

Ministry and Care  
February 5, 2026

Ministry and Care met on Thursday, February 5 via Zoom. Judy Grant, Pat Sweet, Jillian Randles, Rebecca Cole Sullivan, Denise Wilkinson, and Julie Crum attended.

March query: How can our testimony of simplicity help us in times of uncertainty?

The monthly first Wednesday worship resumed this month; a small group gathered at Gretchen's house for a deep and meaningful hour. Friends who are interested in attending can contact Gretchen or Denise for the details.

We discussed concerns for friends.

We are distributing the last of the gift cards from HEB and will be applying for another donation. They have helped a number of people in need, both as individuals and through organizations that we support.

Every year monthly meetings write to their yearly meeting with a report on the life of their meeting over the past year. We have traditionally composed this report using responses to queries from our members and attenders. Friends were thoughtful and engaged as we discussed and responded to the queries at the February potluck. We'll publish a draft at the end of February with a request for comments to be emailed to [ministry@saquakers.org](mailto:ministry@saquakers.org), and will present the report for approval at Meeting for Business in March.

One theme many responders brought up was a feeling of connection with meeting, and friends felt that participating in the life of the meeting in organized and productive ways strengthened this connection. To help make it easier for people to take part in the mundane yet essential tasks that enable us to worship on Sundays, we have developed a signup sheet with instructions for weekly tasks such as opening, closing, and cleanup which will be passed around each Sunday at the rise of meeting. There will be copies of the instructions for each task, and people are welcome to work with an experienced friend before venturing out on their own.

Everyone, especially newer friends, are welcome and encouraged to attend fifth Sunday "Ask-a-Quaker", an informal and open discussion of Quaker customs and processes. The next session will be after meeting for worship on Sunday, March 29.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.