The Committee on the Discipline has good progress to report to the Coordinating Committee.

Two chapters—“Death and Memorials” and “Quarterly Meetings”—are newly out for first-draft review as of this month (10/2013), with responses requested by 3/31/2014. We are asking Quarterly Meeting clerks to share the “Quarterly Meetings” draft with appropriate groups within each QM; it is also posted on npym.org for any Friends to read and respond to it.

The chapter on “New Gatherings of Friends” is back out for a second review, with changes based on the responses from Friends earlier this year. We ask for comments by 3/31/2014.

We sent the chapter on “Membership” out for first-draft review early in 7/2013. The Interest Group on this topic during Annual Session 2013 was well-attended and lively. We look forward to comments from monthly meetings, preparative meetings, and worship groups by 12/31/2013.

We are currently working on “The Monthly Meeting”, carefully reviewing all the comments received from the second-draft review earlier this year. Our committee meets again on 11/9 to consider all feedback and discern whether this crucial (and complicated) chapter needs a third round of review or is ready for Friends to use.

After receiving and incorporating responses from Friends, we consider that the chapter on “Marriage and Committed Relationships” is ready for use. This chapter is now included in the transitional Faith and Practice on npym.org.

Please do note that there are now two completed chapters, “Marriage and Committed Relationships” and “The Yearly Meeting”, in the transitional Faith and Practice on the website. We encourage all groups within NPYM to use these instead of the chapters in the printed Faith and Practice. If your group discovers errors or has serious questions about a revised chapter in the transitional Faith and Practice, please alert us (there is a link to the Committee on the Discipline in the website list of committees and offices).

Help needed from the Coordinating Committee:

- Please encourage your group to discuss the “Membership” chapter (first draft) and send us responses by the end of 2013.
- Please encourage your group to discuss “Death and Memorials” (first draft) and “New Gatherings of Friends” (second draft) and send us responses by 3/30/2014.

We are currently on track to have all of the “Practice” chapters of Faith and Practice (plus the Introduction, Bibliography, and perhaps the history chapter) ready for Friends’ use by Annual Session 2014.

The Committee continues to work faithfully.

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