



Releasing Ministry

*supporting*



Alliance

*Spirit-led service*

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“It does not take a lot to release ministry. First one becomes aware of an inward nudge, a spiritual leading to do so. Second one asks for divine guidance. Third one begins with small steps and moves gradually as way opens.”

– Charlotte Fardelmann

## Releasing Ministry Alliance

is a network to support ministries, ministers, and our faith communities.

Releasing Ministry Alliance’s network will provide:

- a directory of ministries online
- the ability to invite a minister to your meeting or church
- channels for gifts to participating ministries
- connections to offers of home hospitality
- the ability to request and give prayer support
- featured ministries in social media marketing
- support for accountability to ministers and ministries

**Releasing Ministry Alliance** is a contemporary version of caring for ministries and ministers by facilitating:

- Financial support
- Publicity
- Referrals
- Home hospitality
- Prayer
- Accountability

### That Was Then

As George Fox traveled the countryside, Margaret Fell supported his ministry and offered hospitality at Swarthmoor Hall.

### This Is Now

Michelle\* has been asked to offer her insights about the inner light to Quakers far away. How will she get there? Where will she find the travel funds? Where can she stay? Who will serve as elder? Who will pray for her? Who will take care of her pet while she’s away?

\* Michelle is a fictional minister called to ministry among Friends.

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# Releasing Ministry Alliance – Frequently Asked Questions

## What do you mean by ministry?

Ministry is defined as sacred service to which one is called. It may be offering workshop and retreats to groups, bearing witness to a condition, working with children, serving to alleviate a pressing need, working within an organization, providing pastoral care to those in need, traveling in Gospel ministry, or something else.

## Isn't being a minister already a job you get paid for?

For some it is, but for many it isn't. Especially among Friends, it is commonly a volunteer activity and many combine their service in ministry with a secular job for livelihood. One aim of this project is to supplement the livelihoods of those people so they can devote more time and attention to the ministries.

## Who can use ReleasingMinistry.org?

Anyone following or wishing to support a Spirit-led leading will be invited to use Releasing Ministry Alliance. The project was founded by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) who thought of other Friends as their primary constituents but Releasing Ministry Alliance is not limited to Friends.

## Why don't people offering ministries just use existing crowdfunding platforms?

Some do; however, Releasing Ministry Alliance will fill needs that are not met by those platforms.

## How do I know these people offering ministry are legit?

When a ministry is under the care of a monthly meeting or has a support or clearness committee, this will be noted in the information available on each ministry. Testimonials may also be noted. Otherwise, potential donors/ hosts will need to contact ministers directly with question or for further information

**Releasing Ministry Alliance needs your support for start-up.**

**Please donate generously.**

Checks can be made payable to:

Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting  
1515 Cherry St Philadelphia, PA 19102

Note on check: LifeCalls-Releasing Ministry Alliance

Or online via

[www.gofundme.com/releasingministry](http://www.gofundme.com/releasingministry)

All contributions are tax-deductible.

Releasing Ministry Alliance co-founders are Viv Hawkins (Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting-PhYM) and Vonn New (Bullshead-Oswego Monthly Meeting-NYYM). These two Friends are engaging ministries under the care of their local faith communities. They and others see the need for, and value in, the services provided by Releasing Ministry Alliance.