

Report to Third Month 2020 Interim Meeting
From Youth Safety Policy Working Group

The Youth Safety Policy Working Group, under the care of Trustees, meets at least once a year to remind ourselves of the Youth Safety Policy (YSP) and how it applies, consider how well the YSP and related processes are working, and identify any improvements to the policy and related processes that might be needed.

At our November 2019 meeting, we agreed that the policy needed no major improvements in its language or related processes. However, we recommend that Interim Meeting approve introductory language that would add to the current purpose statement for the policy. We propose adding the following language to the first paragraph of the policy statement.

“Purpose Statement

The purpose of this document is to establish a policy to keep children and youth in Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) programs safe from abuse, procedures for ensuring that safety, and mechanisms for reporting any instance of suspected abuse.”

The policy was originally approved on October 17, 2009 and was updated on June 15, 2013 and March 17, 2018 at Interim Meeting. It can be found in Appendix D of the Manual of Procedure (www.bym-rsf.org/publications/mop/youthsafety.html).

Members of the working group are as follows: Stephanie “Steph” Bean and Brooke Davis (Co-Clerks of Camping Program Committee); Alexandra “Alex” Bean and Carol Seddon (Co-Clerks of Junior Yearly Meeting); Ellen Arginteanu (Clerk, Religious Education Committee), Adrian Bishop and Ramona Buck (Co-Clerks of Supervisory Committee); Carlotta Joyner and Kathryn “Katy” Schutz (Trustees); Annalee Flower Horne and Rebecca “Becka” Haines Rosenberg (Co-Clerks of Youth Programs Committee); Kenneth “Ken” Stockbridge (BYM Presiding Clerk); Jane Megginson (Camping Program Manager); Jocelyn “Jossie” Dowling (Youth Programs Manager); and Edward “Ned” Stowe (General Secretary).

Respectfully submitted, Carlotta Joyner, Clerk