

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE (4 members)

Presented for Approval to Meeting for Business April 12, 2020

To be reviewed: April 2022

The Pastoral Care Committee attends to the well-being and vitality of the meeting community as a whole and of its individual members. This committee is responsible for knowing the individuals and families in the meeting and becoming aware of their particular needs and challenges. Its charge includes:

- Visiting and assisting 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.
- Coordinating Meeting's support for individuals in life circumstances such as birth, death, marriage, and dissolution of marriage, ensuring that ongoing spiritual support is available as the consequences of such events unfold in Friends' lives.
- Consulting 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.
- Creating pastoral care subcommittees as needed or requested. The establishment of care committees enables members to provide loving, pastoral care for each other in a more direct and supportive manner than is possible for the Pastoral Care Committee alone. These subcommittees are accountable to the Pastoral Care Committee.
- Administering the Meeting's emergency notification system.
- Administering 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.
- Meeting as needed, but no less than annually, with the Worship and Ministry Committee.
- Maintaining accurate working records of the committee's work and ensuring those records are passed along to the next Pastoral Care Committee clerk.

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

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