

2026 Annual Report, Ministry and Nurture Committee
to Executive Committee
June 19, 2026

Ministry and Nurture members: Dennis Gregg, Ann Arbor and Flo Friender, Kalamazoo, Co-Convenors; Ellerie Fainbrown, Broadmead, Christopher Farrand, Cleveland, Linda Szilag, and Tom Blackwell,, Recorder.

Ministry and Nurture has had a busy year. We have faithfully met by Zoom monthly, with all members present most of the time. We work well together with thoughtful, energetic enthusiasm .

We discerned a Query for Meetings: “How does your Meeting assure that members and attenders receive a solid and well-rounded foundation in the religious thought, experience, and history of Friends? Does your Meeting have an ongoing religious education program? How can the Yearly Meeting assist in this?”

We collected Query Responses from 13 (out of 24 total) meetings and worship groups and submitted a summary at Representatives' Meeting. We received 17 State of the Meeting Reports and include a comprehensive summary with this report.

We have encouraged intervisitation between meetings and members have participated in seven zoom meetings other than our own. We are aware of other non-committee member intervisitations.

We have scheduled and facilitated four Clerks' Chats on Zoom for meeting clerks and an additional four zoom meetings for clerks of meeting Ministry and Worship/Counsel committees. These have been welcome points of contact for those clerks who attend and have informed the work of our committee. Discussions have ranged widely.

Our committee is involved in presenting a workshop on conflict at Annual Sessions as well as a Sharing Session on Clerking for current and

potential clerks of committees and meetings on Saturday evening between 6:00 and 7:30 pm (The only time available).

We met with a member of LEYM's Financial Committee to better understand the three forms of financial help available to yearly members for further educational opportunities for spiritual growth. We awarded help to one request.

We are in communication with Advancement and Outreach Committee to further intervisitation between meetings.

We met with a Friend with an idea for a workshop at Annual Sessions about grief; Program Committee took this on.

Several of our committee members are involved with the Spiritual Formation Program and one person is on the planning committee. We are receiving an annual report from that program.

We sent out a Welcome Message from the Abington Meeting to monthly meetings to share with their members. This met with a variety of responses.

As I stated, a busy but very fruitful year. We are grateful for this opportunity to labor together.

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