

Staten Island Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends

Clerk's report to New York Quarterly Meeting – April 21, 2019

Staten Island Meeting continues to meet on the 4th Sunday of each month. When last we met, we experimented with a tradition observed by Brooklyn Meeting that allows for a sort of extension to meeting for worship, a kind of last call for vocal ministry and an opportunity to share concerns to be held in the light. This worked to very good effect and will likely be continued.

The small size of Staten Island Meeting allows for easy transition from worship to socializing with refreshments, and thence to worship sharing, with ample time for all points of view to be heard and considered without rushing, and yet without exceeding two hours in total for worship, socializing, and worship sharing. Our last two worship sharing sessions were devoted to prompts posed by both the pending State of the Society report for New York Yearly Meeting, and the prospect of a year of Jubilee that would call New York Quarterly Meeting to a year of spiritual reflection. We found a common thread between both sets of prompts. Our response:

Much as we recognize the value of doing business the way we do, it is tedious enough to create a disincentive for people to attend. So if we can find a way to shift focus toward spirituality, we're all for it.

In the spirit of Friends,



Ted Lochwyn, clerk