Appendix G – Sessions Coordinating Committee Report

Sessions Coordinating Committee has had a transformative and stabilizing year. The group grew significantly drawing in ten more members. In Fall 2019, we hosted the Fall Continuing Sessions at Arch Street Meetinghouse. The COVID pandemic forced Spring Sessions to be adapted. Under the difficult circumstances, we decided to focus Spring Sessions on PYM-wide worship.

Over the last five years, we had finally developed a rhythm to planning and executing our Sessions to help our community, connect, explore, and contest. This stabilization was enormously important because the pandemic this spring forced us into a radical rethinking about what is essential and possible for us to gather and work together without physically gathering, especially for Annual Sessions. We have maintained our relationship with TCNJ even though we are not meeting there this year.

We do feel loss. The hugs, lunchtime conversations, and being in one room, gathering in silence and sharing our voices, must all be done differently now. The committee and the staff valiantly shifted course, learned by collaboration across the Quaker world, and built a new format for our Annual Sessions in a matter of weeks. The committee is also transitioning to new leadership. At the conclusion of Annual Sessions, Carter Nash and Cathleen Marion have risen up to take on being co-clerks of this committee. Both bring a deep love and understanding of our community and will nurture our spirits into the next era. With this intention in mind, we have decided on a theme for next years' sessions... "Uprooting Injustice/Rooting Justice".