

Report to New York Quarterly Meeting, 4/17/22, from Ministry and Counsel.

1. In Response to a request from 10<sup>th</sup> Month Business Meeting: “Friends request Ministry and Counsel to form a committee that will develop procedures for this {Witness Concerns} budget line, including people from monthly meetings, M&C, Audit and Budget, and Nominating”, Ed Elder sent an email to the clerks of each Monthly Meeting and the clerks of Audit and Budget and Nominating. He has not heard back from the Meetings or committees about who they would have serve on this committee. M&C is now recommending that this committee be formed from those lead to volunteer during today’s Quarterly Meeting. Ed Elder is offering to convene and clerk this committee.
2. M&C is planning to host an in-person dinner gathering of the clerks of the various Quarterly committees and Meetings. It will be held on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, at the home of Katherine Alford.
3. CQL (Concern for Quaker Living Working Group) Continues to explore ways to support older Friends to remain in NYC, as capacities change, along three paths: supportive services, community building, and housing support. Towards exploring supportive services, we have met with Friends engaged in pastoral care from each of our meetings except Manhattan Meeting to share their experiences of the challenges they face and to consider the support that they need. We look forward to sharing a report on these meetings with our next update to NYQM. In our efforts to build community we have offered a workshop on Storytelling, and we are planning a workshop called "What Good Is Money?" on Monday April 25 at 6:30. Please come to consider this important topic in community! For more information or to register, email [charleneceis@gmail.com](mailto:charleneceis@gmail.com). We have also prepared a request for proposals for a feasibility study for a housing project to support Friends, which has been reviewed by M&C, and forwarded to the FCC and to Trustees for further feedback. Following NYQM's established process, we'll submit at least three contractor bids to FCC and Trustees for consideration to produce the study we are seeking.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Elder, clerk