**State of the Meeting Threshing Session**

**February 25, 2024**

Dear Friends,

Each year we look at the state of our meeting, and prepare a report which we share with Quarterly and Yearly meeting.  The primary purpose is to help us assess the state of our meeting and make changes if necessary. The Ministry committees of Quarterly and Yearly meetings review these reports for a sense of what is happening in the larger bodies.  Sometimes pertinent excerpts are shared with the gatherings.   I hope you will try to attend seekers this Sunday to provide input into this process.

Here are some things we may want to look at:

 *Quality of Worship* - What is the quality of meeting for worship? Has it changed, improved or worsened in the last year?

 *Personal relationships*- How are personal relationships in the meeting? Are we loving with one another?  Are we truthful?  Are we able to set appropriate boundaries, or take necessary action for the good of the meeting?

 *Strength of community*- Is there a strong sense of community within the group?  Do we engage in activities that foster deeper friendship and commitment to one another?

 *The work of the meeting*- Is the work of the meeting getting done?  Is it reasonably shared?  Are people led to participate in the meeting tasks and positions?

 *Growth and outreach*-Are we attracting new participants?  When newcomers visit, do they return?  Is our outreach, welcome and information we provide for visitors adequate?

 *Finances*- Are we able to meet our financial obligations?  Do changes need to be made?

 *Social action*-Are we a loving presence in the world, contributing in a fruitful manner to our community and world?

 *Religious education*- Do we need to engage in more religious education, for our meeting or the community?

 *Commitment to meeting*- Is meeting a priority for the people who attend?  Has the commitment to meeting diminished since the pandemic?  If so, is this something we might change?

 *Aging*- how much is aging impacting our community?

 *Business meeting*- Is the business in our meeting and committees spirit-led?

 *Faith*-Do we trust in God?

There is a lot of think about here.  We might want to take more than an hour to look at some of these questions.

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