

## **Ministry and Care Report to RM 2019**

(submitted by Jan Michael, Clerk)

The most significant activity of the M&C Committee since Yearly Meeting has been the oversight of funds from the Spiritual Enrichment Fund to support SCYM members to attend the FGC Gathering which SCYM planned for 2019. At yearly meeting, it was agreed to make 75% of the available balance of the Fund available, along with any additional earmarked contributions for that support. At that time, there was \$10,636 available leaving \$7,977 for use to support Gathering attendance. To that was added \$1,425 from about 14 contributors. 9 requests were received totaling \$3,840 meaning there was more than enough to cover assistance. We are gratified that so many SCYM members were able to attend.

While this year was unique because of our involvement with the event planning, in subsequent discussions we wonder if SCYM would wish to encourage and support members to attend the Gathering next year as well, or to revert to the prior guidelines for the Spiritual Enrichment Fund. And in connection with that we understand a possibly larger need is to assist our members to attend our own yearly meeting. Since there have been few requests for support from Spiritual Enrichment that align with the original guidelines established when the fund was established, are those guidelines still in line with members' needs, or do they need to be reconsidered?

And finally, the committee is also keenly aware that long-time Friend Marianne Lockard is not able to continue the meeting visitation she felt called to do. We believe that was a uniquely helpful activity within our yearly and would like to see it continue, but the M&C committee does not have someone else available who might carry this on. This is simply a burden we hold and share with the yearly meeting.