

# Do Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting (PQM) Representatives Contribute to Quaker Life?

**We think so! Did you know?** At Philadelphia Quarterly Meetings, Friends across the Quarter join in shared worship, hospitality, learning and worshipful business and Spirit-led discernment. PQM is made up of 7 monthly meetings and one preparatory meeting and several affiliates within the city of Philadelphia. (PQM is one of [the 13 Quarters in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.](#))

**Everyone in your meeting is a member or attender of the Quarter.**

And every monthly meeting needs PQM Representatives!

**WHAT** Every monthly meeting in PQM is encouraged to delegate at least two PQM representatives – to serve as a vital communication link between Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Meeting.

**WHY** According to **Faith and Practice**, III *Faith Reflected in Our Organization*, B. Quarterly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings are vital to Quaker life. They strengthen meetings by joining Friends together in quarterly meetings “to support one another through worship and fellowship, and to consider matters of regional or common concern”.

**WHEN** Monthly Meeting PQM Representatives attend four (4) Philadelphia Quarterly Meetings (see calendar below), and four (4) PQM Reps Planning Meetings via Zoom (online) or live.

**HOW** The role of PQM Reps is to faithfully liaison between the monthly meetings and the Quarter.

- PQM Reps share how Spirit is moving in their Monthly Meeting and bring requests, concerns and ministries to the Quarter primarily by participating the Rep Planning meetings.
- PQM Reps encourage Friends to participate fully in the life of the Quarter and lift up Quarterly ministries, concerns and events of interest with their monthly meeting.
- PQM Reps help their monthly meetings, Clerks and outreach committees to learn about and engage in, and support activities open to all in the Quarter or are areas of common concern.
- PQM Reps encourage attenders and members in their monthly meetings to participate in Philadelphia Quarterly Meetings per the PQM calendar to ensure broader participation.
- PQM Reps support their Meeting to consider making covenant contributions to the Quarter.
- PQM Reps is a key point person when their Monthly Meeting hosts a Quarterly Meeting.

## **Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting (PQM) Calendar and Host**

Fall	<b>October 25, 2020</b>	Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Winter	<b>January 24, 2021</b>	Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting

## **Dates for PQM Representatives Planning Meetings (2020) \***

**September 22, 2020** Reps Planning Meeting for October PQM

**December 8, 2020** Reps Planning Meeting for January PQM

\*Dates and locations are subject to change based on current conditions.