

Religious Education Committee Report
November 2021

The Religious Education Committee Met on Friday, October 29th, at 12:00 PM, in-person at the Meeting House Library. Karen Ball, Oliver Gerken [convener], Greg Koehler, Joni Mize, and Gary Whiting were in attendance.

1. We discussed the challenges we face [both as a Meeting and as a committee] as we begin to meet in person again in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. We examined our hopes for the future of Religious Education programming, and our individual abilities to participate in aspects of those programs in the coming year.
3. We agreed to temporarily suspend our operations as a committee. This particular step is being taken for now [starting now] in order to allow responsibility for development of a plan for restarting Child Care & Youth Programming to revert to the Meeting as a whole.
4. As a recommendation for how the Meeting might approach that question, we suggest starting with the most simple of offerings: 2 adult leaders [2 adult leaders from the Meeting, or 1-2 adult leaders from the Meeting and a child care professional] available to supervise children and youths [for “unprogrammed” activities] during the 10:00 AM Meeting for Worship.
5. Instigating this simple level of programming will require someone to recruit-coordinate-schedule adult volunteers, identify and hire an appropriate childcare professional, and determine rudimentary guidelines for Covid safety for children and supervisory volunteers. Subsequent provision of a program during the hour can be developed as the community begins to take its new shape.