

NYQM Communications Committee
Report to Quarterly Meeting 10/17/2021

Since our last report to Quarterly Meeting in July, 2021, the committee has met twice, virtually, via Zoom.

Since July we have been working with our web developer on our updated web site.

As a reminder, priorities for our web presence that have been identified by Friends include:

- Capability for Quarter-wide electronic communications and desirability of a Quarter-wide newsletter;
- Shared resource for events throughout the Quarter;
- Improved accessibility of Quarterly Meeting documents;
- Foregrounding information for new members of the community to help them navigate the world of NYC Friends.

Our updated site will include a template that Monthly Meetings and other QM groups can use to create their own web sites integrated with the QM site to share in its calendar, database, and document storage capabilities.

We are also working on a format for a common, secure, shared database and a process for storing QM contact and membership information in a single place

We are also working on a shared, QM-wide capacity and process for document storage.

We are also working with the Quarterly Meeting office to provide electronic workspaces and generic email addresses to Quarterly Meeting committees. Please be in touch with us if you would like this capability for your committee. These functions may be integrated into the future website.

We have been engaged with supporting Monthly Meetings as well as Quarterly Meeting committees in the use of videoconferencing (Zoom) technology for Meetings for Worship and the conduct of business. We are working with Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Meeting committees as they discern about permanent remote and blended options.

We have wrestled with a Quarter-wide “breaking news protocol,” for how to handle public-facing communications for the Quarter. These issues are still in discernment.

Since our last report the Committee has not engaged with the communication of any breaking issues to the public.

We encourage Friends to interact with the New York Quarterly Meeting presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Contributions of events and news from the community are welcome on the NYQM Facebook group.

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