

Staten Island Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

October 17, 2021

Clerk's report to Quarterly Meeting

During the quarter, meeting for worship was held twice monthly – 4th Sundays at ETG Café and 2nd Sundays at the beach. All were blended meetings, with attenders both in person and virtually. Some newcomers have begun attending regularly, including a family of four – Mom & Dad with two small children. This development is highly encouraging and a lot of fun.

We're thinking that the meeting we had last week will be the last beach meeting for the year, but if the weather for November 14 is favorable, we may yet hold a beach meeting on a pop-up basis.

After meeting for worship, we usually have a worship sharing session, often based on NYYM queries. On September 26, our worship sharing was devoted to addressing the CQL recommendations regarding care for elderly Quakers. The result (appended to this report) is more of a wish list than the "detailed proposal" requested by the committee, but it was a productive brainstorming session that will hopefully foster better communication within the meeting.

In Friendship,



Ted Lochwyn, Clerk



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Follow-up to CQL recommendations regarding care for elderly Quakers, especially with respect to housing. Discussed in worship sharing after meeting, Sept 26, 2021

Suggestions/avenues of inquiry and/or exploration that were raised:

- Repurposing vacant buildings at Snug Harbor Cultural Center for housing for the aged.
- Connection within our meeting via a directory – participation to be voluntary.
- A need for pastoral care – visiting the elderly, creating activities for them.
- Discussion of the history of NYQM housing facility for aging Quakers – more info is needed from others in NYQM who are familiar with the history of that project.
- Re the CQL study statistics – idea of getting together the 20 people who expressed interest in moving into a Quaker retirement/nursing facility to discuss what they would envision.
- Obstacles – eg:
 - Cost
 - Management