

# The Friends Messenger

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## ***West Chester Monthly Meeting Calendar – November 2019***

**Sunday, 11/3:** Meeting for Worship at Oakland Friends Burial Ground 10:30am; Care of Meeting Community meets at 9 am

**Sunday, 11/10:** Community Day on Quaker Block 10:30am; Meeting for Worship with attention to business noon.

**Sunday, 11/17:** Worship & Ministry Committee meets at 9am; Called Meeting on the Ramp Project at 9:30am; Informational meeting on financial aid during shared lunch; Query Reading at 10:30am

**Sunday, 11/24:** Peace & Social Concerns Committee meets at 9 am

## ***Birmingham Monthly Meeting Calendar – November 2019***

*Our greeters are: 11/3: Marcia Cole-Quigley, 11/10: Vince Shiela, 11/17: Barbara Knickerbocker; 11/24: Sallie or David Jones*

**Sunday, 11/3:** Meeting for worship with Attention to Business at 8:30am; PYM Middle East Collaborative joins us

**Sunday, 11/10:** Property Committee meets at 8:30am; Youth Committee meets at 10am

**Sunday, 11/17:** Religious Education Committee; Peace & Social Concerns and Oversight & Pastoral Care Committees all meet at 8:30 am; New member luncheon hosted by O&PC Committee 11:15am

**Sunday, 11/24:** Meeting for Worship at 10 am

## **Birmingham Friends Harvest Buffet**

**November 9 from 4:30-7:30pm**

Adults \$16, payment in advance (\$18 at the door), Children under 12 \$8 For tickets, please contact: Marcia Cole Quigley [marcia.cq@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.cq@gmail.com) or Birmingham Friends 1245 Birmingham Rd, West Chester, PA (610) 793-1734

Featuring

Farm to Table Menu

Fresh & Local Food. Pasture-raised turkey. Organic Vegetables.

Vegetarian, Vegan, & Gluten Free Options.

Homemade Desserts

Proceeds benefit

Local and Quaker Charities

# West Chester Monthly Meeting

## Minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

### October 13, 2019

West Chester Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends gathered in Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at the appointed hour on the Thirteenth day of the Tenth Month, 2019.

Meeting opened with a moment of silent worship.

The Co-clerk requested approval of the September minutes and Friends approved the minutes.

The Co-clerk reviewed the proposed agenda. Friends approved the agenda.

#### Clerks' Report

Gwenn Knapp reminded Friends about the upcoming Concord Quarterly Meeting at Westtown on October 27<sup>th</sup> and Continuing Sessions on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Matt Bradley and Deb Lyons offered to represent WCMM at both upcoming meetings.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### Property

- Randy Lyons had two updates from the property committee. First, he shared with Friends that the committee will address the issue of signage for the meeting house, such as the creation of a welcome sign for the door. Then, on behalf of the committee he requested a Called Meeting be scheduled to provide an update on the ramp project.
- Friends approved the Called Meeting and agreed it will be scheduled for November 17 at 9:30 am. Child care will be provided.

##### Care of Meeting

- Randy Lyons reported that there seems to be a renewed spirit to do more to care for the meeting house and make it more responsive to the needs of the Meeting and the community. Because this work may evolve into large capital projects, the Care of Meeting committee

wanted to raise the idea of creating a committee aimed at raising funds for major capital projects. This led to a discussion about how to prioritize projects of this nature and a desire to understand the process for introducing a new committee. Matt Bradley suggested the Meeting should discern what our priorities are, and Randy agreed to introduce this idea at the Called Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. This Called Meeting, to discern priorities, would likely be scheduled after the holidays. As for the process of creating a new committee, Friends discussed presenting this concept to the Nominating Committee for their thoughts. Deb Lyons will add an update to the announcements that this is something the meeting is considering.

##### Worship and Ministry

- Todd Krasnai reminded Friends about the workshop with Marcelle Martin in the social room from 9:00 am – noon on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He shared that Worship and Ministry is working with Peace and Social Concerns on scheduling movie nights in December and January.

##### Advancement

- Todd Krasnai offered two reports related to advancement. He expressed that we had a wonderful time at Hibernia for World Quaker Day and requested that over the next year we talk about how to get more people to attend next year. And, he shared that the Advancement Committee has agreed to take on outreach activities as part of their activities.

##### Burial Ground

- Todd Krasnai reported that the sign at the entrance to the burial ground has been repaired. Paving quotes are in and work to repave the driveway up to the garage will be underway soon.

## Tuition Aid

- Marion Vito, representing the Tuition Aid committee, reported that distribution of K-12 aid went very smoothly this year. For the 2019-2020 school year Friends approved an equal distribution approach to aid awards. She noted that by taking this approach the process was quicker and much more efficient with awards communicated in May and checks released in June/July. The committee reached out to other meetings, PYM and the Quarter to see how they determine aid awards, but only received responses from PYM and the Quarter, both of which take an equal distribution approach. Also, the committee received no response to their request for ideas from meeting members for alternative distribution ideas. Absent any recommendations for a different formula, the committee reported that they have no alternative suggestions to offer.
- This prompted additional questions about why the EFC report is not used in determining aid awards. Marion explained that previously the committee had used a combination of the EFC and total tuition to try to calculate awards as fairly as possible and that there were further complications that occurred when requests for aid came in late. Friends requested the committee consider a simplified approach and just use the EFC report, expressing preference for a needs-based approach. This was approved, as was the importance of holding firm to deadlines.
- On November 17<sup>th</sup> during shared lunch there will be an informational meeting on the funds available for tuition aid—both the K-12 and the Melony Fund for college—as well as the process for application and disbursement. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available at that time. An email will be sent to all members about the meeting.
- The committee raised a concern that there should be a committee member with no financial need or potential conflict of interest to sit on the committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lisa Vosburgh, representing the Youth Religious Education committee, requested the start time for Meeting for Business be raised at the next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. In September, at the request of the YRE committee, Meeting for Business was held before Meeting for Worship in an attempt increase participation with particular attention to families. While there was greater participation at the September Business Meeting, Friends expressed concern with changing the time. Concerns addressed the issues of creating confusion if the start time should vary from month to month and ensuring there is enough time to cover important topics if the Business Meeting would need to end to commence Meeting for Worship. Todd Krasnai proposed holding Meeting for Business at 9:00 am in January, February and March and then deciding how to proceed. This topic will be added to the agenda next month for additional discernment. Deb Lyons agreed to provide notice in the announcements to increase awareness of the discussion.
- Deb Lyons raised a concern about timing for when the co-Clerks receive agenda items and their ability to produce an accurate agenda in advance of the meeting.
- Gwenn Knapp requested volunteers to help with the Quaker Self Portrait project. She requested a volunteer count the number of adults and children who attend Meeting each week during the month of November and someone to take a portrait on Community Day. Todd Krasnai agreed to take the count and Matt Bradley and Randy Lyons will take responsibility for the portrait.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- WCMM is hosting Middle School Friends October 18-20.
- On 10/20 at share lunch there will be a discussion on our carbon footprint. Todd Krasnai will

invite Jen Karsten, the new executive director of the Hickman, to join us for lunch and the discussion.

- On 10/26 Marcelle Martin will be speaking on “supporting one another on the spiritual journey” in the social room from 9-11 am.

#### **CLOSING WORSHIP**

Meeting closed with a moment of silent worship.

Gwenn Knapp, Co-Clerk, Lisa Vosburgh, Recording Clerk

### ***West Chester Monthly Meeting Announcements – November 2019***

**On Sunday, November 3 at 10:30am, Meeting for Worship** will be outdoors at the **Oakland Friends Burial Grounds**- bring chairs or a blanket. Children will find a spot under the trees to hear the Godly Play story of the Parable of the Sower. YPG is welcome to be in the group for worship or come hear the story before we join everyone in worship.

**Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee:** 1:00 pm Nov.3, at the Jeanes Building; all are welcome. **Note:** West Chester MM will host Concord Quarterly Meeting on Jan. 26, 2020--so our Nov. 10 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business agenda will include planning for Quarterly Meeting. Please come ready to share Quarterly Meeting "program" ideas...

**Mark your calendar! November 10 is Community Sunday on Quaker Block from 10:30-11:30!** We're inviting our friends at the Hickman, West Chester Friends School, and Goshen Friends school to join us! Friends of all ages will gather for songs with T. Jeff Domenick, a story, and waiting worship together during this special semi-programmed worship. \* Please note our Query Reading will be moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday this month.

There will be a **Called Meeting** at West Chester Meeting on **Sunday, November 17, starting at 9:30 AM.** We will share information concerning the status of our Porch Project, including the latest iteration of our Power Point presentation. In addition, there will be discussion about several decisions that need to be made as we approach the actual implementation of the Project.

On **November 17th during shared lunch** there will be an informational meeting on the funds available for **tuition aid**—both the K-12 and the Melony Fund for college—as well as the process for application and disbursement. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available at that time. An email will be sent to all families about the meeting.

**Help the West Chester Food Cupboard help our neighbors make ends meet!** Please donate store gift cards (Shop Rite, Giant, Acme) as the Food Cupboard can stretch their value. Nonperishable/non-expired canned or boxed foods; and/or personal-hygiene items for adults and children are also most welcome. (Need ideas or more information? Check out the posters on the WCFC collection boxes in the Social Room or visit [wcfood.org](http://wcfood.org).)

We are looking for **volunteers to help with the Meeting's community outreach in 2020, monthly dinners at the Salvation Army.** West Chester Meeting's dinners are the first Monday of each month. We have been performing this service for several decades; if you would like to be a part of it or would like more information, please contact the Meeting secretary: [wcfmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:wcfmeeting@gmail.com) or 610-696-0491. Volunteers of any level are welcome: anything from one time per year up to three times in the calendar year. Thank you in advance for helping with this worthwhile program!

As you are unpacking your Fall and Winter clothes, if you have any men's winter coats and/or suitcases to donate please bring them in for the VA hospital.

**Birmingham Monthly Meeting**  
**Minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**October 6, 2019**

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.  
The agenda was approved.

Friends approved the Minutes of September 2019 as presented.

**Clerk's Report – Celia Lang**

The Clerk read a letter from Laurie Lewis requesting membership in the Meeting. The letter was referred to Oversight and Pastoral Care.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is asking that Friends share information that will help PYM build a better picture of the members: a Quaker Self Portrait. PYM believes it will help us as a body know who we are as Quakers, our characteristics, and interests. The work will be done in two ways: "a Portrait of our Meeting" and "a Portrait of Individuals." The meeting component will be a count of every adult and child attending meeting for worship each Sunday in November. The totals will be reported to PYM. The individual component is a request for Friends to share more information about themselves and their interests. The survey will be online and Celia encouraged Friends to respond to the link when they receive it. She believed that it will be sent out shortly.

Newtown Friends Meeting is sponsoring a Gun Violence Awareness Day on Sunday, November 10, 2019. A similar event was held in West Chester at Calvary Lutheran Church on New Street. The Clerk asked Friends to approve co-sponsorship of the event as a way of giving witness to our concern about reducing gun violence. Celia plans on attending the event as a representative of the Meeting and encouraged other Members to attend. The Meeting would have no other responsibilities to be a co-sponsor. Friends approved the Meeting co-sponsoring the event.

The Clerk requested and Friends approved moving the December M4B to December 8th because the first Sunday falls on Thanksgiving weekend.

**Emergency Preparedness Working Group – Connie Eash**

Connie led the second reading of the proposed changes to the Manual of Procedures to add a section for guidelines on Emergency Preparedness. The proposed changes were distributed both by paper and email. The proposal has not changed since last month with the exception of grammatical adjustments. Friends suggested additional changes to the wording to make the intent of the guidelines clear. Friends approved the Guidelines for the Manual of Procedures as revised. Connie will send out an edited copy of the guidelines with the suggested changes to bfriends.

Friends minuted their thanks to Connie and Meredith Hung for their hard work in preparing the Meeting to be better able to handle emergencies.

**Finance Committee – Mark Mitchell**

Mark presented recommendations on changes to the Manual of Procedures. The proposed changes were distributed both by paper and email. These changes are housekeeping in nature and are necessary for consistency with prior changes that updated the policies and procedures for the Capital and Preservation Fund. The manual still contains outdated references in the sections on responsibilities for the Property and Finance Committees (on pages 7 and 9, respectively). The proposed revisions bring the descriptions on page seven and nine in line with the previously approved changes. Friends were asked to review and comment on the changes for next month's approval.

Mark reminded committee clerks that it is time for them to submit budget requests for the 2020 budget.

### **Property Committee – Sallie Jones**

Progress on the family bathroom is moving forward slowly. The architect has created drawing and electrical plans. These plans have been sent to the contractor and he is reviewing those plans with his plumber. The next step in the process will be to go to the township to request the necessary permits. Sallie noted that they are mindful of the upcoming Harvest Buffet and will ensure that construction won't interrupt the event. Sallie thanked all Friends who contributed to this project in any way.

Sallie will post a map of the current parking spaces available on the meetinghouse grounds. She asked Friends to avoid parking in the Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery. The cemetery is not the Meeting's property and should only be used as overflow when no space is available on our grounds. Sallie noted that the "special parking" area includes the area on the other side of the driveway if necessary. Friends should reach out to Sallie if there are any questions about parking.

### **Concord Quarterly Meeting – Chris Mckenney & Lynne Piersol**

Last month, Chris asked the Meeting if it would be open to rescheduling when the Meeting hosts Concord Quarter. The Meeting declined the request. Chris and Lynne told Friends that Concord Quarter and Western Quarter are planning a joint meeting in April of 2020 when it is Birmingham Meeting's turn to host the Quarter. The last time that Concord and Western Quarter held a joint meeting, it was at Wilmington Friends School and Wilmington Monthly Meeting helped with the joint meeting and our Meeting could do the same next year. The Meeting can also choose to trade for another date when the Meeting can hold its children's program.

Lynne asked if the Quarter can go forward with a joint meeting at Kennett Meeting in April of 2020. Friends felt that the Meeting's approval is not required, but did not have any concerns with the Quarter's plans and would consider helping with the event.

### **Heritage Guild Works – Tod Baseden**

Following up from last month's announcement, Tod provided more information on a proposal by Eugene Hough on the Legacy Marker Program he is undertaking. Eugene has proposed to improve the preservation of three of the historical markers on the meetinghouse property: the west wall of the meetinghouse, the Peace Garden plaque, and the common grave marker. A second part of his proposal is a presentation on the history of the Meeting through interviews of Meeting members which would be made available to schools and civic organizations.

A Friend asked if the Meeting will have any say what sort of restoration will be performed if the Meeting is not paying for the work. The response was that the Meeting is not asking for approval of the work at this time. It was noted that Eugene is also approaching Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery, but it is not known if they've approved his request. Chris Lang noted that he is on the cemetery board, and agreed to coordinate with Tod. A third Friend would be welcome to work with Tod and Chris. Interested Friends should reach out to them.

A Friend asked if the organization that erected the common grave monument still exists. It was unknown and Chris agreed to investigate.

Friends thanked Tod for his work and minuted their approval that we are friendly to this proposal and look forward to continuing the discussion with Legacy Marker Program for a formal proposal at a later time.

### **Religious Education Committee – Betsy Wenny**

Betsy gave a detailed report on the plans of the committee for the upcoming year. She will share the report via bfriends. This year's theme is Quakerism. One of their goals this year is to have the whole Meeting involved in the youth education program. Intergenerational programs are being planned by Meeting committees. The committee is asking that all Friends consider contributing to one First Day program during the year to speak on a part of Quakerism that resonates with them. The Committee would love to see as many members as possible share their experiences with the children. To see what Sundays are open, the teaching schedule is on the Meeting's website and posted inside the upper cabinet in the First Day School room. Friends with questions or an interest in reserving a Sunday should reach out to Gwynne Ormsby by either email or phone.

### **Delaware Valley Friends School – Susan Brodesser**

Susan gave an update on the care relationship that Concord Quarterly Meeting entered into. Members of the Care Relationship Committee from DVFS are David Calamaro, Gray Goodman, and Christa Harp. Members from the Quarter are Tom Ceresini, Ginny Sutton, and Susan Brodesser serving as clerk. Although not officially on the committee, Susan noted that Lynne Piersol has been essential to the functioning of the care relationship. There has been a lot of progress towards creating a healthy relationship between the Quarter and the school. Interested Friends can take a tour of the school or attend meetings for worship at the school on Wednesdays but they should email ahead before visiting. In the future, Susan hopes that students will be doing service projects in partnership with the Quarter. For more information, Susan referred Friends to an article on the school that appeared in the Quarterly Meeting News and that she

has an extended report for anyone that is interested in learning more. Susan noted that she is hoping to have some school participation in the Meeting's Friendly Beasts program. Lastly, she noted that everyone is welcome to attend the care relationship meetings with Delaware Valley Friends School.

### **Fellowship Committee – Stephanie Kirk**

At the suggestion of Leslie Leonard, the committee is planning the details on an intergenerational Game Night. Stephanie asked Friends to reserve Saturday, February 29th for the Game Night. The snow date will be March 2nd and additional details are forthcoming.

### **Peace and Social Concerns – Pat Bierl**

Pat informed Friends that the committee will be conducting a series of presentations with Q&A from the three major charitable organizations that the Meeting supports: Act in Faith, West Chester Food Cupboard, and Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children. On September 29th, Haille Romanowski from Act in Faith gave a presentation to the Meeting. She shared a video and spoke on the services that Act in Faith provides for the needy in West Chester. There was a brief question and answer session following her presentation. Pat noted that future requests for donations to Act in Faith will include additional personal items such as: soap and toilet paper which are not covered by food stamps.

Meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Lavin, Recording Clerk  
Celia Lang, Clerk

## ***Birmingham Monthly Meeting Announcements – November 2019***

**The Harvest Buffet is Saturday, November 9, from 4:30 - 7PM!** Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. Children under 12 are only \$8. There will be also be take outs, and gluten free and vegan dishes and desserts. Please reserve your tickets with Marcia Cole-Quigley as soon as possible, so we can estimate how much food to prepare. **We still need volunteers.** Check with family and friends whether you want to eat early or late, so you can volunteer for the other shift (early or late). The signup sheets are on the utility room door as you leave the social room. If you want to sign up, but won't be there, please let us know by email or phone. Thanks to all participants, whether volunteering or selling tickets. All proceeds will go to local and Quaker charities. Connie Eash 610-563-6955.

**Sunday, November 3, at Rise of Meeting,** we will be hosting the PYM Middle East Collaborative during Meeting for Worship, and they will then join us for refreshments. Following our social time, we are invited to join them here for their Meeting for Business and learn about what they do.

On **Tuesday, November 5** we are open to the voting public as a polling place.

**First Day School Schedule of Topics:** 11/3: TBD; 11/10: Right Sharing of World Resources. 11/17: Faith & Play: Meeting for Business; 11/24: Faith & Play: Testimonies.

Birmingham Friends (members and attenders alike) are invited to participate in a **Spiritual Self-Assessment of the Meeting**, to be held under the care of Worship & Ministry. The first meeting will be held at the Meetinghouse on **Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm.** Using worship sharing, we will lift up several Queries related to worship and spiritual growth and gather messages that come to Friends out of our worship together. This meeting will last about an hour. At the Meeting's December luncheon, Friends will have an opportunity to discuss and expand on those leadings before Worship & Ministry drafts a minute for consideration by Meeting.

The **Nominating Committee** meets on **Tuesday, November 12** at 12:30pm.

Join the **Brandywine Sacred Harp Singers** on Mondays, November 4 and 18 from 7-9 pm at the meetinghouse. No experience needed! For more information, contact Laura Densmore at 610-793-5102 (home), 610-405-2485 (cell), or by email: [FaSoLaura4@gmail.com](mailto:FaSoLaura4@gmail.com).

**Parking at the meetinghouse:** Please make every effort to park on the meeting property, rather than in the Birmingham-Lafayette Cemetery, and use the provided spaces efficiently by parking as closely to other parked cars as possible. Note: 2-3 additional parking spots have been made available on the lawn just beyond the schoolhouse where the brush and compost piles used to be. Park in the B-L cemetery (away from gravestones and plot markers) only when all other onsite options have been taken.

## **Interest to All – November 2019**

**The Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee** will meet at 1:00 pm November 3, in the Jeanes Building; all are welcome. **Note:** The next Concord Quarterly Meeting is on January 26, 2020 hosted by West Chester Monthly Meeting.

On **Wednesday, November 3 from 10:30-noon,** the **Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns** will meet at Birmingham Meeting. This is open to all interested. For more information, please email [concordquarter@pym.org](mailto:concordquarter@pym.org)

**Sunday, Nov. 10, 2-4pm: Newtown Gun Violence Awareness Day** will take place, sponsored by Newtown Friends Meeting and many other local multi-denominational congregations, including Birmingham Friends Meeting. This event will begin at Newtown Friends Meeting House, 219 Court St, Newtown (Bucks County), PA 18940, and following a Witness Walk will wind up at Macedonia Baptist Church at 218 N. State St, Newtown. Activities include an educational forum & call to action, witness walk, and remembrance service at "Memorial to the Lost tee-shirt display." There will be opportunities for advocacy activities and refreshments. Questions: contact Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence at (251) 238-8550 or [contacttheheeding@gmail](mailto:contacttheheeding@gmail)

**What is your Legacy?** Join Friends of West Chester Friends School, West Chester Friends Meeting, and Birmingham Friends Meeting for a collaborative education session about **Planned Giving on Thursday, November 14 from 6-7:30pm** at West Chester Friends Meeting in the Social Room. Planned Giving is an effective and meaningful way to support causes that you are passionate about without costing you anything today. The presenters will be: Mimi Blackwell, JD, the Planned Giving Program Manager of the FFC and Robert Vosburgh, Director of Gift Planning for the University of Pennsylvania.

**Concord & Western Quarters present "Parent's Morning Off" on Saturday, November 23 from 9am-1pm!** This is a drop off event which includes a healthy snack and lunch. It's for all children in the Quarters ages 3 and up. RSVP is required by November 19 to Lynne Piersol at [concordquarter@pym.org](mailto:concordquarter@pym.org).

**'Organized for Life: Downsizing- Learn to Live with Less'** presentation sponsored by the Concord Quarter Working Group on Aging Concerns will be at Willistown Meeting on **Saturday November 16 from 9:30-noon**, followed by lunch. Carol Bernard from Hockessin Meeting, the presenter, is experienced with this topic. Her interactive workshop covers how to deal with possessions including organizing, downsizing and recycling or discarding items. Participants should be prepared to share on a personal level as we will explore what we want to spend our time and energy on and how we view the rest of our lives. Please RSVP, especially if staying for lunch. <https://concordquarter.org/aging-concerns/downsizing> All are welcome!

**Volunteer with the Friends Association!** Besides shelter, families need assistance in areas such as legal help, tutoring, clothing & furniture donations, and much more. Through donors and volunteers like you, Friends Association is able to provide families with the resources they need to thrive. If you have any skills that could help our clients, we would love to hear from you. Learn how to volunteer here: <https://friendsassoc.org/volunteers/>

**Upcoming PYM Youth Programs: learn more at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org)  
Quaker Family Meetup**

**December 14 from 3:00-5:30 at Birmingham Meeting**

**Young Friends Christmas Gathering  
December 27-30 -- Woodstown Meeting**

**Children and Families Winter Overnight  
January 11-12 -- Camp Onas**

**Middle School Friends Winter Gathering  
January 31-February 2 -- Lancaster Meeting**

**Young Friends YSOP Service Trip  
February 14-16 -- New York City**

*Information for the **November Messenger** is due **Friday, November 22.***

**The Friends Messenger**  
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*Address service requested*

**11. Witnessing in the World: Education**

- a. What does our meeting do to support and improve public education?
- b. What help do we provide for the children and adults in our meeting to pursue their educational goals?
- c. What is our meeting's role in support for Friends' education? If our meeting is connected to a Friends school or schools, does this relationship nurture spiritual life and the manifestation of Friends principles?
- d. Do we enable children in our meeting to attend a Friends school? Does our meeting work with the family to consider all available means of support?
- e. *How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community?*
- f. *Do I demonstrate my encouragement and support for Friends education through awareness and service?*