

Proposed End of Life Working Group

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has agreed to serve as the supporting committee for a now forming End of Life Working Group.

There are currently five Friends who would like to take an active part in this Working Group. More members are sought! We will have an outreach table at Annual Session and an article in a future *BYM Interchange*, and in other ways will let our work be known and seek new members.

We are creating a charge for this Working Group

- Make resources available to Monthly Meetings that focus on all aspects of preparing for and experiencing the last months of one's life, including resources for those in those who are caregivers and those who will survive the person at end of life.
- Maintain a webpage where links to resources can be posted.
- Learn what resources local Meetings are finding useful and let other Meetings know about them.
- Organize workshops for BYM Friends to be presented at Annual Session, other gatherings of the Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meetings, and local Meetings.
- Visit meetings to provide a "listening ear" for Meetings that are dealing with end-of-life issues among their members and attenders;
- Keep track of and offer statements about end-of-life legislation in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and D.C., as appropriate.
- Propose minutes and reports to BYM on areas within its scope of concern as appropriate.

Two things are important to note:

- The Peace and Social Concerns Committee suggests that the Working Group would benefit from having a liaison from the BYM Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee.
- This Working Group has a specific focus, and does not focus on related issues such as aging or care for those who are ill. These are important areas and we encourage other Friends to organize ways to address these concerns.