

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT *reported by Rachael Cundey*

Religious Education Committee met February 28th with Lisa, Roberta, and Rachael in attendance.

The committee discussed our concerns for Children's Religious Education and our hope to find a way forward following the threshing session. We are grateful for the contributions of Gary, Lisa, Roberta, and Gretchen this year and encouraged by the spirited engagement of Young Friends in conversations about Quaker values. We realized the need to have substitutes available so that these four Friends can care for themselves adequately and started a signup list for backup coverage. The committee will have simple activities prepared for the substitute to use. Please contact Rachael if you would like to be added to the substitute list.

We also discussed our interest in children's spiritual development outside of Meeting. Lisa proposed a possible book study on the book *Woven: Nurturing a Faith your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller. Would Friends have interest in this activity?

We made plans for future forums to learn more about what we believe as Friends and how we can live out our testimonies in the world:

March 22nd Gretchen will lead a forum on nontheism

April 12th We will discuss Quaker work in the world and community, focusing on the efforts of the American Friends Service Committee, Friends Peace Teams, Quaker Earthcare Witness, and Right Sharing of World Resources

April 26th TBD-possibly giving time to P&SC Committee

May 10th Birth party for SCYM Faith and Practice, which we hope will be approved at Yearly Meeting

Religious Education Committee will next meet April 11th at 3pm.