WESTERN YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

**Report for Year Ending December 31, 2022**

Meeting

Statistical Secretary:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

1. Did your meeting for worship meet:

In Person

Hybrid

Online (Check all that apply)

1. Did your Sunday School meet:

In Person

Hybrid

Online (Check all that apply)

1. Did your Monthly Meeting for Business meet:

In Person

Hybrid

Online (Check all that apply)

1. Total Membership as of December 31, 2021

(Found in the 2022 Minute Book, pages 82-83.)

1. Changes in Membership during 2022
   1. Total Additions
   2. Total Losses

Net Gain (+) or Net Losses (-)

1. Total Membership as of December 31, 2022
2. Breakdown of 2022 Membership
   1. Resident Adult Members
   2. Non-resident Adult Members
   3. Resident Junior Members
   4. Non-resident Junior Members

Total (needs to equal line 3)

1. Are your membership rolls accurate & up to date?
2. Average attendance at Sunday A.M. Worship

Average attendance at Sunday School

Average attendance at Monthly Meeting

1. Is the information on Line 6 based on records or an estimate?

For clarification or questions on completing this form, please contact the Western Yearly Meeting Office at 800-909-3452 or [office@westernyearlymeeting.org](mailto:office@westernyearlymeeting.org)

Please return by 6-20-2023 to:

Western Yearly Meeting

P.O. Box 70

Plainfield, IN 46168

To clarify what is meant by average attendance at A.M. worship, please use the following definition:

Everyone at the meetinghouse for any duration during the time of the Sunday morning worship service(s) should be tallied as being in attendance. This includes members, attenders, visitors, children, baby sitters, babies in the nursery, people in another part of the meetinghouse preparing food, guest musicians, etc. If your Meeting has a separate worship service for youth at this same time, they should be included in this number. If your meeting has two worship services on Sunday morning, your number should be the net total from both services combined. If your meeting has only a Sunday School service, the number that attend that service would be the number you would submit. (This is the only case in which Sunday School attendance should be in this A.M. Worship calculation.) If your meeting is one which is dually affiliated in two Yearly Meetings, you should report one-half of your average AM worship attendance. Attendance at any other time (such as Easter Sunrise, Christmas Eve, Saturday night or Wednesday evening) should not be counted. Regardless of the number of times you meet, i.e.: weekly or less frequently, you simply calculate the weekly average for your meeting during the previous year. If you have not kept this attendance information in previous years, simply track the attendance for several Sundays and insert the average data on the report, placing an (E) beside the number.

Membership Status Guide

As approved by Executive Committee 12/1/2012

# RESIDENT members are those members of a meeting whose residence is near enough to the geographical vicinity of the meetinghouse to allow them to be present regularly for participation in the worship, business, work, and fellowship of the meeting. (Faith & Practice 2005, page 41)

In order to encourage uniformity in reporting Resident Membership, the following factors should be considered as long as they are applied in a consistent manner by your Meeting. (1) Individuals who participate in worship at your meeting on a regular basis should be counted as resident members regardless of where they live. (2) Friends who vacation in warmer climates during the winter should still be counted as resident members but remember, their absence will lower the Sunday Morning Worship attendance numbers and therefore reduce your assessments.

# NONRESIDENT members are those members of a meeting whose residence is beyond the meeting’s geographical “limits” or vicinity, such that the distance from the meetinghouse makes impractical their regular participation in the worship, business, work, and fellowship of the meeting. (Faith & Practice 2005, page 41)

1. Nonresident members are those whose primary residence is 30 miles or more from the meetinghouse, and who do not participate regularly in worship.
2. Friends who live in Long-Term Care Facilities may be counted as nonresident members, unless they are regular attenders at the Worship Service.

Under the current assessment formula, assessment calculations are based on both resident adult & resident junior memberships and average Sunday morning Worship attendance. While this lessens the reliance on membership alone, there still seems to be a tendency to erroneously classify individuals as non-resident members simply because they do not attend regularly even though they live within a reasonable distance of the meetinghouse.

**Junior Membership –**Faith & Practice (pages 41 & 43) sets out information on Junior membership. Meetings are encouraged to follow these guidelines. Junior members may be moved to nonresident junior membership status while they are attending college. By age 26, junior members should declare if they wish to become adult members or to be dropped from membership.

**Discontinuance of Membership**- Friends’ principles of integrity and fairness should encourage Meetings to regularly review their membership rolls and take action to discontinue those members who habitually neglect attendance at Meeting, fail to contribute to its support, and are generally inactive in the work of Friends. While this is sometimes difficult work and needs to be completed with sensitivity, it is a task that reflects our integrity as Friends.

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