

Ad-Hoc crisis response committee

Meeting notes 4/3/21

Attending: Kody Hersh, Susan Taylor, Nancy Triscritti, Cecilia Yocum, Bill Carlie

Meeting opened from the silence

It was agreed that Kody Hersh would clerk the meeting and that Bill Carlie would take notes.

A Friend who is not a named member of the committee attended and expressed her interest in serving on the committee and her experience with these issues. The committee members listened and thanked her for her interest in serving. The committee agreed that we value the experience and advice of concerned members. The Friend left the meeting so our group discernment might proceed.

Friends discerned over the composition and size of the committee. We came to unity that the committee as named by Executive Committee has sufficient members, but also that its work could benefit from the advice or input of concerned Friends and additionally that it was very important that the work of the committee be transparent, while at the same time maintaining confidentiality for any affected person.

We discussed our individual experiences relevant to the work of the committee and our concerns for its work within Yearly Meeting as it relates to our roles in the community.

The committee then discussed the plenary of 4/2/21 and the concerns raised by Friends during that discussion. We again united that transparency will be very important toward maintaining and repairing trust within the community as we proceed with this work. We also reached unity that our work is not that of the legal system, it is to inform Friends, to listen to concerns, provide any information we have that relates to this matter in support of any potentially affected Friends.

We agreed that the work of the committee may inform pending revisions to the CAPP program.

We agreed that the committee may look at and recommend a process for more prompt and timely communication should these issues arise in the future.

We agreed that the committee will work to draft an initial response for presentation to a YM plenary that will provide the facts we understand at this time and provide contact information to receive comments, concerns, questions, and other input from Friends.

We agreed that Kody Hersh will serve as clerk of the ad-hoc committee.

We agreed that Minerva Glidden could replace Susan Taylor and serve the committee as representative from the Committee for Ministry on Racism.

We agreed to meet again on 4/6/21 at 5:00pm

Meeting closed in silence

Faithfully submitted,

Bill Carlie, recorder