Recommendation #1. Continuation of Committee’s work

if the Committee feels its work is not completed they should be allowed to complete it.

The Committee should be encouraged to work with Nominating Committee to find some new members. We are not evaluating the structure and the structure isn’t the real problem. The problem is a cultural change has occurred that we are have not acknowledged that so as to face it squarely. These changes have made life of the spirit and the community a sideline to earning a living and entertaining and diverting ourselves. Information is not being shared widely--Western Friend is not widely read, discussions do not occur within meetings.

difficult to examine one part of the structure in isolation.

Recommendation #2. creation of new ad hoc Committee to explore Communication

Western Friend is doing a project that is similar and their work might inform this yearly meeting’s effort to improve communication.

add explicitly to the charge of this committee to give attention to creating a current NPYM Directory.

Hope that such a committee understands that it is not just the technology and spreading data, but that we are also looking to deepen our relationships with one another and with the divine.

Communication structure we used to have no longer exists. We hoped that coordinating committee could do that but it has had problems filling those seats. There is a void in information dissemination.

It is with reluctance that I look to technology to help overcome distance.
There is not a specific solution or set of solutions but the Committee is open to exploring any means that seems to lend itself to improving the situation.

Think carefully about how we are talking about communication. We should be thinking about more than sending word out, including receiving information, as well. Western Friend is not just a print publication. People who are familiar with 21st Century technology need to be involved.

Also need representation from people who are not fluent with technology, and we need a blend of folks who understand the needs and practices of all.

Where should we take up engagement regarding the cultural shift that is raising barriers to our faith and practice as Friends.

The Minute of Exercise was approved as complete and faithful to the sense of the questions, comments and concerns from the plenary floor.