September 27, 2009

Hello, Friends

Attached are materials to begin processing three new topics/questions for the Faith and Practice. Each of these is accompanied by a cover sheet explaining the new process, providing suggestions about how Friends can work with it, and the time frame for processing them.

There are only four different files among the 12 that are attached. These are:

- witness - cover
- witness - questions
- integrity - cover
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To maximize accessibility of these files they are each sent in three different formats; doc, rtf and pdf.

Additional material of use in processing these questions, including study guides developed by Friends to this point in the process, can be found on the NPYM website at npym.org.

The information below is re-transmission of information you probably received in the initial clerk's email, sent earlier this month.

What is this email about?

The "clerk's email" is a vehicle to transmit news and information to Friends about the process of revision of the Faith and Practice. This material will also eventually be posted to the yearly meeting website npym.org.

The website will be updated soon but it has not been, yet.

Why am I receiving this email?

You are receiving this because you are (or are reported to me to be) the clerk of a meeting, the contact person for a worship group, or an officer in North Pacific Yearly Meeting. You may also be someone who has, in the past, expressed an interest in the work of revision of the Faith and Practice.

If you are not one of those--and if you do not want to receive such emails about the Committee on the Faith and Practice in the future--please tell me and I will remove your address from the list.

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If someone has replaced you as an officer of the yearly meeting or a local meeting or worship group, and you don't want to receive such email as a private Friend, please let me know and I'll also take you off of the list, as well. If you know who has replaced you please let me know that, as well.

Also, please if you are so moved let other Friends know that if they want to receive these emails in the future they should let me know their wishes, through this email address.

Why isn't my name in to the "To" field of this email?

Although this appears to be an email from me to me, you and all of you are in the bcc field of the email--so that an inadvertent "reply all" does not reach many unintended mail boxes.

Is the Committee still open to visiting with Friends?

Yes. If Friends would like to have members of the Committee visit please let us know through this email address.

Can meetings and individuals communicate with the Committee on the Faith and Practice/Discipline by replying to this email address?

Yes, for the time being. Please use this "central" email address rather than the personal email address of the clerk or another member of the committee. There is less chance your email will get "lost" if it sent here.

The Committee will soon have a new email address through the yearly meeting and when that happens this "clerk's email," will start coming from that address. When that happens an email from this address will give you notice of the change and, for a time, both addresses will work for you.

Input on materials circulated by this email and posted to the website can be sent to the Committee through this email. Although the Committee welcomes input from individuals, we hope Friends will season concerns and comment within their meetings and worship groups. This not only gives those individuals the benefit of the corporate process, it also gives the community the benefit of processing that concern or comment. Nonetheless, questions or suggestions from individual Friends will be forwarded to the full Committee for consideration in the course of its work.

Will the NPYM website continue to be a way to follow the revision process?

Yes. Some helpful information about the work has been posted on the NPYM website for quite some time and more will be posted there in the next two to three
months reflecting the change in the process being implemented.

Watch this space!

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