

Quaker Life Council Report to Continuing Sessions  
11<sup>th</sup> Mo., 2018

Dear Friends,

The Quaker Life Council has met in loving spiritual service to PYM twice since annual sessions on the third seventh day of each month (9<sup>th</sup> mo. and 10<sup>th</sup> mo). Our minutes continue to be posted on [the PYM website](#). Friends are encouraged to communicate with any council members about their and their meeting's spiritual leadings so that we may better serve the needs of our membership. Here are the "peace exclamation dotted" highlights from our minutes:

- We have two new members! Welcome Julia Carrigan and Marge Dawson. Thank you for your service. We are still able to have additional members. Please nominate others or yourselves on the nominating form on [the PYM website](#).
- In a spirit infused worship for business, we united in support of providing \$15,000 to our Fellowship of Friends of African Descent who have created the Ujima Friends Peace Center in North Philadelphia. These Friends are doing incredible outreach and are living out the actions that they and multiple PYM monthly meetings have minuted as necessary work against racism and state sanctioned violence. See their minute and the website of their work [here](#). See the story about this on the PYM website [here](#).
- We have finalized (kind of, because we have also recognized that this is a living document) our QLC handbook to help make the QLC processes and structures transparent to our whole membership. As part of this, we have approved the structure of the Youth Programs Advisory Committee and have laid down the Youth Programs Sprint III. The handbook is available on [the PYM website](#). We need people to populate the Youth Programs Advisory Committee and our other committees. Nominate yourselves or others [here](#) if you would like to get involved or know others who would like to be involved.
- Our collaboratives are continuing in their work, and we will invite them to share their work across the two Continuing Sessions in November 2018 and March 2019. See what our collaboratives are doing at [pym.org](#) under "Our Work" or start a new collaborative [here](#).
- We are in the process of outlining how minutes of travelling service will be handled by the yearly meeting. If any meeting has a minute of travelling service for members that has been endorsed by the meeting and quarter, please send them to me or Chris Lucca and we will be sure that they are on track to be endorsed and recognized by the Yearly Meeting as outlined in Faith and Practice. If you have any comments about how you would like the process to work, or if you would like to join the sprint that is writing the PYM process for endorsement, please let me, Gray Goodman or Zachary Dutton know.

With love and in service, I work, play, laugh and live humbly with you while breathing deeply into the peace that is needed in the world, nationally, locally and in our simple daily lives with each other.

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