

## **Annual Report: NYQM Ministry and Counsel Committee**

**October 25, 2015**

**Since July, 2014 two Members were appointed to the Committee. They are David Fletcher and Steven Smith. Charlotte Ehrman and Beth Kelly were appointed Co-Clerks and Julie Finch was appointed Recording Clerk in September, 2015. Andy von Salis attends M & C meetings as Clerk of the Quarter.**

**Two day-long workshops were proposed. The first was a NYYM Nurture Committee gathering on involving children in our Meetings. This workshop was cancelled and is being re-scheduled for Spring. The second workshop, sponsored by QM M & C Committee was held on October 10, 2015, was facilitated by Arthur Larrabee on the topic “Finding Unity: Friends Process Considered”. Nineteen Friends attended this excellent workshop.**

**M & C continues to encourage Members of Monthly Meetings to attend Meeting for Worship with Friends at Flushing Meeting.**

**When called upon, M & C provides support to QM Committees as spiritual elders. For example, there may be times when interpersonal conflicts among Committee members may interfere with moving forward. We responded to a request from a family whose deceased member, a Quaker, lived in Brooklyn. We also responded to a request for a Quaker presence with a young person who was hospitalized while she was visiting New York, and her family.**

**We plan to continue the custom of inviting Clerks of Monthly Meeting Committees to have dinner with us. M & C Members provide food. The last gathering in Spring, 2015 was successful, with about 20 people attending.**

**M & C continues to hold the concern for our website and has been working with our new QM Project Manager at the office.**

**M & C will continue to be available to Quarterly Meeting whenever spiritual matters arise.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charlotte Ehrman and Beth Kelly, Co-Clerks**