

1993  
WESTPORT FRIENDS MEETING  
STATE OF SOCIETY REPORT

In 1993 we continued to do the things we do well as a meeting community. Our standing committees are strong and vital. Property Committee finished our major renovation project of the parsonage and continues to upgrade buildings and grounds. Peace and Social Concerns Committee helped our meeting speak truth to such issues as gambling and war tax resistance. Our Religious Education Committee sponsored a visit from "Lucretia Mott." This committee continues to meet the challenges of children and adults alike, adding both an additional class and a rotation schedule for teachers. Ministry and Counsel Committee continues to strive for more effective ways of ministering to the individual needs of our members and attenders. More visitation is needed to our infirm members. Westport Monthly Meeting joyously welcomed five attenders into membership and Gubara Monthly Meeting of Cuba Yearly Meeting as a sister meeting.

Our experience of worship remains meaningful and spirit filled. We are blessed that people from within our meeting family feel comfortable to share prepared messages and testimony during worship. There exists still a need for more music during meeting. How can we encourage each other to honor our inner leadings and sing?

We treasure one another's friendship, cooking and humor. Potlucks and committee meetings are fruitful and enjoyable. As we nurture, trust and listen to each other, our sense of community grows and is evidenced in our willingness to begin discussing and sharing some of the more tender aspects of our lives and spiritual journeys. In community together, we have demonstrated that we can deal with the "big faith things", relying on the Spirit and Friends' process to reach clarity. Can we remain in worship with each other through our daily conflicts over dishes, discipline and thermostats?

We prayerfully hope to maintain the level of activity undertaken during the past year. May we now intensify our inward seeking and nurture and attend to the spiritual condition of our meeting family, as God so leads.