

## Morningside Monthly Meeting Report to NYQM 4/19/15

Morningside Monthly Meeting continues to meet for Worship at 11:00 AM each week at Riverside Church on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. We also have a regular Meeting with Children on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor, and we now have a regular paid child care provider.

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Bible Study, led by Jerry Reisig, continues.

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ministry and Counsel holds a welcoming breakfast at 9:30 in the Riverside Café.

Morningside has nine clearness /support committees and four spiritual nurture groups.

Although we have many happy things to report, we are sad that two members of our meeting died this Quarter. We expect to hold a memorial for one of them, Edd Fenner, in the coming months.

Last Quarter we reported that Ministry and Counsel has been led to find ways to encourage greater participation and enhance the *worship* component of our meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business. In January we began a two-month experiment to have Business immediately follow Meeting for Worship. Although there was some initial resistance to the change, we made some adjustments and came to unity with continuing this practice. Hospitality sets out food and beverages prior to the meeting and Friends are encouraged to quietly move around, eat and take care of personal concerns as needed, while the Meeting maintains a sense of worship. With these changes we have enjoyed much greater participation from both members and attenders, as well as a deeper sense of worship during business agenda items.

On March 15, 2015, Morningside went live with a new and improved website. It includes a calendar of events and much, much more. We are very excited about this updated website and we thank the Communications Committee for their months of hard work. The meeting encourages Friends in the Quarter to visit our site. The web address is [www.morningsidemeeting.org](http://www.morningsidemeeting.org).

During this Quarter, Peace and Social Concerns hosted a Fishbowl on the new civil rights struggle. Ministry and Counsel held an after-meeting discussion on Social Class and a workshop on the Stages of Faith so we could reflect on our own spiritual journeys.

A group of Flushing Friends arrived for a return inter-visitation in March and we look forward to continued visits between the meetings.

The Woodbourne Prison Worship Group remains under the care of the meeting. At 11 am on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Morningside plans to host a reunion for those who have participated in Quaker prison worship groups. There will be a potluck following Meeting for Worship. All past and current members of prison worship groups are cordially invited.

In Friendship,

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