

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Committee on Ministry and Nurture

Suggested Guidelines for State of the Meeting Reports

The State of the Meeting Report is to be completed by each Ministry and Nurture Committee, Presiding Clerk, or other appropriate person identified by the Monthly Meeting. The report assesses the meeting's spiritual condition and needs.

The Monthly Meeting then thoughtfully considers this draft and gives it final approval.

The report may be prepared in reference to the annual queries provided by the Yearly Meeting, and could cover such matters as:

1. Spiritual condition of the Meeting, both strengths and challenges.
2. Nature of meetings for worship during the year, including the quality of the silence, content and quality of the vocal ministry.
3. Meetings for business during the year, including the range of concerns considered, attendance of members, implementation of Meeting's decisions.
4. Contributions of committees such as Peace and Social Justice, Religious Education, Ministry and Nurture, and others.
5. That which is most needed to deepen the spiritual life of the Meeting and to strengthen its witness of Friends' testimonies to the world.
6. Key events during the year which helped build the Meeting in the Life.

The State of the Meeting Report is to be sent to the Clerk of LEYM's Ministry and Nurture Committee and to the Editor of the LEYM Annual Records by 31 May of each year.