

## Northern Yearly Meeting

### Job Description: Ministry & Nurture Committee

#### Mission and Purpose

The Ministry and Nurture Committee (M&N) is charged with nurturing the spiritual life of the Yearly Meeting.

#### Guiding Principles

M&N seeks to make its work transparent to the Yearly Meeting as a whole. Issues of a personal nature with which it may be entrusted are kept confidential. Maintaining strong connections with the clerks' team and other NYM committees is essential for effective M&N functioning, and the spiritual integrity of the faith community.

#### Membership

1. Nine members
  - Nominated by NYM Nominating Committee and approved by Meeting for Business
  - Convener(s) appointed by NYM Nominating Committee
2. Length of term: 3-year staggered terms
3. Committee composition—M&N's work is aided by having:
  - Members who are:
    - Friends (members of an affiliated monthly meeting or worship group)
    - Seasoned and spiritually mature
    - Interpersonally skilled
    - Able to communicate by email and other electronic means between meetings
  - Balanced membership that reflects the diversity of the Yearly Meeting community (e.g. age, gender, sexual orientation, the varying geographical locations and sizes of its affiliated meetings and worship groups, etc.) and includes a mix of Quaker understandings along a spectrum from Universalist to Christian.
4. Roles
  - Members—all are encouraged to:
    - Cultivate a regular practice of holding the NYM community in the Light
    - Participate in committee meetings, and Interim and Annual Sessions
    - Contribute to committee projects
    - Respond to requests from the convener(s) in a timely manner.
    - Serve as M&N's liaison to other committees as needed
  - Convener(s)
    - Set meeting agenda with input from committee members and the larger community
    - Clerk committee meetings
    - Facilitate communication among committee members between meetings
    - Serve as M&N's liaison to the clerks team

- Recorder
  - Document committee meeting proceedings
  - Collaborate with convener(s) in preparing committee reports

## **Meetings**

1. Are conducted in a worshipful manner and offer an opportunity to practice the loving interaction M&N hopes to foster throughout NYM.
2. Schedule
  - Fridays 2pm-6pm prior to Interim and Annual Sessions
  - 7am-8am daily during Annual Session and as needed
  - Other times as called upon to meet the needs of the Committee and YM

## **General Committee Commitments:**

1. Endeavor to know and attend to the spiritual needs of the yearly meeting
2. Individually and collectively hold the Yearly Meeting in prayer
3. Facilitate corporate worship at interim and annual gatherings
4. Oversee the process for memorializing members who have passed away
5. Provide support and counsel to the clerks
6. Shepherd the annual epistle writing
7. Partner with other NYM committees to foster harmony and connection among all community members.