

Meeting of Friends of Ukraine
21 December 2025
in Kyiv, online

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Agenda

1. Holding a joint meeting for worship and exchange of views
2. Report of the Care Committee on Community Service in 2025.

Discernment

1. Holding a joint meeting for worship and exchange of views.

Because of the sad fact that after the antiwar ministry “Lion and Calf” that had place on Sunday, 14 December, the Commander of the Pechersk District Territorial Conscription Center in Kyiv City, Colonel Serhii Kalugin, despite the weekend, sent a military registration order to report on Christmas Eve for the purpose of illegally forcing Yurii Sheliazhchenko to change his pacifist and Quaker beliefs in violation of Article 18 (2) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, –

we ask the Clerks and the Care Committee to organize a joint meeting for worship and exchange of views on persecution for faith and beliefs that require non-military service to protect Ukraine from Russian aggression as a joint gathering online of the Meeting of Friends of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement on 24 December 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Kyiv time.

The meeting will be open to everyone with a link to access via Zoom, and will be held in Ukrainian and English with consecutive translation and a video recording for further publication. At the beginning and end of the meeting, participants will be inspired by 10-minute moments of silence. We ask attenders of the meeting to share their stories of challenges to faith and convictions of conscientious objectors, ideas on steadfastness in faith and the protection of human rights. Those who might not be able to participate in the recorded public meeting for security reasons or due to inconvenient time are invited to our usual private meeting for worship on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Kyiv time.

2. Report of the Care Committee on Community Service in 2025.

We welcome the 2025 Report of the Care Committee on Community Service and ask that this important work continue to sustain our Quaker testimonies.

Yurii Sheliazhchenko, Clerk
Artem Denysov, Co-Clerk

Report of the Care Committee on Community Service in 2025

1. Spiritual care

Organizing hybrid Quaker meetings for worship

- 3000 UAH

- 1400 UAH

Total: 4400 UAH

Quaker literature worth 2,000 UAH was printed and distributed free of charge, in particular, spiritual literature was sent to Oleksiy Strutynskyi in Zaporizhia and Ilya Karamalikov in Kryvyi Rih.

Donated 2,000 UAH to the Christian Missionary Society of Mercy "Gideon" for the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures in Ukrainian, including the Gospel.

2. Human rights protection and development of a culture of peace

UAH 45,567 – funding for scientific, human rights and educational activities of the Institute of Peace and Law (Quaker, pacifist and human rights studies).

Translated into Ukrainian Opinion No. 1219/2024 of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of 18 March 2025 "Ukraine – Amicus Curiae Brief on Alternative Non-Military Service" CDL-AD(2025)006.

Legal assistance was provided, in particular, to conscientious objectors Oleksandr Ivanov, Vitalii Alekseienko, Oleksandr Solonets, Valentyn Adamchuk, and Andrii Sklyar.

3. Blood donorship

- 4 whole blood donations for wounded civilians and military personnel

- 1 donation of whole blood for a patient at the Heart Institute in Kyiv

Helped DonorUA raise funds for donations, storage, and delivery of blood for the wounded and sick patients

- 5100 UAH

- 5000 UAH

Total: 10100 UAH

4. Support for medics in the combat zone

- a Dnipro-M GX-8I gasoline generator and a fuel canister transferred to the "Yangol ZSU" charitable foundation

5. Assistance during blackouts and Russian attacks

- Funds were raised and equipment (power bank and adapters) was purchased to help with remote work to a Friend, Oleksandr Ivanov

- We repaired a laptop donated by friends from Germany for study and remote work to a friend, Andrii Vyshnevetsky, by installing new RAM, a battery, and a disk for data storage.

- Funds have been transferred to restore the house of Volodymyr Kyseliov, a researcher of the culture of peace and nonviolence, after the explosion of a Russian drone

6. Targeted medical care

- At the request of Denys from Lviv, we took part in raising funds for kidney therapy and distributed information about the fundraising

- at the request of lawyer Oleg Veremiyenko, a money were donated for medical treatment

7. Social support

- We provided and installed a water heating boiler to a pensioner and widow Ms. Lyudmila Merkulova from Kyiv

- We provided and installed an electric stove for cooking, together with caring neighbors, to a writer and pensioner Kateryna Pasichnyk from Kyiv