

From: **Faith & Practice Committee, SCYM, at Rep. Meeting, 2022**

At Representative Meeting 2021, YM's Faith & Practice Committee announced that it would be in possession of a draft, unfinished copy of its Faith & Practice document, a first draft, if you will, by the end of calendar year 2022.

That date is nearly upon us. So, we're announcing that we will indeed be distributing such a "draft" Faith & Practice in early New year, 2023. It will consist of a draft mix of texts (following a table of contents) that have been considered by the committee; what has yet to be submitted won't be included. So, while we still will have a ways to go, enough has been done that it is time for the whole YM to take a considered look at it.

That's what this development is all about. It is an effort to move forward in the process of creation, and to feel encouraged at being able to likely having the job completed within the next year or 18 months. The committee does feel encouraged, thanks in part to taking this step. It seems clearer to us, that there is an end in sight.

This draft first-copy will be made available to the YM through the usual digital means (we're also seriously considering having an actual "handbook or booklet" model available as well. We realize that it can be important for F/friends to experience what an actual "booklet" might feel like.) These are details to be worked out.

The important role of this draft model text is to stir heightened interest in the project and for us to receive feedback: ideas, commentary, changes, etc. from as many of you as possible. This will not be an exercise in seeking approval. That doesn't happen yet. We're after voluntary input from readers and users – it's that simple and that important. Have we been Spirit-led? To what extent? Have we overlooked some topics or subject areas? Will this be a welcoming document in any way? Or only one of explanations, meaning and beliefs? Consider our Testimonies. Or Membership. Have we successfully assembled documents that reflect SCYM in the ways that we worship, hold business meetings, listen to and hold each other in the Light? How about our character as a Yearly Meeting? Your answers or partial replies to such queries will be what we hope to receive - individually or as a committee.

At Yearly Meeting upcoming, in April of the New Year, our committee has been offered several opportunities to meet with you all, SCYM'ers of every sort and geography. So yes, there will be a YM Forum on this topic on Saturday, April 8 (at Camp) as well as during the Virtual early-week session of the YM on Tuesday, April 4. Watch for those announcements. Plus, the informal connections that you all can make with Faith & Practice Committee members, both present and past. We warmly encourage all of these relationships!

About the Committee, we have been meeting on a monthly basis for at least the past 30 months, and it has been very rewarding. Current members of the committee are Jane Houser, Kirsten Brink, Danielle Evans, Leada Dietz, Mac Lemann and John Coffin, clerk. (Mention recent former members; mention the home meetings involved.) With particular thanks to the hard-working, devoted, knowledgeable and generous members of the Committee, past and current.

This completes our report. Thank you, John Coffin