

**Care Committee Between 15th-Street Meeting and Friends Seminary
Report to New York Quarterly Meeting
First Month 2012**

The Care Committee Between 15th Street Meeting and Friends Seminary was formed in April 2009 and has met monthly during the academic year since that time. It currently has seven members—some of whom are appointed by 15th Street and some by the Friends Seminary School Committee. They are Nancy Adelman, Margery Cornwell, George Fisher, Teri Hassid, Gloria Pitagorsky, Gloria Thompson, and Pamela Wood.

The committee was created to help improve communication and cooperation between our two communities. Examples of activities in those to areas to date include:

Communication:

- Regular formal and informal reports about our activities to 15th Street Meeting and to the FS School Committee.
- Distribution of the minutes of our meetings on request.
- Hosting of an open meeting with members of 15th Street in January 2010
- Plans to meet with the Parent Association of FS in Spring 2012.
- Facilitation of links on the two websites for the meeting and the school, so visitors to one can easily visit the other.
- Information on the 15th Street newsletter about job openings at Friends Seminary.
- Better advertisement of events between the two institutions
- Personal conversations between a member of our committee and members of the FS admissions staff regarding individual applicants, as appropriate.

Cooperation:

- With the M&W committee of 15th Street Meeting, co-hosting annual fall worship for Friends Seminary and Manhattan Meeting.
- With Friends seminary, co-hosting an information session at the meeting for Friends interested in the school.
- Holding regular meetings of Lower School faculty with our First-Day School teachers to discuss joint initiatives.
- Exploring shared service opportunities

- Creating more opportunities for mutual involvement in the Spring Fair and Rummage Sale each year.
- Participating in the annual June cookout and gathering at FS, in which long-time faculty and staff are honored for their service.

We affirm the value of a group such of ours that meets on a regular basis to discuss areas of common concern, to make suggestions about improving relations, and to attempt to address problems as they arise. Since our inception, we have also noted that we have important and valuable work to do independent of discussions in other circles involving distribution of property, revision of essential practices and principles, and other issues associated with a possible separate incorporation of the school in the future.

We ask for your support, and welcome your comments and questions.

Prepared for the committee by George Fisher, clerk