MGOF continues to meet both summer and winter, at Luccock Park and Camp Make a Dream. For several years now, our spring and fall gatherings, which had formerly been meetings of Ministry and Counsel and Steering committees have broadened to include the wider MGOF community. These have taken the form of quarterly gatherings where we meet in worship and worship sharing, get our committee work done, and still have time for plenty of fun in the form of soaking and swimming, hiking, singing and improv goofiness. This has served to gather our far-flung community and has contributed to its richness and depth.

Our larger summer and winter gatherings have followed themes which have raised our sensitivity toward issues of race and privilege.

Summer of 2018, our theme was "Implicit Bias and White Privilege: living our testimony of equality". Laurie Childress was our plenary speaker on that topic.

Winter MGOF 2019 considered the theme of: Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: toward right relationship with native peoples. Reverend Duffy Peet from the Bozeman UU Fellowship led us in an activity called Toward Right Relationship, a project which originated in the Boulder, CO Friends Meeting.

The reflection and worship sharing which was prompted by both of these topics brought us to new individual awareness and intention, as well as bringing us closer as a community.

At MGOF spring quarterly, our worship-sharing focused on defining and clarifying our views of the state of our meeting and its function in our lives. Friends from meetings and worship groups from across the state expressed how coming to MGOF is a feeling of having come home. At its best, this is a place where we can be our most authentic selves and share deeply as learning, growing, vulnerable humans. We listen to each other and witness each other as models for spiritual practice with its struggles, insights, and growth. We grow to understand our own paths by articulating them in loving community. Worship sharing seems to be at the heart of that experience.

We also identified ways in which we would like to see MGOF develop. We would like to be more welcoming of newcomers. We have very few children recently, as many of the families who started MGOF have seen their children grow up and move on. Yet we do see new faces among us and feel enriched by their presence. A need was expressed to better define the tasks and terms of service of our committees and clerks. Many have experienced the usefulness of care committees and clearness processes, which bring value to all involved.

We have followed the lead of NPYM in asking Friends to pay what is within their self-perceived ability. This seems to be easing the diversity of financial states within our group, and hasn't thus far emptied our bank account. We will continue the experiment.
MGOF is thriving in many respects and on many levels. We feel sustained by our Quaker practice and community, even as we continue to look for ways for it to meet our varied needs and the needs of this evolving and troubled world.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Visscher, MGOF M&O clerk