

## Ministry Coordinating Committee Advance Report 2014

Ministry Coordinating Committee (MCC) provides support for the Spiritual growth and care of our Yearly Meeting and oversees the work of the committees under its care. These include Advancement Committee; Committee on Conflict Transformation; Committee to Revise Faith and Practice; Committee on Sufferings; Worship at Yearly Meeting Sessions; State of the Society; Ministry and Pastoral Care, and the task groups on Ending Racism in NYYM, Spiritual Nurture, and the Intervisitation Group( formerly the Traveling Friends Advisory Group.)

MCC met at Fall and Spring Sessions and during Coordinating Committee weekend at Powell House in January. Our meetings were Spirit led and sharing was often rich and deep. We welcomed visitors to our meetings and appreciated their presence and insight.

This year we approved the final version of the Apology to Afro-Descendants from the Task Group on Racism in NYYM and presented in on the floor of Yearly Meeting at Fall Sessions where it was approved. At Coordinating Committee weekend we began looking at how we might guide Friends in next steps following the approval of the Apology. Some first steps were begun prior to Spring Sessions.

Ministry Coordinating Committee also approved the definition of Worship Groups for our Faith and Practice from the Committee to Revise Faith and Practice and brought it to the floor of the Yearly Meeting for a second reading. The definition was approved at Spring Sessions and will become part of our book of discipline.

This year we were enriched by reports from the Spiritual Nurture Working Group. We supported the State of the Society Committee to create a permanent set of queries that meetings can more easily use to track their Spiritual growth and reflect on their connections with each other. We approved changes to the Advancement Committee's Handbook page and presented it to the Yearly Meeting for a first reading. We approved the continued service of Vonn New, Nat Corwin and Carol Holmes on the Intervisitation Group (formerly the Traveling Friends Advisory Group) and approved Carolyn Emerson and Anne Pomeroy as new members. We continued to support the Committee to Record Margaret Webb in the Ministry. Finally, we began discerning how we might help Friends grow into the Spiritual opportunities being opened to us through the Priorities Working Group. This discernment continues and will guide much of our work in the coming year.

In conclusion, MCC had a full, rich year. We often felt led by Spirit as we learned to listen to each other and the still small voice within.

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