

**Report to the 2013 PFF Annual Meeting
on the work of the ad hoc Committee on Yearly Meeting Concerns
and the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee.**

In September of 2009 PFF representative body initiated a conversation with member monthly meetings and worship groups around the question of “Would PFF and its monthly meetings benefit by becoming a yearly meeting? The response from meetings and worship groups led the representative body to appoint an ad hoc committee on yearly meeting concerns to hold this question in the Light and to prepare recommendations that might help us find a way forward. In August of 2010 PFF Representative body prepared a minute regarding its intention to explore the formation of a yearly meeting and association. “Such a formation would support those meetings and worship groups seeking affiliation and also provide a way for meetings.

Meetings & worship groups within PFF were asked to identify their interest in participating in the yearly meeting formation work and if interested to name representatives. Seven meetings and one worship group indicated their interest either to be affiliated with a new yearly meeting or to participate in the discernment work toward a new yearly meeting in a supportive role. The monthly meetings are: Charlotte, Davidson, Durham, New Garden, Raleigh, Salem Creek, Spring, and Upstate worship group that is under the care of Charlotte Friends.

The charge to the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee is to: to discern a comprehensive plan for the formation of a PFF-related yearly meeting and recommend its relationship to PFF with a projected reporting date of March 2014. The PFF representative body has committed itself to hearing reports, serving as the support and nourishing body for the yearly meeting formation work and providing guidance and encouragement as appropriate and helpful.

The Formation Committee held its initial meeting during the PFF annual retreat weekend and has agreed to continue to meet approximately every 2 months at the various meetings affiliated with the formation work. The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 19th at Raleigh Friends. Marian Beane of Charlotte Friends will serve as clerk of the Committee. The committee remains open for others who may feel led to participate in this work and are asked to contact Marian Beane if so led.

Submitted by Marian Beane

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Post Script Note: The ad hoc Committee on Yearly Meeting Concerns was laid down by the PFF Representative Body on 03-17-2013.