

## **IMYM Faith & Practice (F&P) Committee**

Report to IMYM Representatives Committee

Held at Tempe Monthly Meeting, Feb. 3, 2018

The IMYM Faith & Practice (F&P) Committee is now fully constituted, and is charged with revising and updating *Faith and Practice*. The committee's hope is to remain faithful to Friends' religious heritage while responding to the fast-changing needs of our contemporary world.

### **Committee Composition**

- Acting Clerk: Gretchen Reinhardt, Tempe MM, (At Large), CooperativeByDesign@q.com, 480-968-4056
- Arizona Half Yearly Meeting (AHYM): Steve Finger, Flagstaff MM
- New Mexico Regional (NMR): Gail Taylor, Albuquerque MM
- Colorado Regional (COR): Dave Ireland, Boulder MM
- Utah Friends Fellowship (UFF): Open
- At Large: Jaimie Mudd, Pima MM (special concern for Utah until Utah has a representative)

### **Expect a Survey in February to be returned by May**

Our committee has now met four times (since Oct. 2017), engaging in silent worship, fellowship, discernment and discussion to get to know each other and to seek guidance and grounding in the important task we have before us. In order to ensure that the next edition of *Faith and Practice* remains both inspirational and practical, we will need your help. Shortly after our next meeting on Feb. 18th, we will be sending out a survey to IMYM Monthly Meeting Clerks. We will be looking to each meeting for suggestions on what additions or revisions might make our *Faith and Practice* more helpful to you, as together we seek to deepen our faith and more fully clarify our practice. We hope to have responses back by the beginning of May so that the committee's face-to-face meeting opportunity at IMYM can be informed by those responses.

### **Budget Considerations**

Currently, the F&P Committee has been meeting by video/phone call. Our focus has been on getting to know one another, familiarizing ourselves with our existing F&P, the process that has been used by Friends in other yearly meetings as they revise their respective Faith & Practice documents, and getting a preliminary sense of what IMYM is likely to discern needs update/revision attention at this time. The committee has heard recommendations that our work would likely be helpfully supported by three to four face-to-face meetings on an annual basis. One of those would be during IMYM. However, we expect that additional time will be needed. How do Friends wish to support the F&P committee's work together? Do Friends wish to support in-person meetings? If so, how frequently would Friends like F&P to meet face-to-face? We recognize that travel budgets require planning horizons. We wish to elevate this potential future budgetary need at this time so that the committee can fulfil the hopes of IMYM Friends as we undertake this service.

In Peace,

Gretchen Reinhardt

Acting Clerk, Faith & Practice Committee