

M&C has met monthly throughout the year. One of our members had to resign from the committee for personal reasons, so we have had an open slot in the last few months, which will be filled upon new committee assignments. The pastor and the Clerk of Monthly Meeting have attended meetings regularly.

The committee has tried to listen to and support our pastor. We have reviewed with her the Pastoral Agreement and discussed her sense of how things are going in the meeting and with her pastoral role. This dialogue helps maintain the strength and activities of the meeting on all levels, practical and spiritual. In cooperation with her, we make sure that the needs of meeting for worship are met (e.g., arranging for worship leaders for Sundays when the pastor is not leading).

There have been substantive discussions about issues affecting meeting for worship throughout the year. For example, considerable time has been spent in discussion of how late arrival affects meeting for worship, whether it is a problem or not, whether and how to try to address it. We have brought suggestions to Monthly Meeting, and our discussion is on-going.

We have formed and/or overseen several clearness and care committees. The care committees include three for people who are active in ministry: Ruth Bradley, Christopher Sammond, Rebecca Schillenback.

We sponsored Soup & Sharing discussion groups on topics relevant to the spiritual life of individuals and the community: Truth; the Gathered Meeting. Two Spiritual Nurture groups, which are under the care of M&C, continue to meet and be vibrant.

We try to be aware of members of our community who are in need of support, and to give it as we are able.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Nelson, Clerk