

State of Society Process 2020-2021

Please direct all State of Society questions to state-of-society@nyym.org

DEADLINE: April 16, 2021

Please note that reports that do not meet this deadline may not be considered for the larger State of the Society report. Please refer to the suggested timeline on page 2 and start the process early!!

QUICK SURVEY: In order to present the most specific and accurate Monthly Meeting data, we ask for a Monthly Meeting or Worship Group representative to complete this short survey: <https://nyym.org/state-of-society-survey-2020>

QUERY: see [letter to meetings](#)

Guidance: If you are in need of additional structure, we suggest a worship-sharing or discussion process with an identified recorder(s) to consider how the query resonates with your Meeting's 2020 experiences in worship, fellowship, witness and service. This could take place over one or two sessions prior to the actual drafting process.

Consider how you will involve folks of all ages in your SoS discernment process

HOW TO SUBMIT

1. Save your report electronically in **Microsoft DOC** or **PDF** format. It is difficult to convert other formats. If you need help saving in one of these formats, please let us know.
 - When saving your report, please use naming convention: “[Meeting] StateofSociety2020”
Example: SchenectadyStateofSociety2020
2. Send report to state-of-society@nyym.org and copy Helen at office@nyym.org
3. If necessary, hard copy reports will be accepted. Hard copy reports should be mailed to the address below:

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RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

1. One opportunity for worship may not be sufficient. These sessions should take place at various times (morning, evenings, weekends, and weekdays) to make sure that all interested parties are able to participate, or consider #2 below.
2. Meetings and worship groups may think about alternative ways to solicit responses from members and attenders.
 - If it is difficult to meet in person, think about how to use platforms like Google Drive or Google Forms to allow people to contribute.
 - Think about how you might incorporate art or music for people who are not as comfortable with words.
 - Think about who is unlikely to attend a SoS meeting and invite to small one-on-one conversations.
3. Include children, youth, and young adults in the process whenever possible.

4. SUGGESTED TIMELINE

<p>December 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Discuss and determine process and timeline for completing State of Meeting Report □ Identify a person or people who are responsible for convening and facilitating future conversations and writing the report □ Meeting convenes for formal worship sharing experiences. Meetings are encouraged to use the format that is most authentic for the community (worship sharing, focus group, meal conversation, art project, etc.). You can consult with the SoS Committee if you are looking for ideas. □ If your Meeting has decided NOT to write a formal report this year, please email state-of-society@nyym.org so we know not to expect a report from you.
<p>January - February 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Compile notes from all meetings into one place. □ Assemble a few Meeting members to identify themes and trends. □ Draft a formal report for presentation at Business Meeting in late February or early March.

<p>March 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Bring drafted reports to Meeting with a Concern for Business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If approved, save report to Microsoft DOC or PDF format and send to state-of-society@nyym.org. ○ If not approved, revise report and bring back to the next Meeting with a Concern for Business. <p><i>Meetings might want to consider ongoing revision processes that do not require waiting until the next Business Meeting to approve reports. According to a meeting's level of comfort, it may be that a small group can be appointed to guide the process OR small meetings may consider by email final draft approved. Meetings may choose to meet with members of the SoS committee to provide insights and ideas.</i></p>
<p>April 16, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DEADLINE for submission of SoS.
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