it would be best to stay as we are (i.e. a private trust, in legal terms). We continue to enjoy a healthy financial position, largely thanks to our core funding through the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and further monies from the Edith Ellis Trust. We are aware that both trusts will cease to fund us in 2016.

Our core activity of holding introductory and other workshops at Quaker Centres and in Quaker Meetings has continued. However, there were no Regional Gatherings during this report period. An initially announced Scotland Gathering was changed to a retreat, reflecting a more general shift towards retreats that we have been able to observe for some time.

We continue to maintain and develop our resources. Distribution of our Journal - previously known as newsletter - is slowly, but steadily increasing, and our Facebook page and website are being kept up to date. In April 2015, we made four newly-recorded Light meditations available on CDs. Later these recordings will also become available on a smartphone app and on our website.

Looking further ahead, we would like to experiment more with the Experiment. For instance, we plan to explore in more detail how Experiment with Light could assist Business Meetings, Elders or conflict resolution in Quaker Meetings; we are also hoping to work gently towards spreading the practice beyond Quakers.

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