

October 2021 Report on the Status of Worship to the October 17 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

The Ministry & Worship Committee (M&W) recommends that Chapel Hill Friends Meeting continue to offer opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings on a trial basis. Friends are attending all six options for worship and religious education, deciding for themselves what option on a First Day best meets their needs for safety and wellbeing.

Friends are wearing masks indoors and outside for the safety and health of all, including children who are under age for vaccination.

M&W continues to seek a balance among many values: the availability and depth of worship, the spiritual life of the Meeting, fellowship, connection within our community, being all together, being inclusive, health, safety, comfort, and wellbeing. M&W plans to follow up with clerks of committees to review the current worship and religious education options.

M&W continues to consult with the Zoom working group, currently testing audio equipment in preparation for a trial of a blended (hybrid) meeting for worship, to be scheduled. A trial of two blended sessions will be followed by a Meeting listening session to share experiences of the combination of Zoom and in-person worship. M&W would then consider a recommendation.

M&W is grateful for the working group's attention to detail and efforts to make a trial a satisfying experience for both in-person and online participants.

As always, the committee values and invites your comments this morning or anytime via ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org.

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Ministry & Worship Committee

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