

communicate better what we as Friends represent?

Our First Day worship remains fulfilling. Still, we thirst for approaches which broaden our spiritual seeking together. As one member reminds us, "we are part of a holy experiment, and Meeting for Worship is our laboratory." We are providing for fewer prepared messages which allows the Spirit to move among us in unanticipated ways. We recognize a richness and depth in our vocal ministry, yet what about the voices we do not hear? Are they of content, dissent, or resignation? The loss of musical leadership is challenging us to find new ways to keep music an integral part of Meeting for Worship. Visitors remark that they receive a warm welcome in our meeting. We are concerned, however, for visitors who attend a few times and do not return. Are we mindful of the delicate process of outreach and ministry to newcomers and accept this as our mutual responsibility?

We are facing our challenges with a strong sense of community. We prayerfully remember Friends who have died during the previous year. As a meeting family we are moving into the future holding each other in faith and confident in the grace and power of the Holy Spirit to lead our way.