

**Report of Ad Hoc Committee of New York Quarterly Meeting on the
Relationship between the Quarterly Meeting, Fifteenth Street Meeting and Friends Seminary
Tenth Month 25th, 2015**

Our committee has continued to meet monthly, except for Eighth Month. At each meeting, we have heard informally from members of Trustees and the School Committee and we have received reports from our Essential Principles, Practices, and Procedures Working Group. This Working Group was established in Fourth Month of this year to draft a document which will be part of the governing structure for a separately-incorporated Friends Seminary, providing “essential principles, practices, and procedures” for the School upon its separate incorporation. This document once adopted and incorporated in the School’s bylaws cannot be changed without consent of both the Quarter and the School. The Working Group consists of six members of the Ad Hoc Committee and two members of the Friends Seminary Staff. They began their work with a statement of “Essential Practices and Procedures” prepared by Friends Seminary, the “Essential Principles” of Brooklyn Friends School (now part of the by-laws of that separately incorporated school), and with notes and suggestions on the essential principles of a right relationship among the School, the Quarter, and the Fifteenth Street Meeting made by an earlier incarnation of the group in the months before the quarterly meeting in Fourth Month of this year. From this foundation, the Working Group has been and continues in the process of creating and coming to unity on a new document that will be able to serve over a long period time in the face of conditions which we cannot yet foresee. The Working Group has circulated partial working drafts of the proposed document for seasoning, comments and suggestions from our full committee.

Through our meetings, the committee continues to provide a space where the different perspectives of the various committees charged with managing the business and finance of New York Quarter and the oversight of Friends Seminary can be shared with one another and with representatives of our constituent meetings, in accordance with our charge for “examining the nature of the relationship between the Quarterly Meeting, Fifteenth Street Meeting and Friends Seminary” and to “envision and propose new or modified structures that will create a spirit-led, sustainable long term relationship among” all of them. (The full committee charge is reproduced on Page 2).

At our meeting on 14th of Tenth Month, the committee minuted, “We are mindful of the School Committee's call for a resolution by December 1 and are optimistic that this goal can be reached.” We are encouraged by this and look forward to assisting everyone involved in reaching this goal. To accomplish this will require continuing work of the committee and the working group beyond this quarterly meeting, and we therefore request that the committee be continued to the quarterly meeting in First Month 2016.

At the Quarterly Meeting held Fourth Month 2015, the life of the committee was extended to the Quarterly Meeting of Tenth Month 2015. Pursuant to our charge, this committee reports at each Quarterly Meeting. The full text of the minute establishing the committee and setting forth its charge, as well as the current committee roster, are included with this report. We do not anticipate any significant expenditures during this time, and we are not making any request for funds.

In Friendship, for the Committee,



Tom Rothschild, clerk

Ann Kjelberg, recording clerk

Minute establishing the ad hoc committee on the relationship between New York Quarterly Meeting, Fifteenth Street Meeting and Friends Seminary:

The ad hoc committee is charged with examining the nature of the relationship between the Quarterly Meeting, Fifteenth Street Meeting and Friends Seminary. The committee is to envision and propose new or modified structures that will create a spirit-led, sustainable long term relationship among the above entities. The committee will report to each Quarterly Meeting.

The ad hoc committee members will include two members named by Friends Seminary School Committee, two members named by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel, and one or two members named by each of the following: Trustees, Audit and Budget Committee, and 15th Street Meeting Property Committee. Each monthly meeting will nominate and appoint one or two members as well. The initial clerk will be one of the two members named by Ministry and Counsel. The committee will present interim reports at each Quarterly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting will consider the continuation of the committee at the January 2014 Quarterly Meeting.

The committee may request funds as needed.

Committee Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>
Tom Rothschild	Ministry & Counsel (Clerk)
Edward Elder	Ministry & Counsel
Corona Machermer	Morningside
Katherine Alford	Morningside
Linda Hill Brainard	Trustees
Ann Kjellberg	Trustees (Recording Clerk)
Beth Bugdaycay	Audit & Budget
David Garrity	Audit & Budget
Margery Cornwell	15th St
Maureen Healy	15th St
Charles Brainard	15th St. Property
Vacant	15th St. Property
Matthew Annenberg	Friends Seminary
Carol Warner	Friends Seminary
Mary Doty	Brooklyn
Vacant	Brooklyn
No Appointment	Flushing
No Appointment	Flushing
No Appointment	Manhattan
No Appointment	Manhattan