

**Faith and Practice Committee**  
**Report to Illinois Yearly Meeting 2011**

The Faith and Practice Committee has met four times since our last yearly meeting. We have also held workshops with Springfield Worship Group, Rolla Preparative Meeting, Urbana-Champaign Monthly Meeting, Blue River Quarterly Meeting, and Metropolitan Chicago General Meeting. Most of our attention this year has been focused on two draft sections: one on worship groups and preparative meetings, and one on quarterly meetings. In addition, we have begun work on a section on meeting for worship, and one on death, bereavement, and memorial meetings, and prepared a sample form for monthly meeting membership records.

Versions of the section on worship groups and preparative meetings have been made available on the ILYM website for well over a year, with feedback gathered not only at several of the workshops just mentioned, but also at a workshop at yearly meeting last summer, and in comments from individual Friends. Revisions have been made in response to the feedback received, and we would now like to submit this text to the yearly meeting with a request that it be approved for a 5-year provisional period.

The section on quarterly meetings has been discussed at a workshop at yearly meeting last summer, in addition to the workshops just mentioned with Blue River Quarterly and Metropolitan Chicago General Meetings. We are not asking for approval at this time, but we would like to present the text to the yearly meeting with a request for additional comments and suggestions. Likewise, we would like to have comments on the sample membership form. Our plan is to revise these documents over the coming year, and request 5-year approval at yearly meeting in 2012.

Additional plans for the coming year include continued work on the new sections on meeting for worship and on death, bereavement and memorial meetings, and revisions to the section on marriage, whose 5-year provisional period of approval will expire in summer of 2012. We solicit comments and suggestions from Friends especially on these topics, but also on any matters connected with Faith and Practice. Approved sections and circulating drafts are available on the ILYM website, at <http://ilym.org/FaithandPractice>