

2022 Faith and Practice Committee Annual Report
July 17, 2022

Since we last met in person in October 2019, the Faith and Practice Committee has met monthly by Zoom. We are looking forward to the committee meeting in person at Annual Session, our first in person committee meeting in nearly three years.

Revised Faith and Practice marriage provisions were approved at last Annual Session and this year the committee has worked with BYM staff to prepare a revised Faith and Practice that includes the new marriage provisions. The revised Faith and Practice is being printed. Preparing the revised Faith and Practice has been a new experience for both committee members and current BYM staff. The cover of this printing states that it is “With changes through 2021” and the title page also states that Faith and Practice was “First Adopted at Baltimore Yearly Meeting Session, 1988”. In the future, Faith and Practice will be reprinted when major changes are made, or if there is a need for more printed copies. The most current Faith and Practice will always be available on the BYM website.

The committee has also started work on revising the Life of the Spirit Section of Faith and Practice. Our initial work has made us more aware of the great value of the current Life of the Spirit Section, and the breadth of its scope. The importance of engaging all parts of the BYM in the revision of Faith and Practice was recognized when the Faith and Practice Committee was approved in 2017, and we will be reaching out to yearly meeting committees and other parts of the yearly meeting community for help and guidance in this work.