

The following will come to the floor of the Yearly Meeting for a first reading.

Message from Ministry Coordinating Committee

Re: Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel

Ministry Coordinating Committee is bringing to the floor of Yearly Meeting the recommendation that the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel be permanently laid down.

The precedent for this action has come before us in the past as a temporary measure following the formation of the Meetings for Discernment.

Minute 2007-07-38 suspended the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for 2008 while the Meetings for Discernment began their first sessions.

Minute 2008-07-54 confirmed that action.

Minute 2009-07-42 suspended the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for another year.

Minute 2011-07-43 Friends approve suspending the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for three more years ending in July of 2014.

We are now in July of 2015 and the realization is that we will not be bringing back the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel regardless of what the recommendations are for the Meetings for Discernment. It therefore makes sense to officially lay it down and state that in our minutes. This action will pave the way forward for us to clear up several other areas which are still in limbo.

The Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was formed at a time in our history when it was needed to help bring us together as a joint worshipping body. That time has passed and we are ready to move on to live into who we are now. Taking this action will help confirm that process.