

Faith and Practice Committee Report to ILYM Continuing Committee
11/5/2011

The Faith and Practice Committee has met twice since our last yearly meeting. Most of our time in these meetings has been spent working on a new section on meeting for worship. Our hope is to have a version of this text ready for initial presentation to the yearly meeting next summer.

As requested by the yearly meeting at the time the section on worship groups and preparative meetings was approved last June, we added some language to that section referring readers to our existing discussion of how property of laid-down meetings should be disposed of.

We also made some revisions to the section on quarterly meetings, in response to feedback received at yearly meeting. We feel somewhat hampered in composing this section by the current state of uncertainty as to the future status of Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting. Ideally, we hope to submit a version of this section to ILYM next summer with a request for 5-year provisional approval.

Over the coming year we plan to revise the section on marriage, with the intention of submitting the revised version to the yearly meeting with a request for approval for an indefinite period, as the 5-year provisional approval of the existing text expires in summer of 2012. We urge Friends and meetings to read the current text carefully, and send any suggestions for additions or revisions to Peter Lasersohn (peter.lasersohn@gmail.com) or to any of the committee members.

Since his recent illness, our committee has profoundly missed the presence and contributions of our member Larry Stout, whose health and well-being are our constant prayer. We have also very much missed the practical and spiritual support we often received from his spouse Susan Burt when we held regular meetings at their home.