

## Faith and Practice Revision in Progress

The outline below shows the current plan for reorganizing and augmenting the material in the first half of NPYM's *Faith and Practice*. The existing material will not change substantively, although much will be moved into new places in the reworked sequence. A few sections will be new to *Faith and Practice*, filling gaps identified during discussions at Quarterly and Yearly Meeting events in 2005-06.

Hotlinks show the sections available for review as working drafts. The Committee on the Discipline encourages meetings, worship groups, and individuals to read and consider these drafts and also to use them as they would use sections of the published *Faith and Practice*, for example in meetings for worship for business or in adult education sessions. We also encourage interest groups at Quarterly and Yearly Meeting gatherings.

The Committee is open to comments and suggestions about this outline and the review drafts. We hope that Friends will consider the drafts as they are posted, season their responses through community discernment, and then share the benefit of that discernment with us. Comments may be sent to any member of the Committee. We are also open to communications from individuals although we would prefer that Friends season their responses through their meetings, both to deepen the individual's discernment and to involve more Friends in the process. Local Friends' groups may wish to invite some from the Committee on the Discipline to visit and help them consider *Faith and Practice*, how it is used, and how it might change.

As draft sections become ready for general review, the Committee will post them here and will also send them to each meeting with a request that copies be made available to Friends who do not have access to the Internet. Again, we encourage isolated Friends to process concerns and suggestions through their Quarterly Meetings and through Annual Session.

We hope that circulating draft sections in this way will engage individuals and the Yearly Meeting community as a whole in the *Faith and Practice* revision process, keep that process open and transparent, and make the book stronger and more useful for Friends throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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## **SECTION I: FAITH**

### **1. History**

NPYM Timeline

### **2. Friends' Beliefs**

### **3. Living in the Spirit** (temporary working title; has to do with varieties of spiritual discipline)

Spiritual Experience

Faith

Prayer

Creativity [new section]

Religious Education

Worship

Discernment [includes Meeting for Business, Clearness]

Participation in the Life of the Meeting

### **4. Fruits of the Spirit** (temporary working title; has to do with testimonies as the result of the life of the Spirit)

Testimony of Integrity

Integrity

Witness

Living in the World

Civic Responsibility; The Individual and the State

Testimony of Community

Community

Unity

Family

Home & Children

Fulfilling the Later Years

Mutual Care

Testimony of Harmony

Peace

Sexuality

Recreation

Fear & Safety [new section; temporary working title]

Harmony with Creation [new section]

Testimony of Simplicity

Simplicity

Stewardship

Testimony of Equality

Equality

Right Relationship to Wealth [new section]