Plenary Session V: 8:30, Sabbathday (Saturday) morning

NPYM-2020.24 Opening

Jonathan and Rosy Betz-Zall welcomed Friends with songs as they gathered. The Meeting centered in open worship. Presiding Clerk David Zeiss greeted Friends hoping that all were rested and ready to discern the Meeting’s business.

NPYM-2020.25 Nominating Committee: Approval of nominations

The Clerk presented the Nominating Committee’s revised list of nominations (attached). Friends united in approval of each of the nominations.

NPYM-2020.26 Epistle Committee: First draft of our epistle

The draft of our epistle was read and put up on screen. Comments were appreciative of all the challenges and the successful fellowship that has been achieved, but with regrets for the lack of being in each other’s presence. After some discussion, we entrusted the finishing of our epistle to the Committee, who will continue to accept comments until tomorrow Iris Graville read the Minute on Black Lives from Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends.

NPYM-2020.27 Minute on Earthcare

A large group of Friends which has been meeting to consider environmental concerns in response to a challenge from Quaker Earthcare Witness, has forwarded from their interest group a proposed minute [attached] with queries for our meetings and worship groups. They do not ask for approval now but ask us to consider our response in our local meetings.

Friends responded with acceptance and a desire to look at not only the Light in Nature, our world, the ecology that includes humanity, but also the need for quiet and darkness. We are called to act to save the planet, to act now, to appreciate how Zoom saves our atmosphere from our excess travel, to find ways to hear the lives of non-humans around us that teach us to live together in balance,

NPYM-2020.28 Closing

The Presiding Clerk called us to prepare for the final business meeting tomorrow. Having completed today’s agenda, Friends returned to silent worship.

Friends divided into small groups for discussion and socializing before departing.