

Hertford and Hitchin Area Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Revised Membership Process

Stage 1 – local meeting support and discernment

Attendees thinking about membership talk to members of their own meeting so beginning the process of finding out, clarification and discernment before making a formal application.

Stage 2 – application

The attendee and/or a member of their meeting writes to the Area Meeting Clerk stating that they wish to become a member.

Stage 3 – visitors

Friends from the local meeting identify one visitor from their own meeting and one from another meeting using the AM list of potential visitors. They inform the attendee and arrange the visit. The attendee might like to state a preference for the local visitor.

Stage 4 – written record

The visitors draft a written record of the visit and send it to the attendee for comments/amendments. When it is agreed, it is sent to the Area Meeting Clerk to be read at the next Area Meeting and the person accepted into membership.

Stage 5 – welcome

The Clerk sends the new member a 'pack' containing a welcome card, a book token (which can be used in the Quaker Centre bookshop), a bookplate and other information as appropriate. The new member is welcomed into the Area Meeting at or after Meeting for Worship in their local meeting. Members of other local meetings may be invited to attend if the new member would like that to happen.

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