

## State of the Society Report

### Corvallis Friends Meeting, April, 2018

**Statistical and Activity Report:** March 2017 to March 2018

**Meeting or Worship Group Name:** Corvallis Friends Meeting

**Current number of (adult) members: 38**

**Gained this year: 1**

**Lost this year: 0**

**Approximate number of adult attenders: 40-50**

**Children (infant through 12 years): 7**

**Youth (Central and Junior Friends): 2**

**Main activities of our meeting this year:** include Meeting for worship twice weekly, Adult Religious Exploration second hour programs, monthly potlucks, outreach with the Corvallis Food Bank and men's homeless shelter, hosting Quarterly Meeting, local retreat and monthly Interfaith potlucks.

In general, CFM has been well attended in the last year with many visitors and some newcomers who have become regular attenders. With that, the children's program is also more frequently attended and more planned activities have risen from the children's hour. The age range is wide but cohesive. The spirit of the children's program has brought new energy and life to the Meeting that is deeply appreciated throughout.

The most vital committees of CFM currently function but there is room for growth specifically regarding Peace and Social Justice.

The Adult Religious Exploration committee has added new and interesting second hour topics including a series on Quaker history, a self exploration on gender identity, and an in depth look into our readiness for death.

The Meeting was able to organize a group of volunteers to be at the Winter Men's shelter and due to the number of people willing to help, we were able to add three more days to our time there. Many volunteers talked highly of their experience there.

The Ministry & Oversight Committee had been renamed Spiritual Care Committee. This committee has focused more on our members experiencing difficult aspects of aging and rehabilitation from major medical events. Many volunteers have stepped in to provide rides, visits, and worship share with our members who have difficulty getting to Meeting for Worship. The committee has also seen a need for more explanation around Quaker practice and has added a written booklet for newcomers to have questions answered.

CFM has a well-attended Meeting for Business that is held in the Spirit of worshipful expectation.

We note some Meeting challenges. One area is following and encouraging Quaker practice regarding social justice while providing a space where Friends with differing political leanings feel comfortable. Specifically, we are concerned about the deterioration of our national and international political discourse, and our Meeting's quietism at this time.