

Reports from Committee and Working Groups

Meeting Nurture & Development Committee

The *Meeting Nurture & Development Committee* has as its stated intentions the following areas of focus:

- 1) **Offering Congregational Development / Coaching resources to local meetings as requested. These resources are intended to provide support, encouragement, and equipping for local meeting leaders and leadership in their efforts to flourish as a local meeting.** Some of these resources will be developed and made available on the website. Other resources will be offered through the gifts and ministries of Friends within NCFE. Local meetings can also make requests to the Meeting Nurture & Development Committee to provide leadership/resources for retreats (ie, Ministry & Counsel Retreats, spiritual formation, etc).

- 2) **Oversee and develop the Recording Process so that local meetings are able to engage in the naming, discerning, identifying, and recognizing public gifts of ministry within their own meetings.** North Carolina Fellowship of Friends encourages each local meeting within NCFE to hold the Recording of those recognized. The Meeting Nurture & Development Committee will work on developing resources and processes that will facilitate this process at the local level as well as provide resources for the ongoing training and development of the Recorded Ministers. Recording of Public Ministry is a very important part of the Quaker witness that all are ministers. Thus, we feel its very important that this be a concentrated focus of the Meeting Nurture & Development Committee, NCFE, and local meeting leadership.

- 3) **Oversee the Congregational Resources page on the NCFE website and keep it updated with resources (ie, articles, templates, links to other resources, etc).** So much resourcing of local congregations is done via the internet and especially during this time of the pandemic. We want to make resources accessible to local meetings so they can develop ways within their own local meetings to thrive and flourish. Many of these resources will be developed and shared by our own members of NCFE. Other resources that focus on spiritual formation, congregational development, and leadership development will be made available through the website.

- 4) **Plan, organize, and facilitate various workshops, seminars, retreats, etc, around the areas of spiritual formation, congregational renewal/development, leadership development, and deepening our Quaker witness and spirituality.** Many of these, of course, will need to be offered via Zoom and other virtual methods. Although this may be challenging at times, we feel the virtual experience also offers possibilities and opportunities to connect that can involve more folks in more convenient ways.

NCFE Zoom Retreat / Workshop - October 17, 2020

The *Meeting Nurture & Development Committee* will be sponsoring a virtual gathering on Saturday, **October 17th, from 9:30AM - 3:45PM.** The presenter will be Lisa Withrow. Lisa is the Founder

and Principal of *Clear Transition Strategies*, an organization that is committed “...to partnering with you and your team, especially in times of significant personal and professional change. Generating powerful, meaningful change that requires awareness about what is possible and energizing, unique and impactful, and positive and creative.” Lisa Withrow is a certified coach, consultant, and trainer/workshop leader. She works with a variety of organizations but is particularly focused on faith groups / communities in helping them transition well during times of change.

Lisa Withrow holds a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies and three certificates from Cornell University’s S.C. Johnson School of Management in Executive Leadership, High-Performance Leadership, and Change Leadership, Lisa has an up-to-date portfolio of trends, research, and challenges facing the worlds of business and higher education.

The intention of this one day retreat is to gather Friends from our NCFE meetings in a day-long exploration / conversation around what it means to transition well during this season of rapid change and how we can do it in such a way that our local meetings can thrive and flourish. We are particularly encouraging each meeting to have their Ministry & Counsel members register as well as other meeting leaders / members. Throughout the workshop, you will have an opportunity as meeting leadership to discuss how this applies to your own local meeting.

More information will be forthcoming but mark this on your calendars.

Respectfully,
Scott Wagoner
Meeting Nurture & Development Committee Clerk

Outreach Working Group August 2020

The NCFE Outreach Working Group **APPROVED** of the following expenditures from our allocation of NCYM Inc. Trust Funds for 2020:

Total funds received in 2020: \$12,400*

Friends United Meeting: \$6,000

General Missions: **\$1,000**

Girl Child Education: **\$1,000**

Belize Friends School and Center: **\$500**

Lugulu Hospital: **\$1,000**

Robert Wafula & Friends Theological College: **\$500**

Ramallah Friends School Scholarships: **\$1,000**

Living Letters (Carter-led trip to Israel & Palestine): **\$1,000**

The Living Letters trip was CANCELLED due to pandemic restrictions, so the Working Group approved sending the \$1000 requested for the Living Letters trip to Friends United Meeting to be disbursed from there to Ramallah Friends Schools for use as they see fit.

Africa Great Lakes Initiative: **\$500**
Fayetteville Quaker House: **\$500**
Worthington Friends Church (Jamaica): **\$500**
MOWA Choctaw (Alabama), The Friends Center, Inc.: **\$500**
Every Campus a Refuge: **\$500**
AFSC Immigration Work: **\$500**

***TOTAL 2020 EXPENDITURES of Outreach WG distributed to date: \$9,000**

***TOTAL 2020 FUNDS to be held until designated later this year: \$3,400**

Descriptions of and reports from these programs are provided for the annual session at www.ncquakers.org and will be included with minutes of session.

Thank you.

The NCFE Outreach Working Group:

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