**Queries for the State of Society** **2023**

Please let us know your Meeting’s experiences over the last year. We will take your responses, report them to the next annual sessions of Western Yearly Meeting, and make them available to our other Meetings. We hope that this effort will help you reflect on your Meeting’s spiritual health, help us identify ways that we can support your Meeting, and help one another discover additional opportunities for growth.

Here are a few suggested topics for you to consider:

1. **How are you nurturing your community and your world?**

Examples: Support Quaker organizations and programs; support community programs; cooperative efforts with other faith communities; individual efforts

1. **How are you nurturing your members and attenders?**

Examples: Classes, training sessions, informative programs; social activities; responses to expressions of concern

1. **What challenges does your meeting face and how are you addressing them?**

Examples: Long driving distance to Meeting; declining membership; no youth programs; disagreements among membership

1. **In what ways do children and young Friends participate in your Meeting’s life?**

Examples: Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, special activities; community service; mission trips

1. **What is one thing you want to see happen in your Meeting in the coming year?**
2. **Optional (but encouraged):**

* **How did you conduct Meeting for Worship during the pandemic?** (Virtually, in-person, hybrid)
* **What effect did it have on your attendance?**
* **If you are willing, please share your worship attendance information.**
* **How did you conduct Meeting business during the pandemic?**
* **How did you keep connected with members, attenders, and the community during the pandemic?**
* **What did your Meeting learn from any adaptations that you made during the pandemic that you anticipate you will continue?**

**Please be sure that your report includes:**

* + The name of your Monthly Meeting
  + The name(s) of who wrote the report;
  + If and when your monthly meeting approved the report, and if the report was shared with your Area Meeting.

**Pictures of your activities** are especially welcome — everyone likes to see what you’ve been doing!

**Reports should be received by the WYM Office**

**by *May 31, 2023***

**Reports can be sent in printed form or as an e-mail attachment in electronic form to:**

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