

**Compiled Responses to the Queries:** 1) Do you come with any particular concerns or questions about your Quarterly Meeting or about Quarterly Meetings generally? 2) What might you hope to get out of this gathering of Friends?

**Response One:**

I am very interested in strengthening the Quarters as sources of faithful care and support in our commitment to our testimonies, in general, and in environmental and financial stewardship in particular.

I would love to see us developing Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting "practices" which will inspire engagement and hope.

I would like to share information about a survey we are conducting regarding energy providers and how Friends can play a meaningful role in a transition to renewable energy, as a possible example.

**Response Two:**

Can we get back to the practice of MMs and QMs answering queries about our well-being, sharing them and sending them on to PYM?

**Response Three:**

Loving community.

**Response Four:**

Abington Quarter is healthy. At this point, we have no serious concerns. We try to move carefully and caringly from where we find ourselves to where guidance may lead us. In this respect, we don't presume to have answers for others; enough not to presume for ourselves!

I'm curious about the mood and tone of things these days.

**Response Five:**

For years, I have been a monthly meeting Friend and a Yearly Meeting Friend. For most of that time, Phila. Qtr. was rather moribund as it was completely over shadowed by PYM being headquartered in downtown Phila.

I was on PYM staff (for 15 years) through one reorganization of the yearly meeting, the one in which the Yearly Meeting Worship & Ministry Comm. was considered so unimportant that it was regulated to a "Working Group."

The new restructuring is again totally focused on the organizational side. There is nothing about the spiritual renewal which is so desperately needed in this yearly meeting. The last few times I have been able to get to the YM in session, the sessions were mostly negative tearing apart of proposals. I have given up on the Yearly Meeting.

There is new energy in Phila. Qtr. and I want to be part of strengthening the Quarter, so as the YM continues to concentrate on structural changes I can be where spiritual faithfulness is deemed important.

**Response Six:**

Looking forward to the learning and fellowship which will arise. I enjoy talking about my quarter (AQM).

**Response Seven:**

Quarters have a specific role, different from that of Monthly or Yearly meetings - not unlike how a hammer is different from a saw, or a drill.

Some Friends in some ways have let the form dictate the function and not the other way around. We have less people, less resources, less energy to carry out our witness. We cannot sustainably support form and structure that is not useful.

**Response Eight:**

No other than I feel they should be more viable.

**Response Nine:**

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**Response Eleven:**

As former coordinator for Haverford Quarter, and an active member of Abington Quarter, I'm keenly aware that some meetings are not as engaged with their nearest neighbors in faith...

One challenge has been that -- since 1955 -- the yearly meeting structures have focused on attempts to "do it all" for monthly meetings, consigning minimal importance of the seasoning that happens when Friends share ideas in smaller groups.

Some Quarter (Bucks, Salem, Abington, Western and Caln, among others) have vibrant programs of their own.

**Response Twelve:**

No concerns.

I hope for grounding, connection and inspiration.

**Response Thirteen:**

Improving opportunities to engage in discussion across Meetings on spiritual topics (Irene Oleksiw's husband)

**Response Fourteen:**

I'm on the organizing committee :o)

**Response Fifteen:**

I am concerned that Quarterly Meetings are not being utilized or recognized for what they can offer the community of Friends

**Response Sixteen:**

How the new structure will work with Quarters. What I hope to get is a strengthening of Quarter level nurture of Meetings and PYM.

**Response Seventeen:**

One of my concerns is that some meetings have so few members that they are likely to be laid down within the next 10 years unless something is done to revitalize them. What can Quarterly Meetings do to revitalize those meetings, or, if that is not possible, to help them merge into meetings that continue to flourish?

**Response Eighteen:**

This seems like a nice sharing opportunity

**Response Nineteen:**

Starting new meetings in areas where there is the potential for new groups. I have attended the Quaker meeting in Reading from time to time and more often the summer gathering in Maiden Creek. Am interested in exploring this topic.

**Response Twenty:**

Yes! How can we assist one another, share best practices, be resources one to the other. Hope we will decide to convene regularly as clerks or clerks and coordinators etc. so this won't be a one time event

**Response Twenty-One:**

I am hoping to understand how Quarters can share best practices among each other and among monthly meetings.

How can we communicate effectively with each other?

Where Quarters have smaller youth numbers within some or all of their meetings, how can we support critical mass gatherings of youth in either Quarterly events or (and) by transporting youth to PYM youth events?