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Fellowship & Hospitality Committee

The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee is charged with providing opportunities for Mt. Toby people to become better acquainted and for newcomers to feel welcome. To these ends, the committee

- coordinates the refreshments at coffee hour after worship on First Days;
- organizes social events;
- coordinates work at potluck lunches on third First Days;
- oversees kitchen and kitchen area cleanup and arranges for closing the building;
- sees that coffee hour supplies are on hand and notifies the Meetinghouse Committee when kitchen-cleaning supplies are needed.

In encouraging many people to both join in its tasks and its fun events, the committee creates the social exchanges that often are the beginnings of deeper spiritual sharing. See also **Coffee Hour** (page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**) and **Fellowship Lunch** (page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**).

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee

- drafts a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year which it presents to meeting for business in April, with final approval coming in May;
- makes recommendations to meeting for business about insurance, raising funds, using bequests, and financial planning;
- reviews funding requests from committees;
- oversees the use and funding of the Capital Fund;
- serves as consultant to the Treasurer;
- regularly reviews the Meeting's financial books and records;
- sends out financial appeal letters.

See also **Budget** (page 20), **Capital Fund** (page 51), and **Financial Support of the Meeting** (page 47).

Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee

- maintains the grounds around the meetinghouse and burial ground, including parking areas;
- maintains equipment needed for grounds care;
- shares management of shed with meetinghouse committee;
- schedules volunteers for mowing; using rider and push mower;
- plans and supervises work projects, such as spring and fall work days.

One Grounds Committee member is appointed by Grounds Committee to be a member of the Burial Committee (page ref) At least one or two members should have knowledge of grounds work.

COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, AND OTHER POSITIONS

Handbook Committee

Created 4/04; modified 3/15. The *Handbook* Committee edits the *Handbook* by consulting with Meeting committees and individuals with official responsibilities,

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Other Meetings for Worship

Small subsidiary groups have been formed from time to time to fill special needs, most of them with the concurrence of Ministry & Worship and meeting for business. They are laid down, when they become inactive, by meeting for business on the recommendation of Ministry & Worship.

Northfield Worship

This worship was established when worries first began about the oil crisis. The intention was to help minimize the use of fossil fuels for transportation thus reducing the effect of emissions in the atmosphere. Meetings are scheduled for 10:30 on the first Sunday of each month at the home of Don and Judi Campbell, but only when prior contact is made by someone wishing to attend. Call (413) 498-0027 for information or directions.

Woolman Hill Midweek Worship

Meets each Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:30. Worship is usually in the meetinghouse – if it needs to be moved, the alternate location will be posted on the meetinghouse door. This is not under the oversight of Mt. Toby. Contact person: Jim Lyons (548-3940).

2nd Friday Sabbath

This meeting for worship began about 2003 after several Friends attended a Sabbath observance at a Jewish friend's home. We appreciated that celebration as a rich way to end the workweek, and a meaningful way of including children as participants in a common spiritual practice.

We gather on the second Friday of each month at 6:00 (with some arriving a bit earlier for animal visits) and worship together for about a half hour. Children participate in several ways: Some simply play or read in the center of our worship circle, others worship in adult laps, occasionally small animals are held in the circle. Worship is followed by some worship sharing, then a potluck meal with lots of conversation.

From April through October we meet at Jim Lyons and Jill Horton-Lyons' farm in Colrain. In November through March the gathering takes place in other Friends' homes. We try to rotate locations in various parts of Mt. Toby's widely dispersed community.

All are welcome to attend! This worship is a time when parents can enter into worship knowing that children's sounds and words are welcomed. Gatherings are announced in the newsletter, during meeting announcement time and email reminders are sent to anyone requesting them. Call Jill (413-624-3940) for information, directions or to be added to the email list.