

## **Proposed Revisions to *The Guide to Our Faith and Practice***

3rd day of tenth month, 2009

Dear SAYMA Friends,

The SAYMA Faith and Practice Revision Committee hopes to present two proposals at Yearly Meeting 2010.

As a reminder, our process is as follows:

1. The committee circulates proposed revisions in the fall to monthly meetings and worship groups and requests that comments and suggestions be returned to us in the form of minuted responses from a meeting for business.
2. In late winter, the committee meets to consider these responses and make changes, if led, to the proposed text. These proposals are then circulated in March for Friends to review in advance of the Yearly Meeting when they will be considered in the meeting for business.

We have reached sense of the committee on a proposed revision to the Community section. The first two paragraphs of that section were approved at the Yearly Meeting 2009 and will not be reconsidered in 2010. The remaining four paragraphs are presented here for consideration by monthly meetings and worship groups. As requested by Yearly Meeting in 2009, we made changes in the 3rd and 4th paragraphs and inserted a new 5th paragraph.

Yearly Meeting has approved in principle the direction we have taken with the revision, and requested changes and additions. Therefore we are presenting for comparison not the original text but the revision proposed in June 2009. The original version is available, if needed, on the SAYMA web site in the Faith & Practice working copy 2009, beginning on page 50.

We ask meetings and worship groups to review this proposal soon and return a response, in the form of a minute from a business meeting, by December 8. We much prefer to receive these via email as they can then be sent directly to committee members without retyping. Responses should be sent to Kathleen Mavournin at [kmav@icx.net](mailto:kmav@icx.net).

The committee's work on the Faith and Practice Marriage Section has been delayed by illness or injury of several committee members, and we are not quite finished with it. We will meet in early December in high hopes of completing the section and sending it out before the first of the year. In order to review responses and prepare a Marriage Section proposal for Friends to consider at Yearly Meeting, we will need to have responses by mid-February, 2010. We ask, therefore, that you set aside time at your business meeting in January or early February of 2010 to consider the proposed revision of the marriage section and minute a response.

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