

CQL Report 2020

Since 2015 Friends from Brooklyn, 15th St., and Morningside Meetings have been gathering to worship with a concern for Quaker living (CQL) with a special concern for how we grow older together in community. Our group asked to be taken under the care of NYQM M&C as a working group in 2019.

In previous years this group has made periodic reports directly to NYQM about its various explorations, offerings, and leadings. Since joining with M&C in 2019 we worked with a consultant from the Columbia School of Social Work to help us develop a plan to engage social work interns to learn more about the needs of our community as we grow older.

Late in 2019 we met with the leadership from the Greek Orthodox Church a block away from the Brooklyn meetinghouse to discuss our shared concerns regarding housing for our older community members. We hope this is the first of many opportunities to imagine ways we might collaborate to meet shared goals with our neighbors.

We also worked with M&C to help develop and support activities for our Jubilee year including a meeting for eating, a collage workshop, and a meeting for music. Sadly this meeting for music was scheduled for the end of March 2020, just when the current pandemic shut down our city.

Though our plans for engaging social work interns, our meeting for music, and our explorations regarding housing options for Friends have all been stalled by the pandemic, our group has continued to meet in worship weekly since April via video conference. This time has given us the opportunity to deepen our sense of trust in and love for each other, love and trust we hope to continue to extend beyond our group's meetings into the many ways that we work and worship together as a Quarterly Meeting.

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