

## Report of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting New York Quarterly Meeting, Fifteenth of Fourth Month, 2018

Brooklyn Monthly Meeting worships every First day at 9:00 and 11:00 am, as well as, on Third day at 6:30 pm. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business was held this past quarter on Fourth of Second Month, Fourth of Third Month, and First of Fourth Month. There were three memorial meetings for worship this quarter; for Anne Romasco, for Joesph Hayman, and for Mia Kissil Hewitt.

During this quarter we received into membership Richard Beck, and Michael Hanson and his daughter Charlotte. Moira Rioux and her sons Aiden Rioux-jones and Liam Coel Rioux-jones transferred their memberships from Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting to Brooklyn. Carol; Holmes transferred her membership from Brooklyn to Scarsdale Monthly Meeting, Barbara Kurd and Angel Ramos transferred their memberships from Brooklyn to Rochester Friends Meeting.

In addition, a meeting for worship for Ben Frisch was held on Sixteenth Day Fourth Month. A minute of support for Ben was approved at our meeting for worship with a concern for business First Day Fourth Month. I was asked to forward the minute to NYQM, NYYM, Trustees of NYQM and Friends Seminary, as well as, the care relationship committee of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and the Friends Seminary.

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Brooklyn Month Meeting is disheartened to learn that after 33 years of service, Ben Frisch has been abruptly terminated from Friends Seminary. We are concerned that Friends' process and right order was not followed.

We ask the school to share with the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Meeting care-relationship committee, in a confidential manner, the full rationale and proof of any allegations for releasing Ben Frisch from employment. We ask the care-relationship committee to evaluate if this information is of substantial merit that requires his removal and is in accordance with Friends' practice. If it is not, we call for appropriate resolution and employment of a restorative justice and reconciliation practice.

The Meeting minutes that Ben Frisch is a beloved member of the community and notes his value and service to our Meeting, quarterly meeting, yearly meeting, and Friends Seminary. He is a kind and caring person of integrity whose ministry has helped shape our Meeting into a thriving community.

We hold in the Light Ben Frisch, the members of the community and the school who are dealing with this situation, as well as the faculty and alumni.

We continue to have hymn singing the first First Day of the month, on the second First day we have worship on a spiritual text, on the third First day we have an adult religious education worship, and on the last First day we have a community dinner for our neighbors.

For Brooklyn Meeting,

Ted Ehrhardt, clerk.