

Pastoral Care & Concerns Committee Observations

1. We rely on a de-facto, informal buddy-system.
2. Daily schedules of some sometimes prohibit availability to visit, cook for, etc. others. This puts more responsibility on retired members of the Meeting.
3. The number of out-of-touch local members makes the de-facto buddy system more difficult to operate.
4. We have reinstated a policy of giving subscriptions to Friends Journal to young members at college, and have begun a policy of communicating one on one with those about to leave for college or other parts, offering clearness committees before they leave or when visiting.
5. We probably need to discuss a standing committee for religious education to hire and confer with First Day School teachers.
6. We need to consider offering more discussion groups re. Q101 for new members and attenders.
7. We periodically need to publish Yearly Meeting resources for counseling and other help.
8. We need to find ways to attract attender families to continue their connection with the Meeting after their children have grown up.
9. We have a large number of local members who are inactive. This seems to be common among Meetings, churches and other religious organizations.

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