

Revisions to The Guide to Our Faith and Practice Proposed for Yearly Meeting 2009

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Dear SAYMA Friends,

The Committee for Revision of SAYMA's *Guide to Our Faith and Practice* will present proposed revisions of the sections on Community and on Government at the 2009 SAYMA Yearly Meeting. Copies of the proposed revisions are enclosed; they are being sent to all SAYMA monthly meetings, preparative meetings, and worship groups, and are posted on the SAYMA web site at www.sayma.org.

These proposals result from an interactive process over several years between the committee, business sessions of the yearly meeting, and the monthly meetings that comprise SAYMA. Each proposal has been drafted by the committee, submitted to the monthly meetings for review, revised by the committee in light of minuted responses from monthly meetings, and then submitted for consideration at the yearly meeting. As these two proposals were not approved by yearly meeting, the committee has made further revisions and submits them again for consideration.

Because these sections have been rewritten so often, we are not following our usual practice of printing parts of the text in different colors to indicate changes, deletions and additions. There have been too many of them, often serial changes to the same passage. The current proposed version is shown alongside the original text from the Guide approved in 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

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