

Ministry and Oversight Committee Report for Called Meeting on 6-26-2022

The College Park Quarterly Meeting job description states that the Ministry and Oversight Committee “Nurtures the spiritual life of the Quarterly Meeting”. For more than a decade we’ve had diligent Nominating Committees who’ve had to work far too hard to find willing and well-suited nominees to serve in our current structure. Ministry and Oversight Committee believes we must consider why this is the case and whether enough Friends find engaging in the life of the Quarterly meeting to be spiritually nourishing. It is the purview of the Ministry and Oversight Committee to create a subcommittee under our care, which we’ve found unity to do. The charge of the subcommittee will be to identify what might be contributing to declining engagement in College Park Quarterly Meeting, what our monthly meetings are longing for, what the purposes of the Quarterly meeting are, and what structure and roles would serve those purposes.

1. We plan to seek out Friends of diverse experience who have an interest in College Park Quarterly Meeting to be members of the subcommittee.
2. The subcommittee will be asked to actively seek input from a broad base of Friends through Monthly Meeting Representatives, teens, parents of young children, as well as Friends who have been active participants in other quarterly meetings, etc. This input may be gathered through called threshing sessions, surveys, discussions at upcoming Quarterly meetings, and so forth.
3. The subcommittee will be asked to report updates on their ongoing work at each Quarterly meeting.
4. When its work is complete, the subcommittee will present its findings to the body with possible recommendations to be approved by the Quarter.

The committee wishes to begin this process by listening to those who are present at this meeting and to continue by listening to as many Friends as possible.

Faithfully submitted,

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