Faith and Practice Revision Under Review by Monthly Meetings

Meetings are asked to reach unity on their reflections on the proposed revisions below, and to send this seasoned material to the Faith and Practice Revision Committee by October 15, 2018. If no unity is met, a description of the feeling of the meetings is welcome.

Please email tracked changes, a scan of written edits, or meeting response to: PYM.FPRevision@gmail.com

In the text below, words are struck out if deleted or underlined if added since the last version of Pacific Yearly Meeting’s book of Faith and Practice.

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Reaching Out

“We must learn to listen in tongues.”
-Lloyd Lee Wilson

Friends fellowship begins and is nurtured within the home and Meeting. It reaches greater fulfillment as we carry our beliefs into the wider community.

Share your Quaker faith. Take time to learn about other people’s experiences of the Light and, as you learn, give freely from what you have gained. Respect the experiences and opinions of others, but do not be afraid to say what you value. Welcome the diversity of culture, language, and expressions of faith in your Monthly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting, and the world community of Friends. Encourage discourse with Friends of pastoral and programmed traditions, and with members of other faiths.

Friends have a long history of involvement in public and private education, sharing our values with the world and nurturing future generations. Be mindful of the needs of children in your community and of avenues for deepening understanding between peoples.

How does my life reflect Friends beliefs and thus encourage others to be interested in the Religious Society of Friends?

Do I respond openly to inquiries about Quaker experience and belief?
What does our Meeting do to make others aware of Friends’ principles and practices?

What are we doing to be welcoming, open, and affirming to a diversity of people? Help people of various races, cultures, and backgrounds feel at home among us and we among them?

How do we encourage newcomers to return and participate in activities of the Meeting?

In what ways do we participate in the life of the interfaith community and in the wider fellowship of Friends?

† Some queries are intended for individuals. Italicized queries are intended for the Meeting collectively.