

Staten Island Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

April 13, 2022

Staten Island Clerk's Report to Quarterly Meeting

Meeting for worship is held twice monthly, beginning at 10:10 am, lasting for 45 minutes. We had been holding hybrid meetings, but since the arrival of omicron, we have reverted to meeting virtually only. We might return to hybrid meetings by April 24 – still more likely in May, at least on 2nd Sundays, when we resume meeting on the beach.

For the time being, we remain an executive meeting – without obligation to meet for business monthly, yet for the present we do so.

Personal reflections prompted by the NYYM State of the Society queries prompted reflections about how virtual meetings (both Quaker and otherwise) have contributed to our lives, yet have also made us aware of the importance of local connections. We have reflected about our willing acceptance – appreciation even – of incorporating our emotions into our lives and our work. Those among us have also expressed such acceptance and appreciation for transitions in our personal lives.

We are by no means unanimous in political stance nor in the sense of what to do about issues we do agree about. There is a respect for and desire to continue the Quaker tradition of taking action against injustice, yet there is a concern that we not become so embroiled with political action as to lose sight of the spirituality that is the raison d'être of the Society of Friends.

We would emphasize that love is the most important element in solving problems.

In Friendship,



Ted Lochwyn, Clerk

