
[Pastors] Task Force Recommendation

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Hello Friends across the NWYM,

We submit the following recommendation, after much thought, prayer, and discussion.

Desiring God's Will,
Wanda Jenkins, Pastor

From Scotts Mills Friends Church

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Let's gather in Spirit and truth to listen to God and each other.
May God begin to unify us and make us one in thought and purpose.

Philippians 1:27 ...live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith that comes from the gospel

“At the representatives meeting held this January 27 and 28 in Newberg, the clerks and Administrative Council announced their decision to guide the Yearly Meeting through a restructuring process. The restructure is as follows: [a] Newly Formed Yearly Meeting and Northwest Yearly Meeting.”

(Letter published in NWYM Connection, January 28, 2017 from Administrative Council, Brad Holton, clerk.)

Scotts Mills Friends Church appreciates that, with the official division into two yearly meetings, a task force has been formed to help establish the new yearly meeting. We also recognize that the Administrative Council (AC) is tasked with overseeing the details of that separation, the Elders are dealing with the ongoing challenges of local churches and the Administration is challenged with trying to be neutral, organizing NY sessions and routine matter, etc. By appearances, all the present administrative forces are by necessity focused on the legal and financial tasks of separation, not on the future of NWYM. It is our observation that many holes will be left in NWYM which need to be addressed, including, but not limited to: Administrative staff including a new superintendent, committee structure and membership, finances, vision and plans for a future.

We are eager to get on with what God has called NWYM to do since 1893 and do not want to wait until 2018 to begin the process of rebuilding our structure and unifying our vision. We believe that across NWYM are many Friends committed to Christ and NWYM Faith and Practice who have ideas and skills that would be helpful to the process of prayerful rebuilding, and who are excited about moving forward.

Therefore, we prayerfully propose that there be a special task force, consisting of Friends who are remaining in NWYM, relying on the unfailing, unchanging truth of the Word of God, the leading of the Holy Spirit, and adhering to the NWYM Faith and Practice to begin the process of moving NWYM into the future. This group would be charged with communicating between the churches gathering, collating, and reporting ideas, visions, concerns, resources, and needs (structural and spiritual) from churches around NWYM through all possible means (faceto-face gatherings, video conferences, etc.) and reporting recommendations to the AC, Elders, and entire NWYM as appropriate. This special task force would make public recommendations for future progress with NWYM.

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