

NPYM FAITH AND PRACTICE EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS as of 10/2021

The North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice Committee has reached unity that the following changes should be made in the next edition of *Faith and Practice*. These are general “housekeeping” corrections for accuracy (factual updates such as committee names), clarity, and editorial style. These changes do not call for seasoning among Friends.

Significant additions, deletions, and changes in meaning in *Faith and Practice* will require wide discernment among Friends. The Faith & Practice Committee is already gathering a list of potential concerns for substantive changes. Pages 190-91 outline the ways that Friends can suggest changes for the Faith & Practice Committee to consider.

~~Strike-through font~~ indicates a deletion, underlining indicates a new word or phrase to add.

1. CHANGES FOR ACCURACY (factual updates)

“Ministry & Oversight” is now “Ministry & Counsel”

The name of the committee called “Ministry & Oversight” in NPYM’s revised *Faith and Practice*, published in spring 2018, changed to “Ministry & Counsel” in fall of that year, prompted by discussion and discernment at Annual Session around a minute on systemic racism. Understanding that the word “oversight” carries painful meaning from slavery times, especially for Friends of Color, that committee proposed changing its name to “Ministry & Counsel.” The NPYM Coordinating approved the change on 10/27/2018, noting it as one step in NPYM’s efforts to recognize and uproot organizational racism.

References to this committee will be corrected throughout the next edition of *Faith and Practice*.

Chapter 1: History

p. 10 list at top of page, change period at end of list to semicolon, add new bullet point: • Committing to work on uprooting racism (2019).

Chapter 2: Friends Experiential Faith

p. 23 correction to 1st quotation (Lloyd Lee Wilson, 2005), line 6: —is enhanced by as my own relationship to God as encountered in...

Chapter 8: The Yearly Meeting

p. 185 under “Coordinating Committee” - add new 1st sentence: Coordinating Committee consists of members appointed by monthly meetings plus NPYM officers and clerks of standing committees.

p. 186 Ministry & ~~Oversight~~ Counsel Committee / (M&Θ C) here and throughout (see note above)

p. 189 “Annual Session Planning Committee” list - fix title in first item: ~~Children’s program~~ Youth coordinator

p. 190 Under “Yearly Meeting Staff” heading, line 3 - fix title: ~~an Annual Session Children’s Program a~~ youth coordinator

p. 190 Under “Yearly Meeting Staff” heading - add new sentence at end of paragraph: NPYM also employs an Annual Session Event Planner and Registrar.

Appendix: Chronology of NPYM Meetings and Worship Groups

p. 267 Insert row between Bellingham and Billings, add in Worship Group column: Big Sky, 2018 (MGOF)

p. 271 Sky Valley - add in Notes column: Laid down 2019.

2. CHANGES FOR CLARITY

Chapter 1: History

- p. 3 first line - add: William Penn, a leading Quaker, ownership...
- p. 12 add new sentence at end of first paragraph (starts "Over the next"): NPYM Committees are described in Chapter 8, "The Yearly Meeting."
- p. 12 "Affiliation with..." 1st para, line 2: change word: ...it caringly ~~threshed~~ worked through...

Chapter 3: Friends Spiritual Disciplines

- p. 41 2nd paragraph under Other Individual Discernment - add extra cross reference: ..."Clearness and other Care Committees" under Meeting Officers and Committees in Chapter 5...

Chapter 4: Friends Testimonies

- p. 61 2nd paragraph under "Testimony of Integrity" heading, 2nd sentence - add word: We cannot learn or think our way into faithfulness; that requires...
- p. 97 5th paragraph, 2nd & 3rd sentences - change words: We refuse to join in actions which lead to violence and destruction and death. We seek ways to cooperate ~~to save life~~ and strengthen the bonds...
- p. 105 3rd paragraph - restructure 4th sentence to read: They face ~~both~~ personal and institutional obstacles in gaining education or living wage employment that others do not.

Chapter 5: The Monthly Meeting

- p. 131 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence - change words: ...always accepting words of ~~weighty~~ more experienced Friends as final...
- p. 148 first paragraph, 3rd sentence - change words: ...labor individually with a Friend ~~of unbearable behavior whose behavior is repeatedly disruptive~~.

Chapter 6: New Gatherings of Friends

- p. 160 1st paragraph, 9th line - remove words: ...~~regional or~~ quarterly meetings may also be...

Chapter 7: Quarterly Meetings

- p. 169 3rd item in list - change wording: The ~~worship group~~ Friends community in Sheridan (Wyoming) is ~~unaffiliated not formally affiliated with NPYM but often meets some Sheridan Friends meet~~ with MGOF.

Chapter 8: The Yearly Meeting

- p. 175 1st paragraph, 1st 2 full sentences - re-word: The plenary sessions, ~~occasions for dealing with business when all participants come together~~, also provide opportunities for spiritual growth. ~~They~~ In plenary session, Friends consider reports...
- p. 182 lines 2 & 3 - re-word: Young Adult Friends typically meet at Annual Session in summer and may attend the Western Young Friends at New Year's Gathering in winter.

Chapter 9: Membership

- p. 201 "6. Friends testimonies," line 2 - change words: ...Quaker testimonies in ~~his life~~ our lives.
- p. 202 "8. Relationship to Christianity..." last sentence - change words: ...attitudes toward ~~other Christians Christianity (and its variations)~~ and other religions.
- p. 204 1st paragraph, 2nd sentence - restructure to avoid him/he pronouns: ...questions which may have ~~occurred to him after he met~~ come up after meeting with the Clearness Committee.

Chapter 10: Marriage and Committed Relationships

- p. 217 2nd paragraph, line 6 - change words: ...one of the two individuals is ~~currently expected to be~~ a member or a regular attender...
- p. 218 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence - split into 2 sentences: ...to give direction to the discussions, ~~or~~ Discussion may also arise out of worship.

Glossary

Note: The Faith & Practice Committee decided to add brief descriptions of the various organizations listed in the glossary. We based the descriptions shown below on language from the organizations' websites. The new description is to be placed between the organization name (in parentheses) and the website address.

- p. 235 **AFSC**– A Quaker organization devoted to service, development and peace programs throughout the world.
- p. 237 **Committee**: delete this glossary item
- p. 237 **Coordinating Committee** – The NPYM standing committee which cōnfers about concerns of the yearly meeting, its monthly meetings and worship groups, and its committees. Note that some Quaker organizations use the term “coordinating committee” in other ways.
- p. 237 **Corporate** – Refers to the physical and spiritual body of a Friends meeting as a whole.
- p. 238 **EFCI (Evangelical Friends Church International)** –A association of Quaker meetings around the world that profess evangelical Christian beliefs. (Formerly Evangelical Friends International.)
- p. 239 **FCNL** – A Quaker group that lobbies Congress and the administration to advance peace, justice, opportunity, and environmental stewardship.
- p. 239 **FGC** – An association of local and regional Quaker organizations that nurtures the spiritual vitality of the Religious Society of Friends by providing programs for Quakers, Quaker meetings, and people interested in Quaker faith and practice.
- p. 239 **FPT** – A spirit-led organization that develops long-term relationships with communities in conflict and works for peace, healing, and reconciliation.
- p. 239 **FUM** – An international fellowship of Christ-centered Friends working together on leadership, resource development, evangelism, communication, and global partnership.
- p. 239 **FWCC** – A Quaker organization that works to communicate between all parts of Quakerism.
- p. 240 **Independent Friends** - correct acronym: ...not affiliated with FGC, FUM, or EFCI... [not EFI]
- p. 243 **QEW** – A network of North American Friends and other likeminded people who are taking spirit-led action to address the ecological and social crises of the world.
- p. 243 **Quaker Voice** – Quaker Voice on Washington Public Policy. An organization of Friends in Washington State focusing on issues of criminal justice, economic justice, and environmental stewardship. (Formerly FCWPP) www.quakervoicewa.org
- p. 243 **QVS** – A program for young adult Friends living together while working in community service organizations
- p. 244 **Recorder** – add sentence before parenthetical statement: ...deaths in the meeting. Sometimes called statistical clerk. (Not the same as...)
- p. 244 **Run ahead of one's Guide** – change words: To go beyond the measure of Light divine guidance that one has been given.

Appendix: Meeting Membership Record

- p. 262 last line: *~~Member's burial place~~ Disposal of remains

Appendix: Information and Instructions on Final Affairs

- p. 265 2nd row: remove ~~Sec. Sec. No.~~, move “Meeting” up , remove horizontal line dividing that box
- p. 265 section 3: Disposal of ~~body~~ remains:

Appendix: Friendly Use of Communication Technology

- p. 273 1st sentence under “Conference Technologies” heading – add phrase: Conference technologies such as conference calls and videoconferencing may be used for several purposes, including...
- p. 273 3rd sentence under “Conference Technologies heading – change word: Not every Friends group has found conference ~~calls~~ technology suitable...
- p. 275 add as a new 3rd Query (between How do we accommodate and Do we conduct): • How do we include Friends who find communication technology to be a barrier?

3. CHANGES IN FORMAT AND EDITORIAL STYLE (punctuation, etc.)

Table of Contents

- p. iii Correct rank ordering: Testimony of Simplicity .. 101 and Testimony of Equality .. Move both to the left (same indentation level as Testimony of Integrity, Testimony of Community, Testimony of Peace)
- p. v Acceptance of Transfer .. 261 should be on a line by itself

Chapter opening pages 1, 25, 169, 193, 229: Chapter number line should be full black, not gray

Chapter 1: History

- p. 4 last paragraph - add comma: ...Quaker places of worship, and music...
- p. 11 “Structural Change” - run on the paragraph from “The following year,” to “Annual Session devoted...”
- p. 12 1st paragraph under “Affiliation with...” - delete comma: ...representatives to these organizations, and hears reports...

Chapter 2: Friends Experiential Faith

- p. 22 David James & Jillian Wychel quotation, 2nd line - close up: ...experience of connectedness...

Chapter 4: Friends Testimonies

- p. 67 last line - remove hyphen: ...volunteer and non-profit...
- p. 85 3rd line - lowercase D: “First-day school”
- p. 85 last line - change word: ...when they become overly-busy...
- p. 106 James 2:2-4 quotation - begin 3 interior quotations with capitals: “Have a seat...,” “Stand there,”. “Sit at my feet”
- p. 118 3rd query - capitalization: ...those who have less than we do? In those who have more...”

Chapter 5: The Monthly Meeting

- p. 130 “Threshing Sessions,” 10th line - add comma: given, and special efforts....
- p. 137 end of last line - delete comma after ...for business

Chapter 6: New Gatherings of Friends

- p. 159 1st paragraph under “Informal Meetings...” heading - remove hyphens: lines 3 ...non-violent social action... and line 6 ...regularly-scheduled meetings...

Chapter 7: Quarterly Meetings

- p. 169 3rd bulleted item in list below - spell out: ...Sheridan (Wyoming)...

Chapter 8: The Yearly Meeting

- p. 174 2nd bulleted item in list at top - remove apostrophe: ...arising from Friends_ testimonies
- p. 181 10th line and last line - remove hyphen: worship_sharing [same correction in both places]

Chapter 9: Membership

- p. 199 footnote, end of line 7 - remove apostrophe: Each Friends_ group
- p. 202 “7. Relationship to other ~~friends~~ Friends” [capital F]

Chapter 10: Marriage and Committed Relationships

- p. 217 1st paragraph, line 3 - delete comma: If the committee so recommends, and the meeting agrees...
- p. 217 footnote - punctuation of first 2 words: The “Oversight Committee” [not “The Oversight...”]
- p. 225 Quotation under “Separation and Divorce” heading: delete quotation marks before and after.

Glossary

- p. 239 **First-day school** [not First-Day w/ capital D]
- p. 242 **Opening** – add hyphen: A spiritually-affirming recognition...

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- p. 267 Bridge City- in WG column - add comma: Bridge City, 1996
- p. 267 Buckley: move (Tacoma) to a new line
- p. 268 Eugene – in WG column: move (Salem) to a new line
- p. 269 Juniper – in WG column: move (Salem) to a new line

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- p. 273 2nd line under “Conference Technologies” heading: delete hyphen: worship_sharing

Bibliography

Various small corrections will be needed for consistency in bibliography format.