

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Care and Counsel Committee Annual Report—2019

Providing pastoral care for our Meeting members and attenders, the Care and Counsel Committee convened several Clearness Committees (career related, marriage related, and personal concerns or transitions related) and longer-termed Support Committees, all the while maintaining a clear commitment to both open-hearted, spirit led-and non-judgmental listening and confidentiality.

During 2019, we have also sponsored a series of Forums—one devoted to the formation of small groups interested in various topics, one devoted to end-of-life considerations and procedures and one devoted to overcoming stigma attached to mental health issues in order to get the help needed. We felt that all three forums were both successful and valuable to the overall well-being of our meeting and might be worthy of future revisits. In addition, we are making plans for a forum next spring on improving the relationship between individuals and the planet we live on. We have conducted memorial services for Claire Kunkel at Carol Woods and for Bill Jenkins and Jean Hulbert at the Meetinghouse.

We have revised or participated in the revision of our description on-line and in future Meeting Directories, in providing an introduction to the documents supplied on our website dealing with end-of-life issues and a document dealing with celebrations of birth, graduation, and death for the Meeting. Care and Counsel wishes to express appreciation to Carolyn White, Recorder, and Dottie Heninger for their work on the memorial book, which is now up-to-date.

We have initiated or participated in Meal Trains or in coordinating the provision of individuals who need transportation to Meeting events.

This summer, Jennifer Leeman and Matt Drake (ex officio) rotated off our committee as we welcomed new members Lynn Drake, Carolyn Stuart (now co-clerk), Julia Cleaver. and Chris Stanley (ex officio). Our current membership also includes Pat Mann, Ann Miller, Tom Munk, Tom Ludlow, Jasmine McKewen and Bonnie Raphael (co-clerk).