

## WORSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE (4 members)

*Approved at Meeting for Worship for Business September 12, 2021*

*(Edited to remove non-gender-inclusive language, as approved June 13, 2021)*

*To be reviewed: April 2022*

The Worship and Ministry Committee is concerned with nurturing the spiritual growth of the meeting and individuals within the meeting and supporting the Clerk of the Meeting and the Recording Clerk of 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.

Clerking or arranging clerking for both First Day Meetings for Worship at 9:00 and at 10:30.

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. individual memorials or namings of children).

Convening a committee for clearness when a request for marriage under the care of the Meeting or marriage in the manner of Friends is submitted to the Clerk. Subsequently, if the marriage is approved, the clearness committee will convene an arrangements committee to assist the couple in organizing the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Marriage.

Providing care and support for any new worship group or 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 the duties of the office.

Preparing or naming a subcommittee to prepare the State of the Meeting Annual Report to Lake Erie Yearly Meeting for review by the Clerk and Meeting for Business.

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 Pastoral Care Committee.

Maintaining accurate working records of the committee's work and ensuring those records are passed along to the next Worship and Ministry Committee clerk.

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