

## Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report to Annual Session 2019

It is with a sense of accomplishment that the Faith and Practice Revision Committee would like to thank you for your participation in our new “rolling revision” process. With the full expectation that further refinements to our process will be needed, we are prepared to declare a qualified success, partly because of the number and quality of responses we got from meetings, but equally because of the richness of the wrestling with our faith tradition that we sense is occurring as Friends consider the proposed texts.

In particular, we would like to recognize responses from the following meetings: Berkeley, Chico, Davis, Grass Valley, Humboldt, Inland Valley, Lake County, Live Oak, Mexico City, Palo Alto, Redwood Forest, Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, and Strawberry Creek.

If your meeting or PYM committee sent us responses, and you do not see that reflected in the list above, please resend your submissions to [PYM.FPRevision@gmail.com](mailto:PYM.FPRevision@gmail.com) so that your reflections are not lost. We would like to see more meetings and committees participate in this process, and are somewhat concerned that so few Southern Quarter meetings responded.

We expect to have one or two other drafts each year for you to consider, and hope to be able to bring some final pieces to annual sessions. At the same time, what we are finding, is that as Meetings respond to these drafts they raise new issues that need addressing either in the drafts circulated, or another part of the Faith and Practice. So the revelations continue.

To that end the committee decided to pick topics for Annual Session interest groups this year as a way of deepening the discussions that grew out of the responses we received. Therefore we will be sponsoring one interest group, in partnership with the Racial Justice Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight, entitled Building the Beloved Community. This is an outgrowth of the draft we circulated on “Reaching Out” which was a small editorial correction, but generated a lot of interest in what a truly inclusive, welcoming community could look like.

The second interest group will be on the subject of eldering: Spiritual Eldering: Nurturing the Life of the Meeting. It will be in partnership with the eldering support group that serves the Yearly Meeting during sessions and further examine some of the comments that came back from the draft on Leadings. Should there be a special section on what it means to accompany people who are following a call? What should it include? We look forward to seeing you at one or both of these sessions.

The Committee this year consists of: Carl Magruder and Laura Magnani,(Strawberry Creek) co-clerks, Patricia Portillo and Jenifer Carr (Sacramento), Sarah Tyrell (Berkeley) and Sue Scott (Inland Valley). We also are joined by Jan Tappan, ex officio as the archivist.