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Travel Minute for Christopher Sammond

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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 past service to New York Yearly Meeting as its General Secretary, Christopher recognized and named the spiritual gifts of those within the Yearly Meeting and beyond, releasing them not 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 traveled to Meetings within NYYM and beyond, including FGC (Friends General Conference), Roanoke Monthly Meeting, Patapsco Friends Meeting, Pendle Hill and Homewood Monthly Meeting. He leads workshops entitled "Opening to the Heart of Worship." These workshops were very positively received with praises toward his spirit filled leadership. He is truly a blessing to those lives he touches. We (Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting) continue to support Christopher as he travels leading future workshops on this and similar topics.

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.

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