

# Queries for reflection, discussion and learning

## Chapter 5: Vocal ministry

### Queries for individual reflection

1. How do I feel about the practice of spoken ministry in my meeting, including my own contributions?
2. How far is 'unhelpful' ministry a problem for individual Friends to resolve – either in how they minister or receive ministry? Or do I see this more as a whole-meeting issue?
3. What part might I play in the way vocal ministry supports depth of worship, both during meeting and at other times?

### Queries for pastoral groups

1. How is the Spirit faring in spoken contributions to our meetings for worship?
2. How do we encourage understanding of the practice and conventions of offering vocal ministry, and how far are we successful?
3. Are our strategies for addressing problematic ministry sufficient and workable? How can we support one another in our intent to affirm clear boundaries without compromising our care for a Friend? What support might we need from others in the meeting?

### Queries for meetings

1. What contribution does vocal ministry make to quality and depth of worship in our meeting?
2. What is the role of Friends generally in fostering helpful vocal ministry?
3. What do we understand by the term 'eldering'? How can the meeting support positive eldering? Do we each have a part to play or is this the job of only some of us?