

Glossary of Terms

used in “Re-kindling Our Fire,” the proposed 5-Year Plan for PYM and not previously in common use

Cluster

a group of Friends who come together because they share a common concern, interest, or role. Some clusters will be long-lived, others are for a specific event or project as they are recognized by one of the Councils and, if needed, provided resources. Clusters are formed through an application process to one of the Councils.

Community Catalysts

a person named by any constituency in the Yearly Meeting (monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, Middle School Friends, Friends of Color, etc.) as one who pays attention to what is happening within the constituency, knows resources that are available, and watches and listens for needs or where to make connections. They will share stories regularly from their meeting with other meetings and other Catalysts both online and at Continuing Sessions; seek to connect individuals with passions or concerns in their own meeting community with other groups throughout PYM considering similar passions and concerns; and aim to be a resource for their constituency in understanding the movements of Yearly Meeting. A Community Catalyst is a connector both to and from their constituency and other constituencies including the Yearly Meeting.

Council – Administrative Council and Quaker Life Council

two bodies of Friends nominated by PYM Nominating Committee and approved by the body in Session for managing the responsibilities spelled out in this Plan (see Roles and Responsibilities). These Councils listen for and provide guidance on the life of our Yearly Meeting community and manage our collective resources.

Continuing Sessions

in addition to Annual Sessions, PYM will meet in one-day sessions at least two times during a year for worship, business, fellowship, learning, celebration, and intergenerational fun. Continuing Sessions would have the same authority to make decisions for PYM as Annual Sessions.

Implementation Committee

a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to manage the implementation of the Long-Range Plan as adopted by the Yearly Meeting. The Implementation Committee's function will be laid down once specific steps of transition from PYM's current structure to its new structure are completed.

Network or, preferably, PYM Network

a virtual reservoir of Friends who voluntarily enroll in the Network. When enrolling, Friends post their skills, availability, and type of service in which they are interested. Further, Friends can also list their interest in learning a skill while in service of the Yearly Meeting. Friends who enroll may work on short-term (see "sprints") or on longer-term assignments as needed across our Yearly Meeting. Each of us is a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and we can grow by sharing in the central work and projects (for which we all pay and agree need to be accomplished.)

Sprint, Sprint Group

a short-term project which a group of Friends (some or all of whom may be from the **Network**) takes on together to accomplish a specific task. Usually the task is defined by one of the Councils. Once the specific task is finished, the Sprint is finished and the Sprint group is laid down.