



PENDLE HILL

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Dear Susan and Board Members,

With deep gratitude for the partnership and support of the Friends Foundation for the Aging, I write to request that Pendle Hill again be considered for FFA's next granting cycle. It has been an honor to build and deepen this relationship over the past years. I have been particularly grateful for Susan Hoskins' wisdom and orientation towards collaboration, and for the convenings of FFA partners that have expanded our network and enriched our understanding of our respective roles in our ecosystems.

We understand Pendle Hill's role as a nurturer of spiritual learning community for older adults. In a time of instability and anxiety, isolation and despair, Pendle Hill seeks to open a spiritual lifeline for Friends to continuing revelation and to ground in Pendle Hill's core educational themes of faith and practice, prophetic witness, and creative exploration. FFA has made these opportunities meaningfully accessible to aging Friends by supporting our free and subsidized online static and synchronous learning resources, and by investing in an overhaul of our website to make it navigable by older adults and share resources even more effectively. We are also excited to begin releasing audiobooks of our Pendle Hill pamphlets, a project made possible by the FFA-funded Quaker Voluntary Service Fellow.

The next steps in our work will be guided by Pendle Hill's new strategic plan, which is currently in the final stages of development. We expect our work in the coming year will be building on our ongoing online programming, including our free First Monday Lectures and other offerings, continuing to develop the audio-book library, and promoting the web resources to more people particularly in underserved communities. This work will be completed by the education department. FFA's support continues to be essential in securing the staff support to implement this work, either with a QVS fellow if a suitable match can be found, or through other additional staff support. We are requesting continuing funding in the amount of \$40,000 to make this work a reality.

We look forward to continuing this work with the support of FFA in the coming year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide any further information.

In friendship,

Frances Kreimer

Director of Education