

CLEARNESS COMMITTEE FOR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mission

Discern with the applicant if he or she is ready to accept the responsibility of membership in Gwynedd Monthly Meeting

Procedure

1. A designated member of Care and Counsel Committee responds to the applicant's request for membership and outlines the procedure including familiarity with *Faith and Practice*.
2. The Clearness Committee usually is comprised of 3 members of Gwynedd Monthly Meeting recommended by Care and Counsel Committee
3. The members of the Clearness Committee need to be familiar with *Faith and Practice* section on membership and Gwynedd Monthly Meeting pamphlet on membership.
4. A convener is chosen from the members of the committee and is responsible for the times and dates of the meetings. Please see convener procedure.
5. The Clearness Committee usually meets in the home of the applicant or another comfortable setting.
6. The clearness process can involve one meeting, but may require subsequent meetings.
7. Responsibilities of the Committee
 - Prior to meeting with the applicant make sure he or she has read *Faith and Practice*.
 - Prior to the meeting with the applicant appoint a recorder to take notes to assist in the preparation of the minute to be presented at the next Monthly Meeting for Business
 - Discuss the following with the applicant:
 - a.) His or her commitment to Friend's principles
 - b.) Finding spiritual strength and development in Meeting for Worship
 - c.) Commitment to attending Monthly Meeting for Business
 - d.) Interest in specific committee work
 - e.) Financial responsibility to the Meeting
 - f.) Organization of AQM and PYM and Friends General Conference
 - Ascertain whether applicant has other church affiliations and whether he or she is willing and able to be released from other affiliations
 - After prayerful consideration with the applicant, discern if membership is the appropriate step
 - Prepare a written report with the committee's recommendation for membership.
 - This report is to be read and submitted at the next Monthly Meeting for Business, which decides whether to approve the committee's recommendation.
8. A Welcoming Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting for Business will follow the Meeting's approval of Membership