

Dear Friends:

Amid these times of pandemic, racial injustice, climate, economic and political change, we know that meetings have much on their plates. However, it still feels important to maintain our practice of annual self reflection via the State of Society queries. We hope that the realities of the life of your meeting will permit you to submit your reflections to the yearly meeting. These queries cover the calendar year 2020. Following the query are prompts for you to consider in your response. Answer those that are meaningful to your meeting.

Meetings are asked to return their responses by April 16, 2021 to state-of-society@nyym.org.

Query: How have you experienced Spirit working in these times? What impact, positive or negative, have these challenging times had upon your meeting, spiritually, organizationally, financially and in your life as a community? What unexpected joys & benefits, if any, has your meeting experienced? In these uncertain times, how are you led by the Light to recognize and experience possibilities for renewal and rebirth?

Prompts: (questions you might consider; don't feel obliged to address all questions)

- Worship
 - What changes in worship practice have occurred?
 - How has vocal ministry been affected?
- Community Life
 - Have you had successful new experiments, disappointments or challenges?
 - What impacts have there been on demographic groups in your meeting community, including young adults, families, older members, distant Friends?
 - How are connections to the meeting community being maintained?
 - How has your first day school been affected?
 - What losses are you grieving?
- Financial
 - What has been the financial impact of these times on your meeting?
 - Has the meeting been able to achieve its budget goals? Have annual contributions been affected? Has rental income been affected? If the meeting is affiliated with a school, how has that relationship been affected?
- Witness
 - What new witness/social action activities have begun, continued or been reinvigorated?
 - How has your meeting addressed anti-racism work?

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