

Experiment with Light Network
Annual Report for November 2016 to July 2017

Our Steering Group has met three times, and our meetings continue to be steeped in our process, with Light meditations being held at each one of them, focusing on topics we feel need particular attention. For part of our June meeting, we were joined by Marisa Johnson to help us with our ideas for another International Gathering, encouraged by our 2015 Annual Business Meeting. We were also discerning more generally how to promote Experiment with Light outside Britain in the rest of Europe.

We continued our programme of core activities, such as workshops, retreats and publications. Workshops were held at Leeds Carlton Hill Friends Meeting House, Warwick Friends Meeting House, Claridge House and Woodbrooke; retreats in Loughborough, at Swarthmoor Hall and in Huddersfield; and an Eastern Regional Gathering at Hartington Grove Meeting House, Cambridge. In addition to three regular Journals during this period, we published in April a special retreats issue of our "Journal", a compilation of retreat-related contributions received over the last few years. A book on the history of Experiment with Light is expected to be finished within the next few months.

In May we were offered and took an opportunity to introduce Friends at the Quaker Universalist Group's conference at Woodbrooke to the Experiment. We are pleased that, following an invitation from the organisers of this year's Yearly Meeting Gathering at the University of Warwick, the Experiment features prominently in the programme, with short larks and owls sessions to reflect on the day ahead or just gone, and two full-length workshops on the Wednesday.

Two important organisational matters the Steering Group has worked on during this period were to develop a new funding strategy for the Experiment with Light Network and to prepare the Network's registration as a Quaker Recognised Body, subject to approval by the Annual Business Meeting.

We are grateful to Glenthorne for their flexibility when we decided to postpone our planned conference for a year. It is now scheduled for 26-29 March 2018, and we hope that it will enable us to a deep sharing of our experience of the Experiment and help us discern future directions of further developing our discipline.

Klaus Huber
Clerk of the Experiment with Light Network Steering Group
July 2017

EwL Performance against Budget, 2016

		2016	2016	
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	
BALANCE B/F		13,060	13,060.08	
INCOME				
Grants	JRCT	0	-	
	Edith Ellis (not conferences)	0	-	
	Francis Camfield Trust	0	-	
	Other charities, appeals	500	160.00	
Payments	Workshops	50	-	
	Gatherings	0	-	
	Individuals	50	-	
	Quaker Centre Events	0	-	
	Intn'l Gatherings / bursaries (from Budget-Gatherings)	0	-	
Sales (net)	Book & CD sales & royalties	400	718.50	
	Newsletter & pamphlet sales	300	486.26	
Bank Interest		4	5.82	
Loans				
TOTAL		1,304	1,370.58	
EXPENDITURE				
Overheads	SG Meeting costs	Accommodation & meals	1,000	949.70
		Travel expenses	1,000	636.85
	Regional Gatherings	Planning meetings	100	-
		Facility hire	100	-
	National Events	Facilitator travel	500	33.60
		Planning meetings	200	22.24
		Training places	0	-
		Elder acc. & travel	1,500	762.70
	Bursaries		900	311.00
	Workshop Administration	Travel, communication, accom	300	450.00
	Occasional Gatherings	(from Budget-Gatherings)	0	-
	Teaming	Planning, travel, other	0	-
	Support/Nurture	Newsletter	500	647.00
		Web-site	60	52.80
		EwL Introducers Pack	0	240.00
		Publications - Booklets & CDs	2,200	1,340.24
	Fundraising	Planning, travel, other	50	-
	Promotion/advertising	The Friend etc.	1,500	377.00
	Office costs	Print, copy, post, stat, tel.	500	208.32
	Extra-ordinary		0	2,014.00
TOTAL			10,410	8,045.45
SURPLUS/LOSS			-9,106	- 6,674.87
BALANCE C/F			3,954	6,385.21

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Experiment with Light Accounts for 2016

I had only one minor concern (see detail below), otherwise, no matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination of these accounts, which in my opinion should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

Questions I considered:

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| 1 | How many bank accounts are there? | 2 | Current & Deposit |
| 2 | Are all transfers between these two accounts? Do transfers add up to zero? | Yes | |
| 3 | Do opening balances match closing balances at last year? | | |
| | Accounts | Yes | |
| | Current | | |
| | Deposit | | |
| 4 | Do closing balances match accounts? | Yes | |
| 2 | Receipts – | | |
| | Do the documents match the figures? | Yes | |
| | Does the analysis make sense? | Yes | |
| 3 | Payments – | | |
| | Do the documents match the figures? | Mostly | £25 paid on chq
400107, apparently to Q
Tapestry Ltd (stub) has
no accompanying
paperwork.
Otherwise all fine. |
| | Does the analysis make sense? | Yes | |

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24th May 2017



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