

Tacoma Friends Meeting

State of the Meeting Report 2017

2017 was a seminal year for Tacoma Friends Meeting. In years past, we felt held back by our small numbers and limited time, finances, ability and commitment. We even had conversations about whether Tacoma Friends Meeting could realistically continue as a monthly meeting and maintain the meetinghouse and property. 2017 saw the return of two long-time members, some new additions and some serious corporate soul-searching. Our conversations began to evolve from self-doubt and survival as a meeting to having a spirit-led sense of purpose. We united and took action when several opportunities arose to support basic human rights including gender equality and the rights of immigrants. Through our conversations and actions, we consciously chose to look at our meeting's circumstances differently. We still have small numbers, an aging community and meeting house responsibilities. However, we have renewed our commitment to engage these and future challenges with faith, conviction and unity.

