

Faith and Practice Revision Committee
annual report 2010

The *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee continues to feel challenged and stimulated by its work. Through our nine years of work, we maintain our faith that if we listen for the Spirit's guidance and the Life in the Yearly Meeting, the book will grow organically in ways that nurture that Life.

We are grateful for comments on various chapters sent in by meetings, groups and individuals. In feeling the conversations behind the comments written to us, we know Friends are eager to know one another more deeply; we celebrate that and hope to continue nurturing those conversations. In the fall we will begin revising three working papers: Chapter 3: *Corporate Discernment in Meetings for Business*, Chapter 4: *Integration of Faith & Life—the Meaning, Understanding & Use of Testimonies*, and Chapter 11: *General Advices and Queries*. We still welcome comments on those chapters.

For the 2009 NEYM Sessions, we created a binder for each monthly meeting containing all our work thus far, inserted behind rainbow-colored dividers for each chapter. In this way, we hoped Meetings would begin to sense the whole book and will cheer as new texts are added year by year. At the 2010 Sessions a working paper for Chapter 1: *Illustrative Experiences of Friends* will be distributed, with a three-hole punch copy set aside for each Meeting's binder. Click it in, please! It will also be available on our website by mid-July.

Given resignations not being matched by new appointments, and some members on leave, we are now a committee of 10 working members. Six of those have served since the original committee of 16 was appointed in 2001; there are now more of us who have joined a work in progress than those of us who began the work. However, the current draft reflects the energy of 23 people past and present who can rejoice in the substantial body of work accomplished. Our current hope is to complete the revision by 2015.

We encourage Friends to visit our website—<http://www.neym.org/fandp/> — where all texts approved and in process are posted, along with other useful information. Paper copies of anything on the website may be requested from the office.