



The Fund for Sufferings of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting was created to provide meaningful material support to PYM members who experience financial hardship because of their witness to our Quaker testimonies.

The Fund for Sufferings provides:

- Financial assistance for hardship occasioned by obedience to the leadings of God's spirit or to conscience consistent with Quaker testimonies.
- An opportunity for anyone to stand in unity with those taking risks for their beliefs by contributing to the fund.

Guidelines on How to Make a Request:

Requests for assistance from the Fund can come from the PYM individual concerned, from a monthly meeting on behalf of the individual, or from someone or some group close to the person involved. Before determining whether to make a grant, the granting group will need the following:

- Written request to help trustees get acquainted with the applicant.
- Description of the nature of the Witness resulting in hardship.
- Amount of financial assistance being requested from the Fund for Sufferings.
- How the applicant's Meeting or other sources of support have responded.

Please email the above to FundForSufferings@pym.org –which will go directly to all of the group's members – or send by mail to:

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
Attn: Fund for Sufferings Granting Group
1515 Chery Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Questions about specific applications, eligibility, or the application process can also be emailed to the above, or phone to the group's clerk, Lee Garner – (215) 813-6449 (text/voice) or (215) 387-7157 (voicemail) – or to the PYM Director of Grant Making, Nicholas Gutowski, at (215) 241-7218.

Current members:

- Lee Garner, Clerk – Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting
- Paul Sheldon – Lansdowne Monthly Meeting
- Justin Loughry – Haddonfield Monthly Meeting
- Patty Rettig – Old Haverford Monthly Meeting
- Lisa Rooney – Haverford Monthly Meeting

How to Contribute to the Fund:

*Please make checks payable to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and designate "The Fund for Sufferings"
Mail to: PYM Fund for Sufferings, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. **Thank you.***

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