



July 20, 2016

From: Executive Committee

To: Ministry and Counsel Clerks, Monthly Meeting Clerks, and Pastors

As requested at the Representative Body meeting on June 4th, the Executive Committee has created a Procedural Plan that will explore the possibilities of separating the North Carolina Yearly Meeting into two yearly meetings. Upon approval of the Plan at the upcoming Annual Sessions and successful completion of the procedures set forth in the Plan, the current NCYM will become two independent yearly meetings at the conclusion of the 2017 Annual Sessions. Please review the enclosed/attached Draft Procedural Plan and bring all questions, comments and concerns to the Annual Business Session on Saturday morning, August 13.

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North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends Procedural Plan for Separation into Two Yearly Meetings July 14, 2016

Time Period*

Action

June 4, 2016

North Carolina Yearly Meeting gave approval at the meeting of representatives on June 4, 2016 to move forward with the development of a procedural plan to separate into two yearly meetings.

June 23

Executive Committee asked the NCYM Ministry and Counsel to develop statements of faith for two yearly meetings. One statement would focus on “authority” and the other statement would focus on “autonomy.” The EC also asked M & C to present the draft statements to representatives at the annual M & C meeting for discussion on August 6th.

The two statements of faith, including subsequent revisions, will be included in the Procedural Plan report at annual sessions for presentation on Saturday, August 13th.

July 14

The Executive Committee reviewed and revised a “draft procedural plan” to separate into two yearly meetings and approved of sending the draft report to all monthly meetings.

August 13

The Procedural Plan, including the two draft statements of faith, will be presented at annual sessions for consideration of approval by the gathered body of representatives.

Until NCYM is separated into two yearly meetings, all members currently serving on committees, boards, as NCYM representatives, and other volunteer capacities should continue to serve in their current position. The NCYM Nominating Committee should only fill vacancies

where needed and upon request from the committee or board.

August 14 – Nov. 5

If the plan is approved, each Monthly Meeting will be asked to align with their preference for one of the two yearly meetings. The statements of faith will be central to the alignments. Each monthly meeting will notify the NCYM Ministry and Counsel and the Superintendent of its decision.

Also, each quarter will appoint a representative to serve on a committee that will discuss quarter alignments. The committee should consider the number of meetings in each quarter, the number of members in each quarter, the travel distance to quarterly meetings, and the general compatibility of the meetings. A plan of alignment should be presented to the NCYM Ministry and Counsel. A progress report will be given by M&C at the November meeting of representatives.

The Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds, Finance Committee, and Superintendent will develop a minimum of three (3) conceptual scenarios showing how all investment funds, endowment(s), properties and other assets will be utilized by the two yearly meetings in the future. The committee will be chaired by the chairperson of the Trustees. These conceptual scenarios should be submitted to the NCYM Office prior to the November 5th meeting of representatives. The conceptual scenarios will be presented for discussion and consideration of approval, if ready.

Nov. 5 – March 4

The new interim quarterly meetings of each yearly meeting will appoint members to serve on two committees, a Faith and Practice Development/Revision Committee and a Nominating Committee. The committees will begin to work soon thereafter for the development/revision of a Faith and Practice for each yearly meeting and for the appointment of members to

serve on selected committees, boards, and as representatives of the yearly meeting.

Each monthly meeting within the new interim quarterly meetings and the new yearly meetings are encouraged to discuss and consider the ministries and missions of the current yearly meeting which they would like to undertake. As we prepare to separate, maintenance of the NCYM ministries, missions and programs will be a significant challenge and may need to be handled by the monthly meetings, quarters or new yearly meetings. This may not be a bad outcome as the quarters are commonly viewed by many members as our weakest link. Current ministries and missions include but are not limited to; Jamaica, Mexico, MOWA, FUM (Samburu, Friends Theological College, Turkana, Belize, Ramallah), YWAM, YFAC, missionaries, evangelism, Christian Education, Missions (enhanced at the local level), Publications, Care of Records, Christian Vocations, Creative Aging, Cemeteries, Quaker Lake and additional youth activities. A summary report of the discussions should be submitted to the Executive Committee. (The outcome of these discussions will have an impact on the respective "askings" of each new yearly meeting.")

Monthly Meetings will continue the discernment process of alignment with a yearly meeting.

The Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds, Finance Committee and Superintendent will continue development of the scenarios as related to the assets of the yearly meeting and prepare a detailed plan of "actions to be taken" for implementation of each conceptual scenario, or for the preferred scenario, if known.

March 4 – June 3

The Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds, Finance Committee and Superintendent will submit a final plan

to the Executive Committee for the preferred scenario and utilization of all assets, going forward.

All monthly meetings should discern final alignment with one of the two yearly meetings and submit their decision to M & C.

The Executive Committee should receive reports from each new interim quarter regarding their proposed undertaking of ministries and missions.

Faith and Practice Development/Revision Committees should submit their proposed Faith and Practice to M&C.

With the information received from “multiple voices,” the Executive Committee will prepare a Draft Declaration of Separation including, monthly meeting alignments, new quarter alignments, the proposed activities of each quarter, the basic contents of each Faith and Practice, and the proposed utilization of all assets.

June 3–Annual Sessions The proposed DRAFT “Declaration of Separation” will be presented to all quarters, Committees, Boards, USFW, QM, Ministers Association, and other appropriate groups for review, discussion and comments.

2017 Annual Sessions (Tentative: August 11 – 13) A Final Declaration of Separation will be presented by the Executive Committee for consideration of approval by the gathered body of representatives.

Upon approval of the Declaration of Separation, each yearly meeting will begin operation in accordance with its Faith and Practice.

* The Executive Committee will provide oversight and guidance for development of the Declaration of Separation and may need to flex the schedule as we move along to accommodate for unforeseen matters or indecision.