

Ministry and Care Report 2021

The Ministry and Care Committee has been hampered somewhat by social distancing, but we have been able to meet together via zoom and to correspond on issues via email.

We have had no requests from monthly meetings for support with difficulties meetings may be facing though we had one request to address a problem raised by an individual.

From informal contacts with meetings and from state of the meeting reports, we understand that the yearly meeting as a whole reflects the struggles of the last year. There are anxieties and frustrations that are often impediments to a deeper spiritual life for both individuals and meetings, though we are gratified to hear about times of uplifting and renewal.

One item that came to our attention is that the yearly meeting does not have a written policy for how we plan to deal with incidents that might occur when we gather at Greene Family Camp. The Procedures Manual says that the M&C committee will act in accord with a Crisis Plan but we believe an actual plan has never been set down. We note that Friends General Conference has an extensively detailed Harassment Policy that we might review along with others. We have begun discussions within the committee and expect to bring a proposal before the yearly meeting for discussion sometime in the near future.