

Our New Thing Agenda Thoughts

Items to Consider for Agenda for YM 2017

- **Working Groups/ Individual Jobs to be created**

- Faith & Practice (Anna Baker (North Valley) has requested to be on this committee)
- Child Spiritual Direction
- Nominating Committee
- Clerk & Recording Clerk
- “Steering” Committee (new name needed for this group)
- Finance Committee
- Prayer Team
- By-Laws Drafting Team
- “People Work” Group
- Liaison to be point person between our group and the NWYM transition team

- **Queries and Things to consider (before YM)**

- What is the flow of the transition? (how long do we stay as Interim Committee? Who takes over when we are done?)
- What needs to go out to our mailing list so people know what to expect at YM?
- Legal counsel? (Rich, Davida Brown’s husband)
- Plans for next “ya’ll come” gathering
- Should we invite Freedom Friends in Salem (and all other independent Quakers in the area) to join us sooner rather than later?
- Should we have reps from the other two YMs who have invited us to join them at our YM this summer?
- Anything we can do towards 5019(c)3 before YM and a financial team is in place?
- How can we help the leadership heal? What’s the best way to not let the pain of the past get cemented into the design of Our New Thing? How can we honor the pain that we have acquired in helping our churches move forward?
- Preparing a presentation of Yearly Meeting and Association
- Creating a workshop and review of Quaker Process and Discernment

- **Queries for YM to consider**

- Are we Evangelical? Is there space for each meeting to discern for themselves?
- How do we create space for anyone who wants to be a part of this new thing?
- Is dual membership okay?

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- How do we honor and prioritize the voices of the most marginalized?
- How can we keep F&P as simple as possible?
- Are we a Yearly Meeting or an Association?

Division of Agenda into 3 categories

1. Practical

- naming and forming of working groups
- legal counsel
- invitations to independent Quakers and individuals
- formation of 501(c)3
- name
- by-laws
- minimum administrative structure
- finances
- supporting Barclay Press

2. Conceptual

- who are we
- what is our purpose
- what values do we hold as a group
- what binds us together/ what is the common purpose to which we are being called
- what's the best way to not let the pain of the past get cemented into the design of Our New Thing

3. Relational

- getting to know each other
- hearing each other's stories and perspectives
- honoring each other's different emotional and spiritual experiences
- building trust
- workshop and review of Quaker Process and Discernment
- helping to heal from the split