

Notes on Comments Regarding The 2012 Draft Of Faith And Practice By Members Of Warrington Meeting On Sunday, 17 March 2013.

Faith And Practice Revision Committee Member: Margaret Stambaugh

Recording Clerk For Meeting: Ann Mummert

Seven Members of Warrington Meeting were present for the meeting.

Comments:

1. Preface is important.
2. Difficult to get used to the sixteen (16) queries. Especially when custom is for one query to be read at each meeting for business.
3. Do any Meetings read more than one Query per month? Yes. For example, Pipe Creek Meeting reads one per week.
4. Advices are important in giving background to Queries.
5. What was the impetus for revision? At an Interim Meeting question was raised about possible need to revisit Faith And Practice.
6. Revision is much more thorough about references and identifying Quaker organizations.
7. Like "Voices." Was there a conscious effort to expand Voices? Yes, wanted Voices from past and present and from non-Quakers, i.e., Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ghandi.
8. Effort is made in this revision to refer to God in a more inclusive manner.
9. Appreciate inclusion of appropriate forms and letters for Meeting business purposes.
10. Will revision be approved at Annual Meeting? Perhaps. The plan is to go to Annual Meeting with a revision that has some additional changes incorporated and have a second reading. It may be approved; it may not be approved.
11. Liked page 228 as background information.
12. Need to add date for Brinton quote on page 50.
13. What has response been so far? At Meetings Margaret has attended, the overall response has been positive.
14. Could an on-line edition provide additional references and resources?
15. Is there basic information about Quaker Meetings and Quaker beliefs available in a shorter format that can be provided to first-time visitors to Meetings? Yes. FTC has a set of 4 information sheets available for use by Meetings.