

Nominating Committee
Spiritual State of the Committee Annual Report 2018

1. What are some of the main ways you spent your time during the past (calendar) year?

As always, we tried to address the Meeting's needs, and we made some roster appointments after contacting members and attenders to gauge their interest in joining or continuing to serve on committees. At our request, Meeting committees reviewed their committee descriptions and reported changes to us. We also are in the process of reconsidering the term system for committee service, as we assess committee stability and the best use of people's gifts and callings.

2. How would you describe the spiritual state of your committee?

We confess that we could choose a more worshipful environment for our meetings together, but we continue to enjoy our Saturday breakfast meetings at the Red Canoe. Although the silence is incomplete in the public space, we engage in silent worship at the beginning and end of our meetings. Our spiritual state relies largely upon our individual practices and the depth of the spirit that we bring to our meetings.

3. What were the major challenges you faced? Major strengths that helped you?

The largest challenge continues to be finding more people within our community to draw upon, people who would truly commit themselves to a committee. Yet, compared to last year, we find ourselves in a more hopeful space: several people have applied for membership, and there have been transfers of membership. The November 2018 retreat was well attended and suggested dynamic interest in the health of the Meeting and its functions. We hope that this interest will include a willingness to participate in committee work, especially if the clearness process for membership clarifies the committee participation as a part of membership. We continue to feel grateful and blessed that so many longtime members and attenders lovingly set aside time to address the Meeting's many needs.

4. What are your hopes for the future?

We hope to have more energy to create innovative opportunities for committee work and to review with a fresh lens what committee work is necessary. We recognize the need for more outreach on our part as we work to attract new committee members and officers and to retain seasoned members.

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