Worship & Community Report Fifth Month 2022

Virginia Beach Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

We welcome any care and concerns you may have for any individuals in our community.

Action Item: With Meetings approval, W&C agreed to purchase VBFM a ½ page in the Friends School yearbook this year at a cost of $400 total. ($250. from the W&C General fund & $150. from the Program/Retreat fund in the W&C's budget).

W&C recognizes that we, as a community and as individuals, are struggling to connect to Divine Guidance and come to a sense of the meeting. We discussed that a Worship Sharing gathering may help us understand and listen more deeply. The co-clerks and elders will work together in seeking this path forward, using the Pendle Hill pamphlet, Beyond Consensus as a resource. It states that there are 3 components that are essential in the process which leads to a sense of the meeting. They are Release, Long Focus, Transition to Light.

W&C 4/25 Query: "Are we in unity one with another and with the Meeting to which we belong?"
Response:
We have a lot that we are in unity with which includes our testimonies, our belief in "waiting" for Divine guidance, unity in caring for each other, and reaching out to one another regularly. We share the same values and we know the importance of our deep silent worship together as a community. And, yes there are things we are not in unity over. We tend to focus too much attention on what we are not in unity with and we need to focus more on what brings us into unity. Our meeting is precious. It seems that we continue to return to the meeting as there is a sense of "hunger" to see each other's faces again and again. As a term "Unity" is also associated with God. There are denominations such as Unity that use this term in their name. Our need to see and be with each other keeps us engaged and working to be in unity.

NOTE: Next **NCYM** will be in person Wed-Sun, 7/13-17/2022 at Guilford College, Greensboro, NC registration fee (not including room & board) is $60. Per person in person and donation for Zoom participation. Free for attendees under 18 years old. **W&C has scholarships available**.

Date	Meetinghouse Greeter	Zoom Greeter	
5/15	Nancy C	Mary Pelham	1st Day Discussion
5/22		Pat & Andy	
5/29		Mary Pelham	Memorial Weekend
6/5			1st Day Discussion

Thank you volunteers for all you do!

Our next monthly Worship and Community meeting is via Zoom Monday May 23rd, at 4:00 PM.

Nancy Delle Femine, Convener