

## REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF WQM

- Our charge: To report back on the feedback from the Corvallis WQM
- The bottom line: (1) Do not end Quarterly Meetings (2) Pare down the activities and the preparation work for the gatherings (3) What does this committee recommend to move forward in building the “Beloved Community?”
- Background information:
  - FWCC (Friends World Committee on Consultation) is in the planning stages of having a regional, one-time event in the fall of 2019 (likely in late September?) welcoming all Friends in the Northwest from NPYM and the new Sierra Cascade Yearly Meeting.
  - PNWM has very successful Quarterly Meetings that two members of our committee have attended more than once. Why are they successful? (1) PNWM has created a welcoming community of all ages, which Friends really want to attend; (2) They meet in the same camp every Quarter, even though folks have to travel some distance (Ellensburg, WA) and has various accommodations to suit all needs; (3) they have a set schedule that is minimal and is the same every year; (4) they have a great children’s program; (5) they have catered meals at the camp; (6) the hosting of the event rotates each year between all the Meetings ;(7) the price is higher than our usual prices but it is done as abundant pricing, choose your own ability to pay.
  - The Men’s Retreat and the Women’s Theological conferences have met successfully at Camp Tillicum near Newberg, OR for some time now. They are very well attended, people have fun and there is minimal program and planning. They have been successful at building the Beloved Community. Maybe we could use that camp?

- Recommendations from our committee:
  - Attend the FWCC event in the fall of 2019 and meet as a Quarter some time during the gathering for business and/or just maybe socially.
  - Have the same planning committee---drawn from around the various Meetings) for all the Quarterly Meetings
  - Have only one meeting a year (or possibly two, depending on how the first one goes) perhaps at Camp Tillicum.
  - Have a minimal, set schedule that does not change every time
  - The hosting Meeting rotates yearly, sets the theme and has a panel or speaker.
  - There is worship sharing, plenty of free time and a good children's program
  - Hire a Children's Program Coordinator (perhaps Mim Lily-Coleman, if she is available or someone with those skills) to plan the children's program and to visit the various Meetings to talk up the program with families, to begin creating a good program once again
  - Laura Arcidiacono has agreed to be Registrar for the camp.
  - Sakre has agreed to clerk "The Beloved Community Planning Committee" that must be in place when we leave the Spring Quarter. We will plan to meet during Annual Session this summer. This should be a representative committee of the various Meetings with no one person feeling burdened.
  - If we have no Clerk or Recording Clerk for WQM, then the hosting Meeting would provide the Clerk and Recording Clerk.
  - Wide-spread, enthusiastic and timely publication of the upcoming event showing the theme and minimal schedule.
  - Abundant financing used for the Quarterly Meetings like at Annual Session.

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