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SUPPORTING UKRAINE

Earlier this year, before the war began in Ukraine, EMES was making plans for an online Russian speaking gathering to bring together Friends and seekers from a number of countries in Eastern Europe, and further afield, for fellowship and to share experiences of being a Quaker. Sadly this was not to be as we did not feel it was appropriate to go ahead with our plans after the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the 24th February 2022. Instead we held two online meetings for worship that weekend, one in Russian and one in English. We then made the decision to hold a meeting for worship to pray for peace in Ukraine on a weekly basis, and these are continuing at 14.30 Central European Time for 30 minutes – please join us if you can: fwccemes.org/calendar/ukraine-worship

The war has had a big impact on EMES' work this year. We have tried to stay in touch with affected Friends as much as possible; the small group of seekers in Kyiv, the two international members in Ukraine, other isolated seekers in other parts of Ukraine and Friends in Russia and other neighbouring countries. Early on, Friends in Estonia, Georgia and Poland got in touch saying they were getting involved in work to support Ukrainian refugees in their countries. Some of the Quakers in Ukraine fled to Poland and were being supported by Friends there.

We wanted to find a way to support the Friends in countries surrounding Ukraine in their work, and at the same time we were being contacted by Friends who wanted to give money to Quaker work with Ukrainian refugees. We found two partner organisations who were able to collect the funds in their accounts; the Central European Gathering collected Euros and the British Friends of QCEA collected Sterling contributions. A great example of European Quaker organisations working together. Over €8,000 has now been raised this way – see page 3 for information about what this money has been spent on, and you can see how to donate on our website here: fwccemes.org/news/quaker-support-for-ukraine

Michael Eccles *EMES Executive Secretary*



■ Stationery bought for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Zbigniew Kazmierczak

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NEW COMMUNICATION & PROGRAMME OFFICER



Evan Welkin

We are pleased to announce that Evan Welkin has started work as the new EMES Communication & Programme Officer.

Evan is a member of Olympia Monthly Meeting (North Pacific Yearly Meeting, USA) and a graduate of the Guilford College Quaker Leadership Scholars Program and the Young Adult Leadership Programme at Woodbrooke. He is passionate about networking and regeneration, basing his work at his farm and learning centre in Italy, Borgo Basino where he lives with his wife Federica and sons Oliver and Gabriel.

You can contact Evan on: evan@fwccemes.org

EMES APPOINTS ELDERS

At our annual meeting in May EMES appointed Elders to serve on an ongoing basis, for the first time. The Friends are:

- Annika Hollsing from Sweden Yearly Meeting
- Jasmine Piercy from the Central European Gathering and Britain Yearly Meeting
- George Thurley from Britain Yearly Meeting but resident in the Netherlands

You can contact the elders on: elders@fwccemes.org

WEEKLY UKRAINE WORSHIP



EMES holds a weekly 30 minute meeting for worship to pray for peace in Ukraine every Tuesday at 14.30 Central European Time. Please join us if you can: fwccemes.org/calendar/ukraine-worship

EMES YOUTHGROUP

The EMES Youthgroup continues to meet monthly alternating between Saturday mornings and midweek evenings. Recent sessions included input from Paul Parker of Britain YM and Emily Provance of New York YM. We will be meeting for our first in-person gathering alongside the Border Meeting in Strasbourg in September. Young Friends aged 14-18 are all welcome! For more information please visit: fwccemes.org/youthgroup



■ EMES youthgroup considers climate crisis. EMES

PEACE & SERVICE CONSULTATION

The EMES peace & service consultation is planning a blended meeting (both in person and online) at Quäkerhaus in Bad Pyrmont, Germany on the 7-9 October. The theme is:

What in the world are we doing?

Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8)

The Peace and Service network connects Quakers from, or working in, Europe and the Middle East on peace and/or service issues. Please contact evan@fwccemes.org for more information or see our website:

fwccemes.org/calendar/peace-and-service-consultation-2022



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INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS GATHERINGS

Around 60 international members live in Europe and the Middle East – this is around half the international members in the world. EMES holds two online gatherings each year to bring them together in January and July. Other isolated Friends and attenders are also invited.

If you are an international member and are not on the mailing list for these gatherings please get in touch with michael@fwccemes.org

NEWS FROM FRIENDS HOUSE MOSCOW

After the 24 February the situation in Russian society changed completely. It split into three parts – those in the first one are pro-war. Their feelings of being right are based on massive official propaganda. Those in the second, and the biggest, part try to ignore everything that is connected with the war. It can be understood as a kind of protection of their minds. The third part are anti-war. Some of these people are scared by repressions of the authorities and frustrated. They are disconnected as they cannot see what to do to stop the war.

For Friends House Moscow it was a very busy period of getting used to new challenges. As we work in the condition of the war censorship we have to be double careful when we distribute the information about our activities. We continue to support all project partners including AVP Ukraine. We also print and send Quaker books to those who ask for them.

friendshousemoscow.org

WORK TO SUPPORT FRIENDS WORK WITH UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

With partner organisations, the Central European Gathering and British Friends of QCEA, EMES has been supporting Quaker work with Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Poland and other countries surrounding Ukraine. We are also staying in contact with Friends and seekers in Ukraine and Russia to support them during this difficult time.

Over €8,000 has been distributed and paid for things such as insulin for diabetic people in Kyiv, stationery for school children in eastern Poland, counselling for Ukrainians in Warsaw, medication and Covid tests in Tallinn, medicines for Ukrainian refugees in Georgia and more.

There is more information on our website:

fwccemes.org/news/quaker-support-for-ukraine



Zbigniew Kazmierczak

IS THE MILITARISATION OF THE EU A RESPONSE TO THREATS?

What today is the 'European Union' was first initiated in 1957 as a way to avoid another war between European countries. It is no coincidence that the EU's ancestor was the 1951 European Coal and Steel Community, at the time the main ingredients for arms production. The so-called Schuman plan was about avoiding a new arms race between France and Germany and thus "make war not only unthinkable but materially impossible". Promoting peace was at the core of the project and using soft power – its main tool of influence. For this reason and despite some shortcomings, until recently for many peace actors the EU represented a possible alternative path to traditional military powers.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is definitely a game-changer as regards the perception of European security and of rearmament. Is the delivery of weapons to Ukraine an appropriate answer or a terrifying necessity? Are non-violent means outdated or more necessary than ever? All difficult questions that peace movements struggle to answer. The fact is that no one, from the pacifist movement to the military establishment, has a solution to stop this conflict quickly under acceptable conditions for the Ukrainian people.

Faced with the Russian threat, European leaders are repeating over and over that Europe must stop "being naïve" and arm itself at an accelerated pace. However, another risk in such a crisis situation is oversimplifying and instrumentalising at the expense of peace, for the Ukrainians first, and for the world. It is important to remember that what looks like a "militarisation of the EU" started long before Russia's attack on Ukraine, and would have continued without it, albeit at a slower pace.

The symbolic shift, resulting from a multi-year process under the heavy influence of the arms industry, took place back in 2017 when the EU started using its common budget to fund military research projects. Within a few years, the amounts allocated have increased exponentially: from 2021 to 2027, a total of €8 billion of the EU budget will be dedicated to researching and developing the next generation of weaponry, including armament systems capable to face extreme weather conditions. This funding adds to increasing national military expenditures. In parallel, the defence industrial sector was trivialised as a 'normal sector' and is now having access to a

wide range of civilian EU funding schemes, from Social and Regional funds to environment or education programmes. This risks blurring the distinction between what is civilian and what is military and diverting resources from much-needed civilian priorities.

Even the EU external aid was concerned, with a 'train & equip' programme dedicated to training and equipping military forces in 'partner countries' in the South, under the argument that security must be assured before development can take place. And of course, the now well-known European Peace Facility currently used to fund arms deliveries to Ukraine also allows for the delivery of lethal weapons.

Finally, about a year ago, the arms industry launched a campaign to be labelled as a sustainable sector contributing positively to social criteria and environmental and climate protection. This would give it broad access to "cheaper" sustainable financing.

The truth is that EU countries are reluctant to build a genuine Union of defence with all its consequences in terms of delegating sovereignty. Subsidising the arms industry becomes the lowest common denominator on which they can all agree. But producing more weapons without a sound political plan and democratic oversight will only exacerbate the global arms race, which in turn will fuel conflicts. This is not what European citizens expect from their leaders in these troubled times.



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QCEA AUTUMN STUDY TOUR

After two years of COVID-19 hiatus, QCEA is delighted to announce a new Study Tour which will take place on 14-17 November, in Brussels.

2022 has been a year like few others for the European Union. Several parallel crises continue to dominate the political landscape in Europe, from climate change to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Events in Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, and other countries have caused an increase in refugee flows, while the pandemic lingers on, exacerbating inequalities and impacting the most vulnerable. The decisions that are approved in this crucial time will define the direction of the EU for years to come, with the potential of changing its very nature as a political project. That is why QCEA's Study Tour will revolve around the topic of 'Europe at a Crossroads'.

The upcoming Study Tour will provide a space for participants to learn and reflect on key policy areas that shape the present and future of the EU. Particularly, it will focus on three thematic areas:

- **Militarisation:** Can increased militarisation of the EU be reconciled with its intended purpose to serve peace worldwide? Will it undermine diplomacy efforts and erode the credibility of the EU as a mediator in international conflicts?
- **Climate change:** Will the EU be able to successfully do its part in decarbonising its economy? Or will it favour short-term solutions, technofixes or creative carbon accounting which delay the problem, create new risks and provide no long-term security?
- **Asylum and Migration:** Will the EU choose the path of solidarity moving forward? Or will it favour an asylum system that is tainted, politicised and deprives those in need of protection of a residence status?

2022 is a crucial year for Europe and an ideal time to reflect on the direction it is taking. QCEA's Study Tour will provide a unique opportunity to learn about EU policy-making mechanisms, as well as ways in which NGOs, civil society and common citizens can make a difference. The tour will include visits to EU institutions, workshops and discussions to dive deep into the issues. Why not join us?

For more details and to register, please visit:

qcea.org/home/events/study-tours



THE FWCC EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

Held in person at L'Enclos Rey in Paris
and online from 20-23 May 2022

Dear Friends, kjære venner, chers amis, liebe Freunde, lieve vrienden, queridos amigos, cari amici, kära vänner, kære venner, rakkaat ystävät, kallid sõbrad, draží přátelé, dārgie draugi, dragi prijatelji, Kedves Barátaim, drodzy przyjaciele, a chairde, Salamaat Asdiqa.

Loving greetings to Friends everywhere from the FWCC Europe and Middle East Section Annual Meeting 2022, meeting in Paris and online.

Our annual meeting this year saw 80 Friends gather together from the Europe and the Middle East Section and further afield. This was our first annual meeting together in person since the start of the coronavirus pandemic and also our first blended annual meeting, with attendees both in Paris and on Zoom. 40 of us met in Paris and 40 Friends participated through zoom. For those of us in Paris it was joyful to be physically together for eating, walking and talking with each other after two long years of Covid-19 restrictions. It was the first time that many of us had travelled in a long time.

There were technological challenges to our new ways of hybrid Quaker working but we were nevertheless able to create a rich shared experience. Our staff worked hard and creatively to ensure the most gathered experience for us all, both online and in person. Cultivating joyful relationships enables us to do our work. If we are to sow and nurture the seeds of peace, we need fertile soil. We became a gathered community. Our theme for the annual meeting spoke directly to us:

From Crisis to Connection: working creatively to heal our fractured world

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

We met in the long shadow of the war in Ukraine which has fallen over Europe and the rest of the world. We recognise the on-going suffering in other parts of the world which could be forgotten at this time. On Sunday morning we joined in Meeting for Worship with Quakers in Kiev. We heard first hand accounts of the work being done by Friends across Europe to support those affected by the war, notably in Georgia, Estonia, Czechia and Poland. We listened to the fears. Our prayers are with all those involved. We uphold the Quaker organisations who are working both through social activism and methods of quiet diplomacy to help end conflict and support those affected.

We were inspired and challenged by our speakers to create peace on earth, to dare to dream of turning weapons into spades, and to challenge the mistaken notion that the military option is the only option. We were reminded by Tim Gee, General Secretary of FWCC, that all our striving for peace and justice have roots in the faithful and joyful fellowship of the worldwide Quaker family. We were prompted by Bainito Wamalwa, clerk of FWCC Africa Section, to remember that we have a prophetic task of personal and collective transformation in this age of global uncertainty and instability. We must work creatively and not be fooled by false or simplistic solutions. Karina Knight Spencer from Stop Fuelling War/Cessez d'alimenter la guerre, and speakers from QCEA reminded us to recognise the complexity of the situations we are facing. We need to listen, reflect and work on long-term solutions. We need to remember that we are on a journey towards the promised land which will not be achieved in the next two or three years.

Wrestling with huge global issues of peacebuilding and climate justice can lead us to question what we can do, or what EMES, as a networking organisation, can do to make a difference.



The words of Pierre Lacout were shared as ministry,

**“Words split apart. Silence unites.
Words scatter. Silence gathers together.
Words stir up. Silence brings peace.”**

(Pierre Lacout, God is Silence).

The home groups helped us to know one another in that which is eternal. If we are to help heal a fractured world, we need to heal ourselves, our families and our communities. We can also be fractured and in conflict with one another. We are mirrors of what is happening in the world. Conflict can be transforming if we are willing to face it and work through it with courage and integrity. We were advised to ‘breathe in the moment, to see and to smile’.

We leave the annual meeting feeling renewed and grateful to have been together. We are part of a precious global community of Quakers, with an important ‘voice’ – both spoken and silent in expression. Our fellowship and discernment supports our individual and collective work and helps us to reimagine our world. In these troubled times, we are reminded of our Quaker history and practices. We need to be courageous and draw strength from our Quaker community if we are to act in response to the promptings of love and truth in our hearts.

In Friendship, i vennskap, i vänskap, i venskab, ystävydessä, en amitié, in Freundschaft, in Vriendschap, en amistad, in amicizia, v přátelství, u prijateljstvu, draudzība, a barátságban, sōpruses, w przyjaźni, le cairdeas, fi alsadaqa.

Signed

Ethel Livermore
Clerk, FWCC-EMES

Will Haire
Assistant Clerk, FWCC-EMES



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UNITED NATIONS SUMMER SCHOOL

Across ten days in July, a group of young people across the world came together for a remarkable experience. They are this year's cohort of the Quaker United Nations Summer School in Geneva. Each day they learned about the United Nations, connected institutions and Quaker work in and around the United Nations. As well as those in the UK, Germany and Netherlands, they logged on from places as diverse as India, Nigeria, Kenya and the US.

Since 1955, hundreds of people have taken part in the Summer School and it has left deep memories for many. "Participating in the Quaker UN Summer School was really important to me," explains Kirsten Hills of Florence Quakers. "I was studying politics at university so seeing and understanding the United Nations and the institutions up close was invaluable."

The Summer School has traditionally been an in person event, but pandemic restrictions have led to both last year's and this year's versions being online. "Being unable to welcome the participants in person is a huge disappointment to everyone at QUNO," explains Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, QUNO's director. "But I am proud that our staff and especially our programme assistants have met the challenge of creating a meaningful event and community online these past two years."

As well as hearing from external speakers, QUNO Geneva's programme staff talked about their work on human impacts of climate change, peace and disarmament, human rights and refugees as well as sustainable and just economic systems. Kirsten has rich memories from these sessions, from an earlier generation of programme staff. "I really appreciated the enormity of what the representatives were doing, even though they did not express it in those terms," she says. "I remember thinking that it was amazing that Quakers were out there in the world, offering something exactly where it was needed."

There was another aspect that wasn't spoken about but had a big impact on Kirsten. "I think it was one of the first times I actually understood the Quaker idea of 'speaking truth to power'. Listening to Rachel Brett (the human rights and refugees representative until 2014) talk about her work on child soldiers, had a particular impact. Perhaps because of the challenging

subject (children as part of the war machine)? Or perhaps it was understanding the difference her work was having diplomatically? Or maybe it was the fact she was a strong and articulate woman in a position of responsibility, which I found particularly inspiring."

The friendships formed are as valuable as the learning experience. Shuhei Oguchi, from Japan, was fresh from a masters at Lancaster University when he took part in 2001. Today, even after 20 years as an international development consultant the Summer School is still "a vivid memory for me," he says.

Tankiso Phori, from Lesotho, was a participant in 2006. He says that he would recommend the Summer School because participants learn "how the UN functions, and also the commitments that our governments are making through the treaties or conventions that are signed or ratified. This can enable or empower us to hold our leaders and ourselves accountable to such agreements and to implement them to improve the quality of life for our people."

In 2022, the Quaker UN Offices in Geneva and New York are celebrating the 75th anniversary of their foundation. By then, we hope to have established the Summer School alumni network. If you have participated in the Quaker UN Summer School and would like to be involved please contact me on jsmith@quno.ch or call +41 22 748 48 00.

Jez Smith



AGAIN

They lived in peace
A normal existence
No need for fear
No need for resistance.
They led their lives
From day to day
And although they took
nothing
You still make them pay.

What makes you do it?
How can you sleep?
When people are dying
And loved ones weep?
All because of your hate
All because of your greed
Your unjustified, criminal,
inhumane needs.

Maybe life wasn't perfect
But it wasn't all bad.
Then along came one man
Who took all they had -
Their freedom, their rights,
their dignity
And you left them three
choices:
To die, fight, or flee.

So we watch them dying
We hear their pain
It's that age-old story
Again and again.

When will we learn
To stop this obsession
With war and destruction,
Hate and aggression?

When will we learn
To love each other
As sister, brother,
Father, mother?

I don't have the answers
I don't have a prayer
But it's high time to stop
This bloody nightmare.

It's high time to stop.
Stop
Voting for hate,
For death and destruction
And the bid to be great.

Please.
Call back your soldiers
Call back your tanks
Take back your bombs
And let's all give thanks

That we're all flesh and blood,
That we all feel pain.
That deep down, in fact,
We are all the same.

There is only one thing
That's worth fighting for
And it's not land or power
Or oil, for sure:

It's peace.
And more peace,
It cannot be war.
It's compassion
And love
And a little bit more.

Please.
Let's not do this.
Any
More.

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EUROPEAN QUAKER SERVICE IN KABYLIA, ALGERIA: 1963-1973

A unique experience in pan-European Quaker co-operation grew out of a young Norwegian's participation in a work camp in Algeria in 1952, together with the concern of France Yearly Meeting about heightening tensions in Algeria in the early 1950s. These two strands, brought to the attention of the European section of Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) at its annual meeting in 1962, coincided with the signing of the Evian Peace Accords, that ended nearly eight years of war between Algeria and France. Egil Hovdenak, the 25-year-old Norwegian Friend who had participated in the early 1950s in an International Civil Service camp with the Berber people of Kabylia, a mountainous area east of Algiers, felt moved to share his experience with poverty and wanted to repay the friendship and spiritual humanity he had known there.

The outbreak of war in 1956 delayed his mission by a decade, but he continued to nourish his hopes and carefully monitored the Algerian struggle for independence. At the suggestion of France Yearly Meeting at the FWCC meeting held over Easter weekend in 1962, Egil traveled directly to Tunis, where the British and American Quaker agencies were meeting with the Algerian authorities in exile and the Red Crescent in order to plan their involvement in reconstruction efforts. The American Friends Service Committee and the Friends Service Council set up activities in western and eastern Algeria, respectively, to facilitate the return and reintegration of the nearly quarter million Algerian refugees from Morocco and Tunisia. It was decided that the European Quaker undertaking would be located in the centre of the country, in the mountainous region around Ouacif, Kabylia, some 150 kilometres east of Algiers.

The first group of volunteers arrived a year later in April 1963. Over the following decade, a total of 56 Europeans from Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland, volunteered in Kabylia, staying, on average, 14 months. It is estimated that about 20 Algerians participated. France Yearly Meeting sent three young volunteers, in 1965, 1970 and 1971, and were coordinated from the Centre Quaker International (CQI) in Paris by Marguérite Czarnecki. Tony Clay, a Briton, worked on the project in 1963-64 and later, with his French wife, Odette, became the QIAR (Quaker international affairs representative) at the CQI in Paris. A young Frenchman and a Norwegian woman met and then married after they left the project in June 1966; today they live in a western suburb of Paris. A Service Committee was set up within the FWCC European section (later EMES) and reported on the activities of the project annually.

The Algerian liberation movement welcomed the Quaker

relief efforts envisaged, provided they not be paternalistic. Water supply was a priority and a water tower was soon erected. Construction of a maternity clinic in Tizi T'nine was a major undertaking in the early years. Egil wrote: "The lack of water is glaring in several villages. To fetch water, women return to their villages by steep paths with 20-litre cans on their backs. The men do not carry the water. If water needs to be fetched in the evening, a man accompanies his wife." He describes the desolation of the destroyed villages he had worked in ten years earlier, as people returned from the internment camps, set up by the French, to tend the burnt olive and fig orchards and the fields overgrown with thorns and thistles.

A few crises impacting on the Quaker service work included the following. Ben Bella, the first Algerian and Arab majority president, was hotly contested in Kabylia and violent fighting took place around the villages of Ouacif in 1964, before he was overthrown by Boumedienne in 1965. In 1967, the Six Day War between Israel and the Arab countries, during which Algeria also declared war on Israel, raised uncertainties about the future of the project. Quaker service activities were also affected by the policy decision from Algiers to reorient culture and religion to emphasise Arabic and Islamic foundations. However, as no explicit reorientation against foreign volunteer agencies was adopted, Quaker service volunteers had to infer the intentions of the local authorities, based on the actions, or lack thereof, of officials.

In 1967, EMES decided to end its activities in the Ouacif region and begin the transfer of existing programmes to the Algerian authorities. The exception was to continue support of the maternity health clinic in Tizi T'nine. But the transfer of activities proved complicated and drawn out. In his final assessment report, the team leader concludes that, overall, the medical activities were quite successful and became well integrated into the public health structure. However, the agricultural projects were less successful. The demonstration and outreach projects with experimental methods and training components would have needed another five to ten years in order to have become firmly adopted.

The young volunteers emphasised the personal friendships that developed with the Berber population. Indeed, Egil Hovdenak's book, which has now been translated into French, is entitled "A mes amis de la montagne" – "To My Friends in the Mountains".

Dale Andrew *France Yearly Meeting*

This article first appeared in the April 2022 issue of *la Lettre des Amis*



All Photos: Dale Andrew

DIARY DATES 2022

More dates are available on the website: fwccemes.org/calendar. Please send items for inclusion in the diary to michael@fwccemes.org

Woodbrooke & EMES offer several weekly online Meetings for Worship. Please check the Woodbrooke website for the latest information: woodbrooke.org.uk/worship

EMES NOW RUNS REGULAR ONLINE EVENTS

PEACE & SERVICE NETWORK

Monthly gatherings for people involved in peace and service work are held on the second Thursday of each month. More details: fwccemes.org/emes/peace-and-service-consultation. Contact evan@fwccemes.org for more information.

EMES YOUTHGROUP

Monthly gatherings for young people aged 14-18 are held on Saturday mornings (and also midweek evenings). More details: fwccemes.org/youthgroup. Contact michael@fwccemes.org for more information.

We also hold monthly gatherings for EMES Representatives and Roleholders in the first week of each month. In January and July we run online gatherings for International Members in the Section. Contact michael@fwccemes.org for more information about both of these events.

OTHER EVENTS

At the time of printing, these events were still scheduled to go ahead in the format listed below, however, this may change so please check the EMES website for up to date information:

11-14 August

Ireland Yearly Meeting, Belfast
office@quakers.ie

9-11 September

Border Meeting, Strasbourg, France border
border.meeting@gmail.com

9-11 September

EMES Youthgroup Gathering, Strasbourg, France
michael@fwccemes.org

9-11 September

Italian Friends Gathering, Borgo Basino
evan@borgobasino.org

2 October

World Quaker Day
worldquakerday.org

7-9 October

EMES Peace & Service Consultation, Bad Pyrmont, Germany
evan@fwccemes.org

13-16 October

German Yearly Meeting, Bonn
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28-30 October

France Yearly Meeting, Sète
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14-17 November

QCEA Study Tour, Brussels
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19 January 2023

International Members Gathering, Online
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