

Homewood Friends Meeting  
Ministry and Counsel Committee  
Annual Report 2018

April, 2019

**Main ways in which we have spent our time during the past calendar year:**

- Oversight of meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business
- Friends needing support
- Clearness committees for membership, marriage, and memorial services.
- Welcoming new and transferring members
- Spiritual state of the Meeting event and spiritual state of the Meeting report
- Spiritual retreat
- Homewood outreach group which is under the care of Ministry and Counsel
- Homecoming
- Memorial minute

**Spiritual State of the Committee**

We would describe the spiritual state of the committee as strong. We come together in worship and consider each matter with care for each other's perspectives.

**Major Challenges faced by Committee:**

The major challenges we face continue from the previous year: our purview is large and our membership is small. Larger meeting communities often have three committees to meet the tasks of this one committee.

**Major Strengths of the Committee:**

Our major strengths are consistent and thoughtful participation and a sense that the Meeting community is growing and deepening.

**Our Hopes for the Future**

Our hopes for the future include continued robust spiritual deepening of the Meeting community and continued development of the outreach committee. We anticipate a continuation of the surge in requests for membership, clearness, and weddings. We are now calling upon non-committee members to support these efforts. We hope to learn about and practice becoming a more inclusive community for all kinds of people including those who might be considered other-abled.