

Faith & Practice Committee Report to NPYM Coordinating Committee

10/29/2016

Call for Art

We announced at Annual Session that we are thinking of including artwork *in Faith and Practice*. Response at AS was favorable. We have received a few submissions already. Please help us get the word out to visual artists that we would be glad to see line drawings, wood cuts, block prints, and similar art to consider. The due date for artwork submissions is 12/31/2016.

The Committee's Work This Fall

The committee is working very hard this season: we met earlier this month and will meet again in November and December. Here is a snapshot of what's going on with the book:

We have done a close review of all quotations in the transitional *Faith and Practice* and the chapters about spiritual disciplines and testimonies that are still in process. We made a specific effort to include quotations that are recent and local. We also made a specific effort to include young adult voices and to balance the contributions from men and women writers.

We have two readers lined up for "new eyes review". One is an experienced Friend, one is an interested outsider. We expect that these reviews will be very helpful!

Timeline for Next Year

We are on track to have the full "transitional" text ready in January—that is, everything except the indexes. This will be a document for Friends to use and "live with" for six months.

The transitional document will be on the website and we will also send one paper copy to each meeting and worship group. Please encourage your monthly meeting and any preparative meetings and worship groups under your care to read and use the transitional *Faith and Practice*.

The committee will still take comments during January-June 2017. Given the review that has already taken place throughout NPYM, we hope that suggested changes will be fairly small and specific.

The Faith & Practice Committee expects to bring a complete *Faith and Practice* to Annual Session 2017, as a gift for the Yearly Meeting. If the gift is accepted, the new document will go onto the website soon after AS. As a reminder, *Western Friend* will be our publisher and distributor for the hard copy books.

Job Description

The committee has also reviewed its job description and presents a revision for Coordinating Committee review. Please see the two documents provided, one marked "track" (with all the specific changes) and one marked "clean" (much more legible!)

Significant changes include:

- Call the committee the Faith & Practice Committee. "Committee on the Discipline" has never taken hold; "Discipline Committee" has a flavor of harsh correction; most

NPYM Friends seem to call us the Faith & Practice Committee in general conversation, so let's just use that.

- Clarify the difference between “maintenance” work and “revision” work on *Faith and Practice*, as CC discussed at the April 2016 meeting.
- Spell out the working relationship between the Faith & Practice Committee and the Coordinating Committee, also discussed at the April 2016 CC meeting.
- Replace the boilerplate language about Evaluation with tasks about Reporting and Record-Keeping.