

Faith and Practice

The Faith and Practice Committee has met once since the fall session of Continuing Committee. In this session we worked on a new draft concerning quarterly meetings, and on new text about meeting for worship. We also discussed materials provided by the Ministry and Advancement Committee which we hope to adapt for inclusion in a section on funerals, memorial meetings, death, and bereavement.

We have made several revisions to the section on worship groups and preparative meetings, and posted the new text on the ILYM website for comments. We have held one workshop with a local meeting to discuss this text, and are in the process of arranging for several additional workshops this spring. Our plan is to revise this text in response to feedback received, and present a version to the yearly meeting in 2011, proposing adoption for a 5-year provisional period.

Workshops are also being planned to obtain feedback on the quarterly meetings section. We may bring this section to yearly meeting this summer for an initial reading and request for suggestions on how it might be improved.

We are continuing work on the sections on meeting for worship and on funerals, memorial meetings, death and bereavement. We hope to have draft text on these topics to begin circulating soon.

We continue to seek Friends' advice on future sections and comments on existing text, especially those sections currently under approval for a provisional period (the section on marriage and the section on monthly meetings). We keep a file of these comments so that we can take them into account in making revisions when the provisional period expires.