

Religious Education Committee (4 Persons and Meeting Librarian *ex officio*)

Approved at MFB September 10, 2006

The religious education of young Friends who grow up in the care of this Meeting is the responsibility of the entire Meeting. Under that assumption, the Religious Education Committee coordinates the work of the Meeting community to provide educational experiences for young Friends that support their religious and spiritual development and foster their understanding of and commitment to Friends' principles.

The Religious Education Committee coordinates the operation of First Day School throughout the calendar year. This work includes arranging for space for First Day activities, recruiting teachers, assisting teachers in choosing suitable curricula, and providing assistance to teachers as they carry out their work.

The Committee is also responsible for arranging nursery care for Meeting's youngest children on First Day, for childcare during Meeting for Business, for supporting parents as religious educators of their children, and for working with the Clerk and other Committees to arrange for childcare at other Meeting gatherings (e.g., special Called Meetings).

The Religious Education Committee oversees the involvement of young people in the work of the Meeting (participation in Meeting for Worship, Meeting for Business, preparation of Meeting Rooms, visiting shut-ins).

The Committee composes and oversees the part of the Meeting's budget that pertains to this charge, as directed by Monthly Meeting.

The committee maintains accurate working records of its work and ensures those records are passed along to the next Religious Education Committee clerk.

The committee is encouraged to ask for help from Meeting members and attenders in carrying out these responsibilities.