

Publications & Archives Report to Annual Meeting

1. We are once again grateful to Christopher Farrand for producing informative, well-written, and visually appealing *Bulletins*. Thank you, Christopher.

2. Every year we strive to provide summaries of the workshops, which ultimately appear in *Annual Records*. This year, we have 11 workshops, only 9 of which can be covered by our committee. Last year, we asked for volunteers to cover a few workshops, and this worked out well. If you would like to write a 200 – 400-word summary of a workshop, please speak with me as soon as possible.

3. We have not fully determined how the *Annual Records* will be completed. This will need to be decided by the Committee continuing after Annual Meeting ends. One of our continuing members is Elise Yoder, who edited the last five Annual Records and says that is plenty. Amen and thank you, Elise! Among other continuing members, Abbey Pratt-Harrington has agreed to collect the materials for *Annual Records*, and Emilia Marcyk-Taylor to format the contents. This leaves the middle step of copyediting, and we're still unsure who will tackle this. One needn't be a member of the Committee, so volunteers are welcome. It appears that Peggy and I will not be moving away as soon as we initially thought, so I could probably do the copyediting one more year, but I'd be happy to turn this over to someone else. Please speak with me if you are interested.

4. With the database manager, we are proposing a new method of collecting data from monthly meetings and worship groups. This was suggested by the outgoing database manager, Susan Loucks, has been supported by the Executive Committee, and was reported at Representative Meeting. Quoting from the minutes of Representative Meeting:

Last June the Committee was charged with considering “whether we need to maintain records for *all* members of our constituent meetings in the LEYM database and how, if at all, their contact information should be accessible.” They brought a proposal that was considered and supported by the LEYM Executive Committee at its meeting on January 9, 2026, as follows:

Annually, the database manager will ask Monthly Meetings for their directories in digital format and, unless otherwise requested, forward any that are received to the Friends Historical Collection at Swarthmore College and to Friends General Conference but not compile this data into a Yearly Meeting directory or add it to the database. ... In keeping with LEYM's Privacy Policy, Meetings will be asked either to identify or redact names and email addresses for people under 18, so these will not be forwarded to Swarthmore or FGC.

Please note: Rather than asking Friends at each monthly meeting to supply contact information for all of their members and regular attenders, they will be asked to provide a digital copy of their directory, from which data for the meeting's officers, committee clerks, representatives, employees, and other position holders named in *Annual Records* can be extracted.

We believe that, by not collecting and maintaining data on *all* members and attenders, there will be less work for the database manager, and *far* less work for Friends at Monthly Meetings. Meanwhile, Friends interested in genealogy can presumably see the digital directories of specific monthly meetings at the Friends Historical Collection at Swarthmore.