

Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Organizational Relationships as Proposed

1) PIEDMONT FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP (PFF)

- a) Name change to: Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting. This is the only change anticipated for PFF.
- b) All current programming, membership and member responsibilities will continue as they have been followed in PFF for many years:
 - i) Program Services
 - (1) Fall one-day retreat for adults
 - (2) Spring Annual Meeting and program retreat for adults and children
 - (3) A youth program operating throughout the year
 - (4) Financial support for Friends of member meetings who need help in attending Quaker events
 - (5) Other services as decided by PFF
 - ii) Membership - open by application to any Quaker meeting or worship group in the Piedmont area of North Carolina and adjoining areas of Virginia and South Carolina
 - iii) Responsibilities of member meetings and worship groups
 - (1) appoint representatives to serve on the PFF Representative Body and to stand for service as officers as necessary
 - (2) assist in the planning and execution of the retreats and annual meetings, with each meeting contributing as they are able
 - (3) contribute financially as asked and as able to support the ongoing program services as determined by the PFF Representative Body

2) PIEDMONT FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING (PFYM)

- a) Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting will be a separate entity from Piedmont Friends Fellowship, and will be made up of member monthly meetings and worship groups
- b) Membership
 - i) Membership in PFYM is open by application to any Quaker meeting or worship group in the piedmont area of North Carolina and adjoining areas of Virginia and South Carolina
 - ii) Membership in the yearly meeting will require that the member monthly meeting/worship group also continue or begin active membership in Piedmont Friends Fellowship. This is required because the programming function that benefits both entities will be carried out by Piedmont Friends Fellowship – see below. Therefore, each monthly meeting or worship group that becomes a member of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting will also have an active membership in Piedmont Friends Fellowship.
- c) Responsibilities of member meetings and worship groups
 - i) Appoint representatives (up to 3) to serve on the PFYM Representative Body and to stand for service as officers and PFYM representatives to other bodies as necessary. Meetings/worship groups may choose to appoint the same people to serve as representatives to both PFF and PFYM.
 - ii) Assist in the planning and execution of annual sessions and other between-sessions meetings as planned
 - iii) Contribute financially as asked, able and needed to support the ongoing yearly meeting services as determined by the PFYM Representative Body
- d) Program - Spring and Fall workshops and retreats, and year-round youth programming will continue to be provided through Piedmont Friends Fellowship

e) PFF Yearly Meeting Formation Committee Guidance and Support

- i) This committee, which has active participation from six PFF monthly meetings and worship groups, will continue to be active to provide advice, guidance and support to the new yearly meeting through the first yearly meeting annual session, projected to be held during the PFF-YM 2015 Spring Retreat
- ii) Formation Committee thoughts on early PFYM organizational structure
 - (1) To first establish a PFYM organizational structure, the initial representative body could serve as a nominating committee to nominate the names of Friends from among the member monthly meetings and worship groups for service as yearly meeting officers for the months leading up to the first yearly meeting Annual Session. The list of nominations would be presented for approval at the Annual Session.
 - (2) The Formation Committee has considered that four officers might be a minimum initial structure:
 - i) Clerk - preside at the sessions of the Yearly Meeting
 - ii) Assistant Clerk - assist the Clerk and the Recording Clerk and preside in the Clerk's absence
 - iii) Recording Clerk - record the minutes of the Yearly Meeting sessions
 - iv) Treasurer - draft a budget, handle the day-to-day finances of the Yearly Meeting and prepare a year end financial report for approval at Yearly Meeting session

These officers could undertake the ongoing business of the yearly meeting during the year when the Yearly Meeting is not in session. Other appointments might include conveners of a yearly meeting planning and arrangements committee, a discipline committee, a finance committee, a nominations committee, an epistle writing committee and other officers as perceived appropriate.

- iii) In its meetings over the next six months, the Formation Committee plans to draft a list of activities and items-to-address to recommend to the new yearly meeting representative body. Examples of list items:
 - (1) On-going consideration of the development of the yearly meeting organizational structure and other "handbook" items around setting of functions, responsibilities, procedures and practice
 - (2) Items of discipline such as the answering of queries
 - (3) "Status of Society" reports
 - (4) Correspondence and relations with other Quaker organizations
 - (5) Specific public statements and witness

3) RELATIONSHIP TO FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE AND OTHER QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS

- a) We understand that Friends General Conference will treat Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting as a single affiliated organization. Any meeting member of PFF-YM is assumed to be affiliated with FGC.
- b) FGC asks that yearly meetings, fellowships and monthly meetings make a good faith effort to provide financial support to FGC as they are able. FGC also asks to be provided with the individual names and addresses of Friends who are members and attenders of member meetings so that FGC can directly inform and promote its various services and opportunities. FGC generally makes an annual appeal for support by mail to all members by mail and will send emails out (perhaps averaging one per month) to those who choose to receive them.
- c) Other Quaker organizations, such as Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) name only yearly meetings as their members. Consequently, Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting will have the opportunity that PFF does not have to name representatives to these bodies.