The Committee on the Discipline has been working hard and making good progress. All members of the committee are enthusiastic and committed to seeing the project through to the end – and yes, the end is coming into sight.

We ask for Coordinating Committee’s help so that we can take the last steps toward completion. Specific requests are described in **boldface** in this report.

**The last chapters to review**

The following sections of *Faith and Practice* are now in circulation for review and comment. **We ask for CC members’ help to encourage discussion and responses to these sections.**

1. **Chapter 3, “Living in the Spirit: Friends Spiritual Disciplines”**
   - This chapter will be the focus of our AS 20215 Interest Group
   - Due date for comments 9/30/2015

2. **Chapter 2, “Friends Experiential Faith”**
   - This is a revised draft for second review; it incorporates responses received winter 2014/spring 2015
   - Due date for second-review comments 11/30/2015

3. **Appendix: “Friendly Use of Communications Technology”**
   - This is a new item, written in response to discussion at Coordinating Committee
   - Includes advices & queries about conference calls, email, and blogging & social networking
   - Due date for comments 11/30/2015

We have one more chapter to work on: **Chapter 4, “Fruits of the Spirit: Friends Testimonies.”** We are drafting it now, and expect to send it out for review in fall 2015. The due date for comments will be in spring 2016. We acknowledge that this is a short timeline for a substantial chapter that warrants wide and thoughtful consideration. We also know that Friends are anxious for the *Faith and Practice* project to be done! **We ask for CC members’ help to encourage discussion and responses to Chapter 4 when it goes out for review this fall.**

The *Faith and Practice* Interest Group during AS 2016 will focus on Chapter 4. The Committee on the Discipline is also considering visits to discuss Chapter 4, with Friends at the three Quarterly Meetings during early 2016. **We ask for CC’s help with discernment about visits to Quarterly Meetings. Would visits be worthwhile? Would QMs be able to make time in their programs for substantive discussion with the Committee on the Discipline?**

**Final steps and anticipated timeline**

The Committee on the Discipline expects to have all of *Faith and Practice* except for Chapter 4 as complete as we can make it by spring 2016.

We will consider Friends’ comments to all parts of *Faith and Practice* until Annual Session 2016. **We ask for CC’s help to make the “last call for comments” date, AS 2016, widely known and understood throughout NPYM.**
We are at a point where we can consider a production timeline. Our plan is to

- Faithfully consider all final comments from Friends in fall 2016
- Post the revised *Faith and Practice* on the NPYM website by the end of 2016
  - will include a PDF version that can be printed out in 8½ x 11” format for temporary use
  - might not yet include indices
- Publish the print version in spring 2017
- Make recommendations for long-term attention to *Faith and Practice*

Costs for production will fall in the NPYM fiscal year 10/2016 – 9/2017.

We ask for CC’s help to put out a call for Friends who might be able to help with final production steps:

- A last, fresh-eyes copyedit (style, usage, cross-references, etc.)
- Indexing
- Artwork for the printed book (B&W line drawings; we will send out specifications soon)
- Cover design
- Page design
- Cost estimates
- Seeing the printed book through from computer file to paper (print-on-demand preferred)

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