

First Draft: State of the Meeting 2016, Quaker House Santa Fe Meeting (preparative)

In 2016, Quaker House Santa Fe Meeting continued the practice of worship each Sunday at 10:30, followed by regularly scheduled programs and brunch. Sometimes Friends gathered before worship to sing hymns together. On first Sundays, a Friend presented a topic and guided a conversation. Several attenders and each member of our care committee from Santa Fe Monthly Meeting offered to lead one of these religious education presentations. On third Sundays, between worship and brunch, we held a half-hour of worship sharing, responding to queries with the focus of the monthly topic.

Our meetings for worship for business are held on fourth Sundays. The committees reporting to the meeting include Ministry and Counsel, Building and Grounds, and Finance. In addition to the care of individuals and the spiritual well-being of the meeting, the Ministry and Counsel Committee does the work of our former education committee. Our monthly topics have included the peace testimony, simplicity, and the role of ministry and counsel.

Opportunities for spiritual enrichment included the fall retreat organized by Friends from Santa Fe Monthly Meeting. Some Friends participated in book discussions, spiritual deepening groups, and Experiment with the Light groups. A few of us were able to attend Inter-Mountain Yearly Meeting and New Mexico Regional Meeting.

Our Christmas caroling party was part of our neighborhood outreach. Five of our regular attenders walk to meeting from their homes and another handful enjoy bicycling to meeting in fair weather. With a convenient and visible location, Quaker House is used throughout the week by a number of groups that are doing good work in our wider community.