Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
Report of the Committee to Revise the Guide to our Faith and Practice
Report of the Committee to Publish the Guide to our Faith and Practice
June 2, 2012

Revision Committee

The Committee to Revise the *Guide to our Faith and Practice* (Alan Robinson, Edie Patrick, Barbara Esther, Missy Ivey, Tim Lamm [ex officio] and I) and Ad Hoc Guide Publishing Committee (Alan Robinson, Hank Fay, Liz Perch, Tim Lamm and I) are happy to announce that way has opened to proceed with the publication of SAYMA's *Guide to our Faith and Practice*.

The Revision Committee met for a long weekend after YM 2011 had approved the changes we submitted at that time. Part of the editing of the Guide was to include a glossary to assist those who do not know "Quaker Speak". The glossary was based on the glossaries of three different Yearly Meetings. The Revision committee recommended at the Fall 2011 Representatives Meeting that a Publishing Committee be created to deal with the details of getting the Revised Guide printed. Representatives Meeting approved our recommendation that clerk of the Revision committee, the Admin. Asst. of the Yearly Meeting and someone from finance committee serve on the committee. They also added Hank Fay, the SAYMA website administrator, to the committee for which we have been grateful. Alan Robinson was the person who was approved to represent the finance committee.

The Revision Committee has agreed to continue until it completes the review of the Queries section of the Guide. No other changes will be made to the other parts of the Guide as published by this revision committee. The committee asks that the Nominating Committee find at least 2 new members to join the committee in order to achieve the minimum size needed (5) to constitute a valid revision committee. If you feel led to join the committee for the sole purpose of reviewing and, where necessary, revising the Queries on pages 56 thru 61 of the 2012 SAYMA Guide, please contact the Nominating Committee or me. You can be sure that the time and energy spent will provide a wonderful return on your investment. Note that the Revision Committee has mostly been meeting twice a year for a full weekend either in Asheville, NC or in Knoxville, TN.

Publishing Committee

The Ad Hoc SAYMA Guide Publishing Committee, established at the fall 2011 Representative's Meeting, has chosen Lulu.com as the publisher of our YM's 80-page Guide. This will allow anyone to order a copy online at Lulu's website and have it shipped to the address of their choice without needing to order thru the Administrative Assistant's office. It also means that we don't need to put a lot of money into book inventory. Using Lulu.com will make it much easier to make future changes to the Guide, like the Queries Section, which is still being revised.

Each Monthly Meeting and Worship Group that ordered Guides will be picking up their books in the registration area on their arrival at YM. There will also be additional copies of the Guide available at the SAYMA YM bookstore for purchase at the same $ 7.00 a copy price that the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups were charged. The committee was able to pay for the shipping and handling costs due to the volume discount received on the 600 copies we ordered to bring to YM. We ended up with orders for 493 books from 23 Meetings and Worship Groups which allowed going to the next price break which was 600 copies. See exhibit A for the breakdown by meeting/worship group. The YM makes a gross profit of about 70 cents on each book ordered directly from the Lulu website.

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To Order copies of the Guide you can go to: www.hulu.com and in the search box type "SAYMA"
OR
Go directly to the Guide's web page on Lulu by entering: http://www.lulu.com/shop/southern-appalachian-yearly-meeting-and-association/fp2012/paperback/product-20122494.html

The e-book version of the Guide is in process of being created and that work will be primarily done by Hank Fay, with assistance from Liz Perch. This will allow a free download from SAYMA's website of a file that will work with the major e-readers. There is also a PDF version of the Guide on the SAYMA website that can be read online or downloaded at: http://www.sayma.org

Summarizing the finances from the first order:

Total Revenue to be realized from the pre YM orders (see exhibit 1 for details): $3,451.00 (493 X $ 7.00). Total cost of printing 600 copies including shipping/handling was $2,716.49 and that leaves the YM with a Gross Profit of $734.51. The YM also has 107 books remaining at zero cost. After 20 gift copies that we are donating to various organizations (see Exhibit B) we will have 87 printed Guides that will be available to sell at the YM Bookstore at $7.00 each which might produce additional revenue of $609.00 (87 X $ 7.00) for a possible total by the end of YM of $1,343.51 ($734.51 + $609.00). There is a good possibility that some of the gross profit that is produced by sales of the Guide may be used to obtain software that is needed to create the e-reader version of the guide that is still to be produced.

The Publishing Committee thanks everyone for their patience while we got this job done. It was the first time any of us had used a self-publishing tool and while there may be hiccups in our new online purchasing process, long term the YM will benefit from using this technology by making it easier for future revision committees to publish future versions of the SAYMA Guide to our Faith and Practice, as well as making it easier for people all over the world to get a hard copy without even contacting anyone inside SAYMA . . . at nearly the speed of light.

Thank you to all who have served on the various revision committees during more than 11 years during which we worked and prayed our way to clarifying what we in SAYMA collectively believe to be a Guide to our Yearly Meeting's Faith and our Practice. Thanks to everyone at all the Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups who reviewed the many revisions sent by the Revision Committee and to those who participated at any of the Yearly Meeting sessions from 2001 thru 2011 and did the "Spirit Wrestling" needed to produce SAYMA's 2012 revision of our Yearly Meeting's *Guide to our Faith and Practice*.

Now all we need to do is to keep the Faith and to . . . . Practice . . . Practice . . . and then ….. Practice some more.

Blessings,

-- *Free Polazzo, clerk*
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Exhibit A: Orders by Meeting to be delivered at YM 2012

Meeting/WG	Number ordered
Asheville	24
Atlanta	100
Berea	6
Birmingham	20
Brevard	7
Canton	1
Carrollton	10
Celo	10
Charleston	15
Chattanooga	30
Columbia	12
Cookeville	4
Crossville	10
Greenbrier	10
Greenville	1
Huntsville	7
Memphis	40
Nashville	24
Oxford	4
Royal	8
Swannanoa Valley	50
West Knoxville	100
Total for 23 WG/MM:	**493**

Exhibit B: Donated Copies of the Guide:

1. SAYMA archives (Missy Ivie)
2. SAYMA office (Liz Perch)

---**Friends' Libraries** (No's 3-5 receive & archive our minutes and newsletters):
3. Guilford College (Hedge Library/Friends Historical Association)
4. Swarthmore College (Friends Historical Library)
5. Haverford College (Quaker Collection)
6. Woodbrook Library (England) who already get our newsletters

Major Friends Organizations: (in no particular order)
7. Friends General Conference (Barry Crossno, General Secretary)
8. American Friends Service Committee (Lucy Duncan, AFSC-Friends Relations)
9. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC Southern Regional Office Library)
10. Friends United Meeting (Colin Saxton, General Secretary)
11. FWCC Section of the Americas (Robin Mohr, General Secretary)
12. Quaker House (Chuck Fager, director; Lynn & Steve Newsome, co-directors designates)
13. Friends Journal (Gabriel Ehri, Executive Editor)
14. Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) staff.
15. Friends Committee on National Legislation Library
16. William Penn House Library
17. American Friends Service Committee (Shan Cretin-General Secretary)
18. American Friends Service Committee (Bonnie Horton-Southeast Region Executive Director)
19. Deborah Fisch, FGC Associate Secretary for Ministries
20. Pendle Hill Library c/o Jennifer Karsten, Interim Executive Director