

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting
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Travel Minute for Christopher Sammond

September 3, 2018

Christopher Sammond, a member of Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting, carries a long-standing concern about deepening the faith and practice of Friends, especially with the respect to the gathered worship experience and vocal ministry, and he has acted on this concern in a variety of ways and in many venues. Years ago, in seminary, Christopher applied for a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education, because, to use his own words, "I knew by then that I craved working with those who really wanted to find a deeper path to God."

In his service to New York Yearly Meeting as our General Secretary, Christopher recognized and named the spiritual gifts of those within the Yearly Meeting and beyond, releasing them no only to deepen their own Quaker faith and practice, but often strengthening the monthly meetings and in the wider world."

Christopher, rejoices in the gathering of diversified Friends in the unity of worship and in the spiritual nurture of individuals and groups. Again, in his own words, "Inviting Friends into deeper contact with the Inward Teacher...and creating a container for a group to open powerfully to the presence of the Holy Spirit has been my greatest joy."

Christopher has spent this last year in transition from his years of service as NYYM's General Secretary, discerning his way forward. We support him as he travels on this long-standing and deeply held concern. He will continue this work with faith communities within and beyond New York Yearly Meeting, traveling with an elder whenever possible.

A care and accountability committee, under Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting's Ministry and Counsel, is charged with the support of Christopher's ministry. The committee meets at regular intervals with Christopher to listen, test, and discern where his ministry lies and how it is proceeding.

We expect to revisit this travel minute within one year.

Hannah Richter, Clerk

September 15, 2018