

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting

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Minute of Appreciation for Anthony Stover

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Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, gathering in session via Zoom on the 25th day of Tenth Month, 2020, minutes its gratitude and appreciation for the guidance of Friend Anthony Stover over the past one and a half years of his tenure as Quarterly Meeting clerk.

After serving as a PQM Representative for Germantown Monthly Meeting, Anthony answered the call to share his gifts as Quarter Clerk, providing a steady and supportive presence in his efforts to bring the Quarter's constituent Monthly Meetings together as a community, ever all-inclusive and caring, working to provide a sacred space in which members could share the life of their Meetings with one another.

We miss Anthony's spirit-led "I can't, but We CAN" stewardship that inspired old and new friends to join together in common cause. Those who worked with him experienced his humility and commitment to see the Light in others, even when they faltered, as evidence of his work on being faithful to Spirit.

Anthony's personal experiences as a Black man growing up in Philadelphia, as a devoted father, a veteran, and a professional dedicated to supporting children and families facing serious illness and oftentimes financial strain - these are just a few of the valuable lenses from which Anthony sees the world and brings to his cooperative leadership.

His love and deep knowledge are even more powerful in the context of the times we are all living through now in 2020. As our Quarter Clerk, Anthony consistently supported the Quarter to consider: What are We Led to do as Friends? And his example encourages us all to look at ourselves and ask: *What can I do - as a friend?*

We honor his legacy as he steps down from his position as clerk and thank him for his faithful stewardship of our Quarter. We pray for the recovery of his health as he moves forward and know that he will bring to all future endeavors the same dedication and devotion that he has brought to Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting.



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