

Relief Committee Supplemental Report to New York Quarterly Meeting
April 18, 2021 via Zoom

As is the case with everybody else, the Relief Committee has changed its way of working. We now meet via Zoom, have enhanced our presence on the Quarterly Meeting website, and simplified our application procedures. This report will bring Friends up to date on what we have been doing since the January Quarterly Meeting.

Friends may remember that In January the Relief Committee has usually returned funds in its bank account over \$35,000 to the Quarterly Meeting for reinvestment in the Combined Trusts. This past January, however, the Relief Committee did not make the usual return. At that time we were still considering a proposal from the Quarterly Meeting clerks in November of 2020. The clerks suggested that the Relief Committee distribute its income directly to the monthly meetings. The income would be distributed in proportionate shares based on New York Yearly meeting membership figures. The Relief Committee's discernment took place over several months and included outreach to the monthly meetings. Ultimately, we reached unity over a somewhat different proposal.

The Relief Committee would like the monthly meetings to consider our funds as a resource. Our new proposal is to make initial grants to the monthly meetings of between \$2,000 and \$5,000. The exact amount will be determined by each monthly meeting, according to their perceived need for funds and willingness to manage them. These funds will be earmarked for committees charged with pastoral care in order to enable them to fund smaller requests (i.e. \$500 - \$1,500) from their members and attenders. Larger financial needs may be referred directly to the Relief Committee. The Relief Committee will remain in touch with the monthly meetings to ascertain levels of need and interest in continuing this pilot program.

As of the writing of this report e-mails have gone out to the various monthly meeting care committees asking them if they would be comfortable with our revised proposal. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for April 15, just three days before the Quarterly Meeting and we expect to expand this report at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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