

Nominations Committee Annual Report, May 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and all committees met virtually throughout the year. This lack of in-person gathering provided challenges as well as opportunities. The role of the Nominations Committee is to “identify and call forth the gifts and talents of attenders and members of Meeting for service within the Meeting and in the larger community.” This is more difficult to do when we don’t see each other regularly. Although the virtual Zoom format for Meeting for Worship allowed many to join us from other cities and states, other people, especially young families, chose alternative ways to worship. We have felt the loss of seeing many of our families with children due to meeting remotely. We are grateful to Dave Curtin and the Publications and Records committee for making a digital copy of the most current directory available to us as we had to rely on phone and email to contact members and attenders.

We celebrate the generous amounts of time and service that our members and attenders devote to the work of our Meeting. Many people volunteered for committee work as well as to represent the Meeting on boards and other organizations. We are grateful to them and to the many Friends who volunteered to fill more than one position. We recognize that when we have not been successful in filling a position, it may be because members/attenders are already engaged in other Meeting activities and/or outside community activities. Not being able to fill all open positions has happened for several years now and seems to be a continuing issue.

We still have some crucial positions to fill. Our current challenge is to find additional individuals to represent CHFM on: 1) the Quaker House Board 2) the Piedmont Friends Fellowship 3) the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. We have one vacancy on Ministry & Worship, as well as one on Care & Counsel. One must be a member of our Meeting to serve on M&W or C&C. In addition, the following committees would welcome additional members: Adult Religious Education, Buildings & Grounds, Publications & Communications, Peace & Justice, Transition & Support. Our search will continue. Please contact the Nominations Committee if you are interested in serving in any of these positions.

This year the Clerk, Chris Stanley, asked the Nominations committee to find out what committees thought about their term limits: how many terms a committee member may serve that committee. A term is considered to consist of three years. While some committees came to a consensus on term limits (usually 2 or 3 terms), other committees could not come to a consensus or thought that there should be no term limits with membership on a committee. A summary of the result of each committees’ discernment has been given to the Clerk.

Our committee included: Gwynne Pomeroy (co-clerk), Carolyn White (co-clerk), Annette Broadwell, Leslie Rountree, Mike Jokinen, Deborah Gibbs, Susan Inglis, and Emilie Condon. We ask the Meeting Clerk to convene a naming committee to fill one position on Nominations that will become available in July due to Mike Jokinen moving. He has been a great asset on our committee and will be missed!

Respectfully submitted,

Gwynne Pomeroy, co-clerk, on behalf of the Nominations committee

