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Greeting of PFF Clerk to PFYM Annual Sessions.

As Clerk of PFF and personally as a Friend who is supportive of PFYM, I want to say how pleased I am to now see the annual sessions of PFYM taking place and all of the progress that has been made to get to this point.

I would like to highlight the nature of PFYM and PFF both as independent organizations and united as a single organization to provide fellowship and support for our mutual local meetings and to organize our spring and fall retreats and meetings such as we are experiencing this weekend.

Traditionally and historically, yearly meeting gatherings have been a time both for conducting business and for spiritual renewal: – a time for considered action and decisions and a time for strengthening social connections and personal support; – a time for careful preparations and deep listening and also a time for learning and joyful interactions. The structure of PFF and PFYM acting together provide the setting for these various aspects of traditional Quaker organization. The 7 meetings of PFYM are all important members of PFF in making this weekend happen. Thank you all for your continuing effort and energies.

John Hunter