

POSITION: DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

APPOINTED BY: NPYM Steering Committee

APPOINTED AT: Second Annual Session Steering Committee Meeting

NOMINATED BY: NPYM Nominating Committee

MEMBERS: Three from each Quarterly Meeting, nine total

CLERK: Nominating Committee nominates one of the nine to be Clerk

NEEDS: Should be familiar with Friends' practices and with the evolution, thought, and spirit of North Pacific Yearly Meeting.

TERM BEGINS: October 1

TERM LENGTH: Three-year overlapping terms which are renewable

REPORTS TO: Steering Committee

WORKS PRIMARILY WITH: Steering Committee and Monthly Meeting Clerks

DEFINITION: An adhoc committee for the development and subsequent revision of a Book of Discipline. The Yearly Meeting conceives of the Faith and Practice, or the Book of Discipline, not as a finished product and final word, but as an evolving document, representing the growing experience of North Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends in seeking to know and follow the Inner Light. Members are encouraged to study, use, and appraise Faith and Practice in this spirit. Suggested changes, which may in time be incorporated in a future edition, may evolve through the actions of Monthly and regional Meetings, and of the Yearly Meeting; or through the suggestions of committees, or individual Friends. These suggestions should be forwarded in writing to the Discipline Committee for consideration.

TASKS & TIMELINE:

-This Committee shall take excerpts from Steering Committee Minutes which have been collected and shall sort what practice needs mention in our Discipline and what shall become an internal document for Steering Committee. (Job Description SC min 7-78)

-All Meetings and Friends having concerns, suggestions or questions should be encouraged to present these in writing to the Discipline Committee.

-This Committee should season the concern and examine it in the Light of Truth as to how it represents what NPYM Friends do believe and practice in their religious life together. It should attempt to state those principles on which it finds unity and circulate drafts for revisions of the Discipline to MM and WG for their consideration.

-Under instruction and with the approval of the Yearly Meeting, the Committee shall, at an appropriate time, prepare the material in booklet form for adoption and use by the Yearly Meeting as a new edition Faith and Practice.

-In addition to assembling and organizing material, this Committee may also be asked to interpret such material.

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EVALUATION: Prepares a report/evaluation for the DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE files. Sends a copy to the Steering Committee Clerk on, or before, September 21. This report should include information useful to next DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE Convenor (what worked, what didn't) and any changes you think should be made in the job, or the job description.

If you received a file with material from previous DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE Convenor, sort through it, update the information, and add your report/evaluation (and any materials you think are needed).

Return file to Steering Committee Clerk BEFORE September 21.

EXPENSES & TRAVEL: Reimbursement is provided for "office expense" (LD phone calls, postage, and photocopy) and mileage expense for these responsibilities. Submit reimbursement request with receipts to NPYM Treasurer on, or before, September 21 (the NPYM books are closed on September 30).

OTHER INFORMATION:

The stock of Faith and Practice is kept and sold by NPYM Secretary.

When there is no Discipline Committee active, SC (through its Nominating process) should name a Convenor who

- Keeps the records and files of the Discipline Committee
- Collects requests or concerns about the Discipline
- Informs the SC Clerk when it is appropriate to convene a new committee
- Prepares the committee for its first meeting, sharing documents that make it possible for them to begin discernment.

Steering Committee Clerk should be apprised of requests for change in Faith and Practice so that, when there are requests of a significant or controversial nature or when there is a sufficient quantity of ammendment requests, Steering Committee or Annual Session may direct the Nominating Committee to appoint a new committee for the revision of the Book of Discipline.

If there is no Convenor, the files should be returned to the SC Clerk (or YM Secretary).