

## **Worship and Pastoral Care Committee (4 Persons)**

*Approved at MFB, February 5, 2006:*

The Worship and Pastoral Care Committee is concerned with nurturing the spiritual growth of the Meeting and of individuals within the Meeting. Its charge includes:

- Enhancement of the quality of ministry offered in Meeting for Worship. This includes encouraging the spiritual preparation of all who attend Meeting, nurturing the gift of vocal ministry of Friends of all ages, and helping Friends understand the many sources for spiritual growth.
- Nurturing the spiritual depth of worship by: encouraging timely presence at each Meeting for Worship, ensuring that one or more committee members are present at each worship, and providing opportunities for members and attenders to explore the quality of their worship together.
- Convening special called Meetings for Worship such as an annual Meeting for Remembrance and other special Meetings for Worship called on short notice in unusual circumstances. Also convening special called Meetings of a worshipful nature (e.g. memorials, namings, marriage or covenant).
- Providing care and support for any new worship group, preparatory meeting of Friends within the Meeting's jurisdiction. This includes regular or short-term worship opportunities offered within and under the care of Red Cedar Friends Monthly Meeting.
- Providing ongoing nurture, support, and accountability for individuals who are called to ministry that falls under the care of the Meeting.
- Providing support for the Meeting's Clerk, both for consultation and for practical assistance when the Clerk is temporarily unable to fulfill duties (such as closing worship if the Clerk is out of town).
- Coordination of Meeting's support for individuals in life circumstances such as marriage, dissolution of marriage, death, and birth. For example, this might include convening a committee for clearness regarding marriage under the care of the Meeting, coordination of the Meeting for Marriage, and ensuring that ongoing spiritual support is available to the couple as their relationship matures.
- Consultation with individuals who seek guidance in their religious search, and assistance in finding appropriate resources. This may include convening a clearness committee or a committee of support focused on a particular concern or leading.
- Helping to resolve differences between Friends.
- Visitation and assistance in the case of illness and other troubles. This includes pastoral care as individuals or families face the spiritual crises that may accompany problems. The committee also coordinates Meeting's provision of emergency care, such as meals, temporary shelter or companionship.
- Administration of the Meeting's emergency notification system.
- Administration of the Meeting's Sufferings, Travel, and Scholarship Funds.

- Overseeing the part of Meeting's budget which pertains to the committee's charge as directed by Monthly Meeting.
- Maintaining accurate working records of the committee's work and ensuring those records are passed along to the next W&PC Committee clerk.

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