

Formation Committee
Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting

Time Line
Consideration of Structural Relationships of PFF, PFYM, and FGC.

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The issue of the structural relationships between Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF), the new yearly meeting (now named Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, or PFYM), and Friends General Conference (FGC) has been, to this date, threshed and considered for about 17 months.

5/19/2013. The issue of the structure among PFF, PFYM, and FGC was discussed at the Formation Committee meeting in Raleigh on 5/19/13.

8/18/13. In the rough draft of the vision statement and core elements flowing out of the brainstorming on 5/19/13 as drafted by Dee Edelman and Christina Connell, the issue of the structural relationships was noted at the end of that first draft on 8/18/13 as a “Consideration.”

9/29/13. John Hunter wrote and distributed to the Formation Committee members a small essay, the second page of which addressed the proposed structure between the three entities as it had been discussed to this point.

11/24/13. The minutes of the Formation Committee on 11/24/13 state that the PFF Representative Body had “favorably” considered the 9/29/13 document and “encouraged the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee to proceed and to keep the representative body informed on matters related to yearly meeting structure and proposed relationship of PFF/Yearly Meeting to Friends General Conference.”

1/26/14. The matter was discussed once again at the 1/26/14 meeting of the Formation Committee replete with Venn diagrams on large paper newsprint and a two page “Information Sheet. The minuted discussion reflects an understanding that this matter was the PFYM’s to state clearly and that it should be presented to PFF in as a proposal for that body to accept or come back with changes. Venn diagrams were sent to the Committee and posted on the PFF website on 1/27/14.

2/23/14. The at the meeting of the Formation Committee on 2/23/14 it was decided to prepare a report to present at the PFF Annual Meeting sessions in March regarding the progress on the new PFYM. Item 2.b. of that report was to be a “...clarification of the relationships among Piedmont Friends Fellowship, Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, and Friends General Conference (two-page information sheet.)” John Hunter agreed to prepare that part of the report.

2/24/14. The “two page information sheet” was revised on 2/24/14 and emailed to Formation Committee members for comment. The final draft was completed on 2/27/14, but published with the 2/24 date. That document was titled: “Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Organizational Relationships as Proposed”. The “as Proposed” was to indicate that this would be formally proposed to PFF for their approval.

3/16/14. The Representative Body of the Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) received the information sheet report at its meeting on 3/16/14, and in accordance with the recommendation in the report, to facilitate the proposed structural relationships, acted to change its name by adding “and Yearly Meeting” to its official name.

10/4/14. The “Organizational Relationships” Proposal (the 2/24/14 document as accepted by PFF) is presented to the first meeting of the PFYM Representatives.

3/5/15. The Representative Body of PFYM reviewed and three times revised the “Organizational Relationships” proposal on 12/13/14, 1/17/15, and 2/28/15 (the latter revision completed per the Representative Body’s direction and dated “Rev 5, 3/5/15”) and presented to the PFYM at annual session on 3/14/15 for acceptance.

3/14/15. Some Friends at the PFYM annual session were concerned about potential privacy issues regarding the future provision of names and addresses to FGC and the document was accepted with revised wording to resolve this issue as revision 6.