

2019 State of the Society Report

When Miami Monthly Meeting began over 200 years ago, Waynesville was a rural/farming community where the members lived and worked nearby. As the world changed, jobs and families moved away finding Meetings and Churches closer to them. Miami Monthly Meeting is small in numbers but active in spirit. Our regular attenders join weekly for First Day School and Meeting for worship. We look forward to our Carry-in lunch after Meeting the first First Day of the month when we can share good food and good fellowship.

We have meaningful discussions in First Day School on a variety of topics. The past year, discussions included the new Queries each month, and revisions to sections the new OVYM Faith and Practice. At times the Friends spoke of their faith and other religions and faith groups. In January Kaia Jackson, the OVYM Youth Secretary, visited the Meeting as part of her visitation to Meetings. Members of the OVYM Nurture Committee joined us for a First Day School and Meeting for Worship. In November Milton Cook brought forward information and facilitated in several discussions on Food and Sustainability. On the fourth Sunday every other month, we gather at Quaker Heights Care Community to sing and share short readings and poems. The old time Hymns are most meaningful to those attending.

In our August Meeting for Business, Lonny Burger shared with us that his job would be moving him to Georgia. He resigned as Recording Clerk as well as his other duties to our Meeting. As a small Meeting Lonny's move is felt in many ways. We could always depend on him in First Day School for guidance and information about Quakers—historical and current. Lonny is greatly missed. We wish him well in Georgia.

In the December Meeting for Business we received a transfer letter from Cleveland Monthly Meeting regarding Tom Nowel. Tom will continue to serve at CMM. CMM also asked that MMM accept and support Tom's ministry. We look forward to seeing him occasionally. A letter was received from Rhonda and Reid Pfaltzgraff-Carlson requesting transfer of membership to Eastern Hills Friends Meeting. Friends approved Rhonda's and Reid's transfer. Friends stated they would be missed and acknowledged their service to the meeting.

We gathered for our annual Fort Ancient Meeting for Worship and Picnic with Friends from other neighboring Meetings on July 14, 2019. Meeting for Worship was deeply centered and vocal ministry flowed freely. Following worship, the picnic provided opportunities for great fellowship and conversation with good food in abundance. You are invited to join with us in 2020 on July 12th for this annual get-together. Look for the announcement on the Website as we get closer to the date.

Please visit our website at <http://miami.quaker.org> to keep abreast of the news, upcoming events on the calendar, information on Quakers, our beliefs, and our history.

Our new mailing address is:
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