

Report of the Ad Hoc 350<sup>th</sup>/100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
Interim Meeting, October 9, 2021

The Ad Hoc committee charged with organizing anniversary activities for Baltimore Yearly Meeting's 350<sup>th</sup> year is continuing its work on a variety of projects. In an effort to be brief and clear I am highlighting important information about our work for Friends. There are **many ways to participate and volunteer** and we encourage Friends and Monthly Meetings to become involved in these activities:

- We ask each monthly meeting to designate one person to be a liaison with our committee to receive and share information. We ask that this person be willing to share information about our work to share, and to send us related information from your local meeting.
- Please note that there is an "Anniversary" heading on the BYM website for the latest updates on related activities.
- For the last year we have been asking local meetings to create a history timeline of their meeting, which we are sharing on the BYM website. Several are posted now, and can serve as examples of how to put together your meeting's timeline. Please submit a draft or completed timeline to Mary Braun, BYM Development Director, by December 1, 2021.
- The Quaker Witness sub-committee continues to build a library of resources about on-going BYM concerns, as well as history references. The intent of this project is in the manner of Stone Soup, and asks that Friends please contribute information to their lists of resources. This group has decided to host a monthly drop -in group for discussion of Quaker History & Quaker Witness to take place on the 4th Mondays, beginning September 27th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Sharon Stout is hosting this Zoom event and will send a Zoom invitation to anyone who expresses interest. Please email: [skstout@gmail.com](mailto:skstout@gmail.com).
- Monthly meetings should look for an anniversary curriculum for First Day Schools, which will be distributed in late December/early January. It will consist of 4-5 lessons in the Godly play manner.
- Our Outreach sub-committee is putting together resources for meetings to use for presentations to local community groups about Quakers and Baltimore Yearly Meeting. They are hoping Friends who have previously

done these kinds of talks will contact them and become part of a speakers' bureau. Please contact Patricia Barber at: [patloubar@gmail.com](mailto:patloubar@gmail.com).

- The committee is encouraging Monthly Meeting intervisitation this year by re-printing an updated version of the “Green passport” book. Look for it soon!
- As soon as we get the technology in place, the committee is organizing “Story Corps”-type oral histories to be made by BYM Friends. We encourage long-time members of BYM to contribute memories. We are also looking for Friends who might want to act as “interviewers” to help make these histories.
- We continue to collaborate with the Annual Session Program Committee on special anniversary events to take place during our 350<sup>th</sup> session of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Information to be available this spring.
- The sub-committee working on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BYM Camps in 2022 is planning an in-person event in late summer, and they, too are collecting memories from camp alumni. They invite Friends to submit camp stories which will be compiled and shared. Please email your stories to: [100storiesbymcamps@bym-rsf.org](mailto:100storiesbymcamps@bym-rsf.org)

The 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BYM is a time to learn about and review our history, take a look at BYM today, and begin to envision our future. Please join us.

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