

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Yearly Meeting Formation Committee  
14 July, 2013

In Attendance:

Dorothy Mason	New Garden Friends
Debbie W. Parvin	New Garden Friends
Dee Edelman	Salem Creek Friends
Gary Hornsby	Salem Creek Friends
John Cardarelli	Salem Creek Friends
Julie Stafford	Charlotte Friends
Doris B. Wilson	Upstate Friends (under Charlotte Friends)
Christina Connell	Salem Creek Friends
Michael R. Johnson	Upstate Friends (under Charlotte Friends)
Dan Perry	Spring Friends
Cindy Perry	Spring Friends
John Hunter	Durham Friends
Carol Morris	Raleigh Friends
Marian Beane*	Charlotte Friends
Jennifer Lilly**	Raleigh Friends

\*Convenor

\*\*Recorder

Agenda

1. Gathering and worship
2. Review of May 19<sup>th</sup> minutes
3. Report to the PFF representative body meeting and its response
4. Consideration of a working mission/vision statement
  - a. Coming to a sense of the meeting with a draft statement
  - b. Seasoning document with our meetings and PFF representative body
5. Consider other tasks for the committee and how to proceed/timeline
  - a. Structure and Function of the yearly meeting
  - b. Guidelines for the yearly meeting to PFF (faith and practice)
  - c. Relationship of the yearly meeting to PFF (fellowship)
6. Meeting dates: Sept 29; Nov\_\_\_; Jan\_\_\_; Mar\_\_\_
7. Other concerns
8. Messages of thanks to Salem Creek Friends and closing worship

The meeting began with a moment of silence.

Review of May 19<sup>th</sup> minutes

The minutes were presented in an outline form and Friends considered whether this was the desired format for minute-taking. Carol Morris, recorder in May, offered that these minutes were not a final draft. Friends offered that if the document was written in a more narrative minute form it would make more sense to people not at the meeting. Friends also noted that these notes gave the impression that the thoughts expressed were individual Meeting's thoughts, when in reality it was a joint effort/decision of the group.

Friends concluded that they would prefer to have minutes in a narrative format. John Hunter agreed to take on reformatting the minutes from May and will present them at the September meeting for formal approval and addition to the PFF website.

Friends accepted the May outline as a draft.

### Report to PFF Representative Body

PFF has been informed of the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee's work (report emailed to committee by Marian Beane on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013). Two points PFF has encouraged this committee to remember:

- 1) Be aware of our relationship to other yearly meetings in the area, and be aware of our communication with all of these meetings
- 2) Become familiar with various Faith and Practices

The next PFF meeting is in August where our committee will report again.

### Vision Statement & Core elements

Friends recognized and thanked Christine Connell and Dee Edelman for the presented draft. Friends agreed this was a wonderful start to the process. After a period of consideration of this draft and suggested modifications we released the document back to Christine and Dee for preparation of a revised document that will be considered by the Formation Committee at its September meeting.

We agreed that following some editing of the document we would share the proposed vision statement and core areas without the expanded text with our meetings in order to give a sense of how the work is moving forward.

**\*\*Please see document from Christine and Dee with details of the document discussion\*\***

We anticipate that the document will be ready to share with our respective Meetings for comment and response following our September meeting.

### Other Tasks for the Committee and How to Proceed

Friends decided to move all other discussions to a later meeting.

### Meeting Dates

Next meeting: September 29<sup>th</sup> at Charlotte Friends  
Meeting for Worship begins at 10AM  
Committee will review the vision statement draft and discuss the structure and function of the yearly meeting

The committee meeting ended with gratitude for the clerk and the group gathered at Salem Creek Friends. Friends thanked Salem Creek Friends for their hospitality, the wonderful lunch and their flexibility with hosting the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee.