

Faith & Practice Committee, SCYM

After Representative Meeting, 2019, the Committee agreed to holding monthly meetings by Zoom, whenever possible. To a great extent, this has happened, and to good effect. We get to compare notes and encourage each other more frequently, examine texts and have the time to read them out loud to one another - all part of the committee's work in drafting and assembling a Faith & Practice booklet for the Yearly Meeting.

Under the major headings we've been addressing (all available on linkages through the Yearly Meeting website), we've concentrated these past months on topics under "Testifying to the Life of the Spirit."

For instance, the Testimonies fall under this heading, as do the sections on Family and Children and Human Sexuality. We'll also be working ahead in the section on "Living Together in the Faith Community;" this offers the advantage of our being able to access the Procedures Manual material that deals with these topics, too. We've discussed how much of this material is likely to be more appropriate as part of our Faith & Practice. The same applies to the section under the heading: "Laboring Together in the Monthly Meeting."

We're especially grateful that the Nominating Committee over the past two years has been able to add committed volunteers to the committee.

In 2018 the committee was down to just two members; now we have nine. They are: Kirsten Brink, Almeta Smith, Danielle Evans, Leada Dietz, Robin Morris, Jane Houser, Claudia Wilson, Mac Lemann and myself. With thanks to all of them.

Access to draft materials already presented can be found through the SCYM website; there you can also ask questions of or present ideas to the committee. Your comments are always welcomed.

John Coffin, clerk