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On Saturday, April 15, 2017 the NWYM transition team met for a second time. The team is researching the establishment of a fiduciary Trust. The Trust will celebrate the historical ministries and financial support of all Northwest Yearly Meeting (NWYM) churches to date. The Trust would empower both yearly meetings by holding certain assets that are non-theological in nature and currently benefit all parties. These assets are stronger held in trust than by being divided. Dividends would be distributed proportionally. Each yearly meeting, acting separately, can use their portion to offer services and ministries.

The transition team recommends to the Administrative Council the following for all current NWYM churches (whether they choose to stay in NWYM, join a new YM, or go independent):

1. Will retain their property along with any associated debt.
2. Employed pastors and staff (current & future) will continue to have access to the 401(k) pension plan and be able to contribute new funds.
3. Will have access to the Friends Church Extension Fund.

The transition team spent time discussing the organization and make-up of the following camps: Quaker Hill, Quaker Cove, Twin Rocks, and Camp Tilikum. We honor the long term ministry of each camp and want the ministry to continue to flourish. We recognize that some changes will need to be made to accommodate the changes the yearly meeting is facing in a fair and impartial manner. We are asking each full camp board to review their bylaws and policies and report back to the transition team changes that are prudent.

The transition team has more work to accomplish, including looking at related organizations. The transition team will meet again on June 3rd.