

## FANNO CREEK WORSHIP GROUP 2017-2018 State of Society attachment.

The Fanno Creek Worship Group (FCWG) continues to meet as we have for nearly 30 years. We hold Meeting for Worship on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the Catlin Gabel School on the outskirts of Portland. Attendance varies from a low of about 4 to a high of 8-10 individuals. This group has relatively little vocal ministry. We share queries from London Yearly Meeting on a monthly basis.

Our group continues its vitality and slow growth. As we have noted previously, we continue to enjoy the presence of one family with small children. While we do not have any formal First-Day School as yet, we intend to begin some irregular children's programming this spring.

We noted last year that one of our regular attenders had requested membership at Multnomah Meeting. As this process was moving forward, the applicant for membership decided to withdraw from the process. Our understanding is that she has found another faith community, and we wish her all the best as she moves forward in her spiritual journey.

We periodically have visitors who come on an irregular basis. Recently we had visitors from the Hillsdale Quakers, including Rick Seifert, one of the founders of the Hillsdale group and one of the earliest members of Fanno Creek Worship Group after we were founded. Rick shared with us the plans of the Hillsdale group to ask Multnomah Meeting to take it under its care. Friends in attendance at FCWG that First-Day were supportive of this move on the part of Hillsdale Quakers.

Two long-time regular attenders of FCWG are actively involved with committee and other responsibilities at Multnomah Meeting:

- 1) Sally Hopkins is a member of the Special Funds Trustees.
- 2) Debbie Averill is now a member of the Worship and Ministry Committee, and though she is no longer "officially" on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, she still attends PSSC meetings regularly and is actively involved in the work of the committee.

Debbie also is currently the clerk of the Willamette Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee which is arranging the Spring 2018 QM which will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Multnomah Friends Meetinghouse. We are still in early stages of planning but hope to have a theme that comes from a recent training held at MMM by Marge Abbott and others from MMM and West Hills Friends Church.

For a number of years, the Fanno Creek Worship Group has felt led to work with several different non-profit organizations who emphasize help for people in the community. This

year we are continuing our work with the Assistance League in their project of assembling “rape kits” for victims of sexual assault and distributing those kits to local hospitals. Sally Hopkins has discussed with the Special Funds Trustees the possibility of a “matching grant” which would allow us to fund more of this ongoing and unfortunately very necessary work.

Approved by the attenders of the Fanno Creek Worship Group,  
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